

Presbyterian "Serving God in the Heart of the City" Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025 10:20 am

Second Sunday of Advent Service for the Lord's Day

Gathered in God's Name

GATHERING

"Sleepers, Wake!' A Voice Astounds Us" J. S. Bach "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Ferreira "He Shall Feed His Flock from Messiah" Handel

Christine Harper, flute

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

adapted from The Message

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In the faintest glimmers of dawning light, we wait for God's bright glory. We are waiting for the light to grow - waiting for God to

restore and forgive us.

As the light grows in our lives, we remember how God has cared for us, and we remember the words of the psalmist: I am listening. What is God's message? The Lord's message is peace for God's people, for God's faithful, if only they renounce their folly. Saving help is near for those who fear God, and glory will dwell in our land. Faithful Love and Loyalty join together, Saving Justice and Peace embrace. Loyalty will spring up from the earth, and Justice will lean down from heaven. The Lord will give prosperity, and our soil will yield its harvest. Justice will walk before God, treading out a path. The candle we light today recalls the light of God's promised salvation. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

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*PRAYERFUL PRAISE

HYMN #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Holy God of Promise, we so often place our trust in the things we can see, and touch, and easily believe. But you did not ask us to believe what is easy, you have asked us to believe what is true. Forgive our lack of faith and belief. Help us to look in faith that we may set aside our doubts that you sent your Son, the one who has come to set us all free. Make us a people prepared to receive him in our hearts.

(Time for silent prayer and reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #137

"He Came Down"

He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:6-9 (Pew Bible, OT Pg. 641)

ANTHEM "Call to Light" Hayes

The Trinity Choir

CHILDRENS MESSAGE The Blessing of Ryan's Bears

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24: 36-44 (Pew Bible, NT Pg. 27)

"Night Watch"

Dr. Mack Sigmon

*HYMN #378

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

Giving Thanks to God

INVITATION TO MISSION

OFFERTORY

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Christine Harper, flute Olstad

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people, here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE MEANING OF THE MEAL

THE BLESSING

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are in person please come forward to accept the bread and cup. If you are at home please do with bread and wine/juice. Share the meal with others

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Held

THANKSGIVING FOR THE MEAL

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK

Sent Into God's World

*HYMN #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

verses 1, 2, 4, & 5

*LORDS PRAYER (sung) AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Sing Gloria"

Hayes

SENDING MUSIC

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Westenkuehler

ADVENT MINI CONCERT

The Skyline Flutes

Special thanks to The Warner Family (Communion Elements),
David & Sheila Croteau (Candlelighters), David Croteau (Lay Reader),
The Trinity Choir (Anthem) & Christine Harper (Prelude & Offertory)
for helping with today's service

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TRINITY'S ADVENT MINI CONCERT The Skyline Flutes

December 7, 2025

Christmas Morning

G.F. McKay

I. Greeting V. Joyful Moment

Still, Still, Still Austrian Carol, arr. Catherine McMichael

Pat a Pan

French Carol, arr. Catherine McMichael

O Holy Night Adolphe-Charles Adam, arr. Wayne Fritchie

Dance of the Reed-Flutes

Tchaikovsky, arr. Ralph R. Guenther

Christmas Joys

arr. Ricky Lombardo

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane, arr. Ricky Lombardo

Christine Harper, Sandy Schwoebel, Fran Moskovitz & Chris Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mack's Advent Class begins today at 9:00 "Voices of Advent" by Dr. Matthew Skinner leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. Over four weeks this class helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus. November 30: The Voice of Jesus, December 7: The Voice of John the Baptist, December 14: The Voices of Mary, Zechariah, and the gospel of John, December 21: The Voices of Angels and Prophets.

Advent Mini Concerts following the worship service in our Sanctuary. The programs of seasonal music last approximately 20 minutes Watch in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

<u>December 7</u> - The Skyline Flutes – flute quartet

December 14 – Marie Sierra and Lynn Moser, piano duets

<u>December 21</u> – The Agave Winds – woodwind quintet

Christmas Cantata December 21. During the worship service, the Trinity Choir and Orchestra will present Mark Hayes' beautiful Cantata, "Candles and Carols". This 25-minute work will explore the preparatory journey of the four Sundays in Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Through carols both new and old and narration, the cantata will prepare your hearts for the blessing of the arrival of the Christ Child & the true meaning of Christmas. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors. In person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

<u>Christmas Eve Christmas Café in Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm</u> Enjoy hot cider, cocoa, sandwich fixings, cookies and fellowship with friends old and new. Please bring holiday goodies, veggies or fruit to share.

<u>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:20 pm</u> The service opens with children and youth processing into the Sanctuary dressed up as characters in the nativity story. Traditional lessons and carols will follow with a Christmas message, led by Dr. Mack, along with instrumentalists & vocalists. Bring your family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate our Lord's birth on this holy day! In person or online at <u>trinitytucson.org/watch-live</u>.

KEEPING IN PRAYER

<u>Prayer Concerns:</u> Ron Acosta's sister Anna Marie Acosta, Tom Coyle, Karen James, Latre Lawson's sister Sylvia Lawson in Togo, Dr. Harriet Marsh, Janet Munson, Marilyn Nichols, Colleen Shannon

Prayer Focus: In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

TODAY AT TRINITY

<u>In Person Worship</u> continues at 10:20 am. Online worship is available on our website <u>trinitytucson.org/watch-live.</u>

Fellowship Hall is open on Sunday before and after the service to visit.

