

Third Sunday of Advent
 Order of Worship for streaming service
December 13, 2020
 9:30 am



about today's service

"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.

P: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Welcome Pastor Jack Horner

Prelude: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Jay Rouse
 Alison Koch, cello

Announcements Pastor Jack Horner

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, ✝ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: On Jordan's Bank PUER NOBIS

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite (Pre-recorded)

Greeting Pastor Jack Horner
 P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

P: We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O come, O come, O Lord of might,
 as to your tribes on Sinai's height
 in ancient times you gave the law
 in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to you, O Israel.*
 Alison Koch, cello

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Jack Horner

P: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Children's Message

Pastor Jack Horner

Song: "Bethlehem Highway"

FaithX Band

✝ Word ✝

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

H.L. Bishop

Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor Liz Frey

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Pastor Liz Frey

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who

sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' "as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "Slow Down...and Give Thanks" Pastor Liz Frey

Solo: "My Heart, Your Bethlehem" Ruth Schram
Ron Livingston, soloist
(pre-recorded)

Nicene Creed Pastor Jack Horner

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jack Horner

Lord's Prayer Pastor Jack Horner

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Peace Pastor Jack Horner

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

✠ Meal ✠

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Eucharistic Prayer Pastor Jack Horner

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠ Sending ✠

We have heard the Word of God and offered our gifts. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing of Communion to the Homebound Pastor Jack Horner

P: Compassionate God, Bless those who receive your word and sacrament at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Pastor Jack Horner

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal Pastor Jack Horner

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song: "Jesus Messiah"

FaithX band
(pre-recorded)

worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Preaching Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Children's Message: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

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==Weekly News & Announcements==

Watch Online THIS SUNDAY at 3 pm!

Christmas at Trinity: A Festival of Lessons and Carols

- LIVE at 3 pm on our website.
- Be inspired as our musicians enhance the reading of Christmas lessons.
- FREE but please donate at www.trinitycamphill.org/donate to help with the concert costs.



Send pics or short video of you and loved ones...

...holding a lighted candle. We'll use the images in a video of *Silent Night* since we can't gather together to sing it. Send by end of day Tuesday, Dec. 15, to danelleandrews@verizon.net.

FUN! Join our ZOOM caroling event...

...on Friday, December 18, at 6 pm! Check the website for details and registration.

Worship on Christmas Eve

No in-building service. We're keeping you safe.

- **9:30 am** online premiere (or watch any time after): Service with children's pageant
- **Noon-12:30.** Drive-up, take-home communion
- **2 pm.** Online traditional service
- **4 pm.** Online contemporary service
- **6 and 8 pm.** Parking lot services. Watch/listen from your car. More info soon.
- **10 pm.** Re-airing of "Christmas at Trinity: A Festival of Lessons and Carols"

Worship on Christmas Day

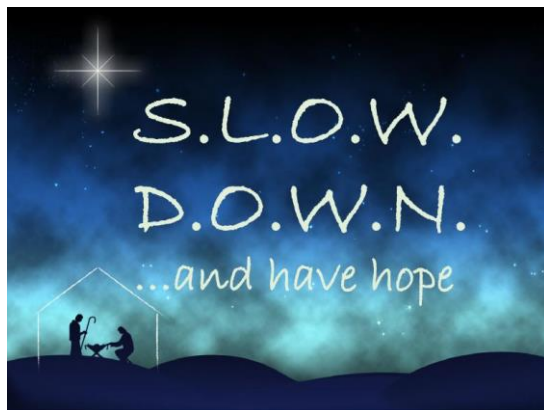
- **9:30 am online premiere** or watch any time after

What are 7 things our members should know? Read the letter in the mail...

...or on our website. Then help in 3 ways: return your 2021 estimate of giving, contribute to our capital appeal, and help reduce this year's **pandemic-caused offering shortfall**.

Say thank you to Kelly Falck: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Kelly Falck has resigned her position as Director of Faith Formation, effective Dec. 31. After eight years as a most valued partner in our ministry, Kelly is closing in on some other opportunities. She will stay active in our Guatemalan ministry and looks forward to attending Trinity as a "regular member." A task force will look at the future structure of faith formation; Youth Director Peter Fox will handle the responsibilities in the interim.



Join us next week

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon Theme:

"Slow Down...and have hope"

Preaching: Pastor John Brock

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Sunday's Musical offerings:

Elizabeth Boehme, oboe

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

Worship notes

Copies of last week's sermons are available on our website (www.trinitycamphill.org). If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office and one can be mailed to you.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Seaman, husband, and Vally Durr, mother, by Barbara Seaman.

If you would like to support this ministry with a one-time or regular contribution, please go to <https://www.trinitycamphill.org/donate/> or send a check (\$40) to the church office marked 'flowers/worship elements'.