



Trinity Welcome and Announcements

Thought for the Day

- ❖ *“When Christ entered our world, he didn’t come to brighten our Decembers, but to transform our lives.”*
- Rich Miller

Call to Worship

L: Silent night, holy night,
C: Behold the wonder, born in light.
L: Born a child, yet a king,
C: A promise fulfilled, the angels sing.
L: Sing of love, sing of life,
C: The Prince of Peace shall end all strife.

Opening Carol Medley

“O Come All Ye Faithful” #283 vs. 1 & 2

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #270 vs 1 & 3

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christmas Prayer

L: Holy God, we bow in your presence celebrating the humility of our Savior Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, who became human to die as our Savior. He makes our bodies holy because he came in the flesh. He makes this life sacred because he fills us with his Spirit. He makes this life meaningful because he teaches us how to live. Thank you for the Word made flesh, and we pray in his name.

C: Amen.

Christmas Confession

L: O God, whose wondrous love took the form of a little boy;

C: We confess, honestly and sadly, how often we have failed to understand the value of this gift.

L: We fail to think about the fact that in this child you give us your son, your only son,

C: We forget that we do not deserve such a priceless gift.

L: Help us this year to begin to understand the gift you are giving.

C: Offered to us again and again, freely and gladly, in the form of a little boy.

L: Let us cherish this gift always.

**C: And help us to share the gift freely with the world through our love.
Amen.**

The Good News of Christmas

L: Rejoice with great joy, for, behold, God is with us. Jesus has come to set us free and to make us a holy people, sent to bring the message of hope and life to a troubled world. We are loved, forgiven, and freed! So again, we say...rejoice!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Advent is a time to celebrate.

C: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

L: We celebrate that joy that is in Christ Jesus.

C: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

L: We proclaim a victory that is stronger than any defeat.

C: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

L: We proclaim a peace that is stronger than any conflict.

C: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

L: We proclaim a freedom that is stronger than any bondage.

C: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

Candle Lighting

Tonight we light all of the candles and as we light the last candle, the Christ Candle—we are reminded that we are to celebrate the message of Christmas by proclaiming what Christ has done and sharing it with others. As the light from each candle fills this room, we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World

Closing Prayer

*God in heaven, we thank you for guiding us through our Advent journey. Through waiting, watching, preparing, and praising, we are now ready to celebrate. Help us receive the glory of Christmas as we rejoice in the fact that you have come to us through the gift of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.***

Song

Jesus, the Light of the World

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light, come, where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright. O, shine all a - round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

The Coming King

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was

descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” #275

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
once you sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Luke 2:8-20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Christmas Message “It Was an Ordinary Night” Pastor Cristy Schoob

Message Response

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” #279

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Christmas Prayer

P: O Light of the World, we come forth from the darkness into a new dawn! With the dawning of your son, we sing forth your praise. For now, the earth has a Savior, a King! Grant us wisdom, grant us courage to follow him faithfully, through the lands of Egypt, through the trials of doubt, through the times of persecution and testing. Even as our King leads us, we know that he brings the goodness and blessing of God each day. For new birth, for new life, for the path ahead into final glory, we give our thanks and praise

C: Amen.

The 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.

Song

“Silent Night, Holy Night” #281

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

The Benediction

L: We celebrate Jesus birth. Because of this birth all life is touched by Holy love. Let us go into the world cherishing the gift of God's love, made new with wonder in our hearts, with praise on our lips and with hope and joy in our souls.

C: Amen! Alleluia!

The Sending Song

“Joy to the World” #267

Joy to the World the Lord is come! Let earth receive it's King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and make the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner.
Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or
racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning.
Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled.
Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time.
On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker.
Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower
of Jesus. Regular attender. Occasional attender. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box.
Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe
in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus
Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image
and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and
way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light
and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love.
We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure
to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry.** Saint. Sinner. Democrat.
Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering.
We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed.
We are all Beloved. —**You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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