<u>Hearing the Worship Service</u> A T-coil hearing loop is installed in the front half of the sanctuary and choir loft. Turn on the T-coil input in your hearing aid to pick up the sound system audio directly. There are headphones available at the Narthex desk too.

<u>Just Coffee For Sale</u> in Fellowship Hall before and after church each Sunday. The display is near the stained glass window. You may pay by cash or check & the proceeds benefit Café Justo. More information is at justcoffee.org.

Pledge Cards may still be turned in. If you need one there are blanks in the Narthex.

Youth Classes

<u>God's Trailblazers</u> (preschool – 4th grade) We will be having Sunday School downstairs in <u>Room 8</u> following the children's message. Children will have a great time learning the meaning of Advent candles as they color their own Advent Wheel. Once colored in, it comes together as a thoughtful and beautiful Christmas decoration!

Crusader's & Faith Encounters

Children and youth in 5th grade and above are invited to pick up an activity packet and WORSHIP BAGS, and sit with their families during worship. Look for the Children in Worship display in the narthex.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Choir & Handbell Rehearsals continue on Thursdays with Handbells at 5:30 pm in the Bell Room and Choir at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Bruce and Lynn are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining Trinity's music ministry please come to rehearsal and speak with them.

Fall Game Day Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am in Fellowship Hall Looking for a fun way to unwind, connect, and challenge your mind? Join us for table games, laughter, and great company! All ages are welcome. We play Mexican train and have other games too. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

<u>Christmas Eve Service Nativity Scene</u> Calling all children, grandchildren, and friends! All children and youth are invited to participate in the processional and nativity scene for the Christmas Eve candlelight service. Please arrive by 6:00 p.m. to pick out your costume. For more info, please speak with Liz Barlow or Kathy Moser, or call the church office at (520) 623-2579.

<u>Library News</u> Our themes for December are "Advent" and "The ABC's of Christmas". Please check out the Christmas display as well as the variety of books on Advent and Christmas on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. Instructions for checking out books and the "check out" card basket will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. When returning books, please leave them in the Book Return basket in the library. The library is open before and after the worship service. Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions. Please note: The book "Café Justo" is available for check out by the Just Coffee display near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Needs Check the table in the Narthex for ideas. Canned vegetables, protein or granola bars, tuna or other canned protein and peanut butter are needed. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday & the office Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sign up to volunteer at trinitytucson.org/volunteer.

<u>Food Pantry Numbers</u> In November 736 people in 297 households received 327 Food Bank Boxes through our Food Pantry. 43 households returned for a pantry visit. There were 292 Walk-ins - an average of 42/day.

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College Aged Meeting meet on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Led by Tim Christian & Richard Legarra of St. Andrew's Presbyterian youth ministry, the group discusses current events, their week together, and work through different topics and the application of our faith, especially within the college sphere. Their last meeting for the year will be December 11, 2025 and they will resume January 29, 2026.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Winter Street Fair December 12-14

- Deacon Bodega is selling drinks and snacks with shifts available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See Sherry Letson to sign up.
- Cup of Water is distributing water to fairgoers with shifts available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See David Croteau to sign up.
- Carolers and entertainers. We are looking for people to provide entertainment in the courtyard entrance. We would like to have 30 minute to one hour slots for bell ringers, musicians, jugglers, magicians and other types of entertainment on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We also are looking for a group of four to six carolers that would stroll on 4th Ave in front of our property singing Christmas carols. See Sheila Croteau to sign up or send your contact information and what you would like to offer to her at office@trinitytucson.org.

What's Happening in December:

- Mack's Class "Voices of Advent" December 7, 14 & 21 9:00 am Upper Room
- Advent Mini Concerts after worship December 7, 14 & 21 Sanctuary
- Advent Cantata "Candles and Carols" during worship December 21 Sanctuary
- Christmas Eve Café Wednesday, December 24 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Wednesday, December 24 6:20 pm Sanctuary
- Office Closed for Christmas & New Years December 25 January 2
- Committee & Session Meetings
 - Stewardship & Finance Meeting Monday, December 8 1:30 pm Online Only
 - Joint Deacons/Session Meeting Monday, December 8 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall All current and incoming members are invited. Elders do the cooking, Deacons will clean up. Deacons & Elders report to each other.
 - Property Meeting Tuesday, December 9 3:30 pm Library & Online
 - Mission Meeting Wednesday, December 10 3:30 pm Library & Online

Trinity Cantata Subscription Scrics

The Worship Committee has approved the presentation of the Trinity Choir's 2025 Advent cantata & the 2026 Easter cantata. Presentations of this scope require a significant financial commitment to cover the costs of the players. For this reason, Trinity is setting up a Cantata Subscription Series and is inviting members & friends to make contributions to help to underwrite the cost of these cantatas. All donors will be recognized by name (not amount) in the cantata program, and subscriptions or one-time gifts can be made in honor or memory of someone.

Trinity's music program seeks to glorify God through its inspirational leadership and serves as a major doorway into our congregation. Visitors and members are gained through the quality of this program, and cantata Sundays are among the highest attended of the year. Please consider becoming part of the Cantata Subscription Series as we celebrate the birth and resurrection of our Savior!

My Trinity Cantata Subscription/Gift

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Subscription Amount per month	
Number of months (1-4)	0
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Credit Cards. All donations are tax deductible.



Christmas Poinsettia

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