

HOW?

Questions for God

Third Sunday
of Advent

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am
December 11, 2022



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==Weekly News & Announcements==

THIS Sun., Dec. 11, 3 pm! Christmas at Trinity concert. Trinity choirs, bells, and full orchestra. An annual don't-miss tradition! Tim Koch is conducting.

Christmas at Trinity
CONCERT

- **Now through Christmas.** Give ELCA Good Gifts. Table in Gathering Space.
- **Sat., Dec. 17, 2 pm.** Blue Christmas service for those who are experiencing grief/loss. Chapel.
- **Next Sun., Dec. 18, Spirit Sunday #3.** Wear a Christmas sweater (ugly or fancy)! Prizes. Tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill & #TrinitySpiritSundays.
- **Sun. through Dec. 18, 10 am.** "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." Class led by Beth Bard.
- **Now through Sun., Dec. 18.** Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Go to TrinityCampHill.org/ShowUsYourTree.
- **Sun., Dec. 18, 2-6 pm.** Open House with the Horners. Call office for address.
- **Sun., Dec. 18, 6 pm.** Fun Christmas Party for grades 5-12.
- **Christmas Eve worship greeters needed, especially for Contemporary service.** Email Pastor Frey at Elizabeth.Frey@trinitycamphill.org.
- **Christmas Eve services:** 9 am online | 2 pm Traditional | 4 pm Children's pageant | 6 pm Traditional | 8 pm Contemporary | 10 pm Lessons & Carols.
- **Sun., Dec. 25, Spirit Sunday #4.** Yes, it's a BOY! Wear blue. Prizes. Tag us on social media @TrinityCampHill & #TrinitySpiritSundays.
- **Save the date:** Congregation Business Meeting January 22, 2023, immediately following the 11 am services, in Fellowship Hall.

Pick up a special holiday schedule

in the Gathering Space for more details about many of the above ways you can Worship, Connect, and Serve with us this season. Or visit our website.

*Spend the
holidays with us!*

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! *We're so glad you're here.*

We would like to know you were here worshipping with us. Using a QR reader or camera on your mobile device, please scan this QR code to check you and your family into today's worship service. Or go to the following link:
trinitycamphill.org/checkin



about today's service

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

✠ Gathering ✠

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

Song: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Verse 3

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

Verse 4

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

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Welcome

Song: "The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate"

Verse

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is good to all, He has compassion for all that he has made,
As far as the east is from the west
that's how far he has removed our transgressions from us.
As far as the east is from the west
that's how far he has removed our transgressions from us.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord.

Verse

Chorus (2X)

Tag: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

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(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

The Advent Wreath

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of ever-lasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath. The candles specifically symbolize the Christian concepts of hope (week one), peace (week two), joy (week three) and love (week four).

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Darby Burnell

Prayer

P: Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand.

C: Amen.

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Verse 3

Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

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Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please Sit)

✝ Word ✝

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

Reading:

James 5:7-10

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A

reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please Sit)

Sermon: "How Can I Be More Patient?"

Pastor Jack Horner

Children's Message

Pastor John Brock

Song: "Carol at the Manger"

Verse 1

Holy Child within the manger, long ago, yet ever near;
Come as friend to ev'ry stranger, come as hope for ev'ry fear.
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound,
As you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.

Verse 2

Once again we tell the story – how your love for us was shown,
When the image of your glory wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come, and fill us with your grace,
May the fire of your compassion kindle ev'ry land and race.

Verse 3

Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way,
So we see in ev'ry stranger how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you,
That our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.
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(Please Stand)

Nicene Creed

P: Let us profess our common faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: **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.

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "God, In your Mercy,"

*Please respond with: "... **Hear our prayer.**"*

+ 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.

Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Please Sit)

Announcements

Offering

Optional giving methods: Use the 'Vanco Mobile' app on your device • Text an amount to 717-963- 2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts or scan the QR to the right • Mail into the church office • Your offerings may also be placed in the white offering boxes at the entrance to the worship space as you exit.



(Please Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal God,

C: **you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Peacemaking God, in Christ you made an ending of the life of spears and swords, and came to us with plowshares and pruning hooks, the tools of planting and cultivating, that we might be fed. In him you showed us how to study war no more, how to lay down our swords and shields, and how to feast with the prince of peace. As you came to us to be our very food and drink, send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

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.

P: Great is the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: God of prophets and promises, as you turn swords into plowshares, take our sin and reshape us for salvation. Take our foolishness and bend us toward faith. Take our hostility and refashion us for heaven in the crucible of your love. Stir your church with wakening hope, that soon and very soon we are going to see our king. Quicken our spirits with trust in that day when we who have been blessed with such hope will gather around your throne with saints of every age, in praise and thanksgiving to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. You will remain at your seat and at the direction of the pastor, you will be invited to commune, at which time, you will open the individually wrapped, prepackaged communion elements you received when you arrived. The bread is in the bottom and wine in the top. If you did not receive communion elements when you arrived, please see an usher.

Open the bread:

P: The Body of Christ given for you.

Open the wine:

P: The Blood of Christ shed for you.

[Please Stand]

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

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

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

***Song “Mighty to Save”**

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour.
The Hope of nations.

Chorus

Saviour, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in.
Now I surrender.

Chorus (2X)

Bridge (2X)

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus. Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship notes

Videos 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 we can mail one to you.

We want to highlight our faith formation volunteer leaders, so a different family from that team will be lighting our advent wreath each week. Let us thank them for sharing their gifts through our children, in leading our Faith formation classes.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Ray Seaman, husband, and Vally Durr, mother, by Barbara Seaman; my mother, Marjorie Vaira, by Carol A. Crowe.

The sanctuary lamp candle that burns day and night as a symbol of God's abiding presence is presented to the Glory of God.



Join us next week!

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon Series:

"Questions for God"

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Sermon theme:

"When are you coming?"

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Pastor John Brock

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