

Trinity Times

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Gathering Words for Worship on November 29

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine that we may be saved.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved. **Psalm 80: 7, 18-19**

Words of Presence

It doesn't matter whether or not you can have faith;
whether or not you are cynical or despairing,
hope-filled or hope-less:
what matters to God is simply that you are here.
We are entering the time of Advent,
in preparation for Christmas.
Advent reminds us that if God is to be born again
in the most ordinary parts of our world and our lives
that we need prepare for it.
We need to make the space in our lives
where love might be born.
Welcome to this tiny corner of a harsh and dark world.
Together, let us practice being ready
in the faith, with hope, that Christ will come.
~ written by Cheryl Lawrie and posted on [hold this space]. <http://holdthisspace.org.au/all-of-who-we-are/>

Proclamation of the Word Mark 13: 23 – 27
'What Jesus Said'

Songs of Advent for November 29
'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'
'Hope of the World'
'Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory'

Grace and peace to all...Even with the Church building closed for pandemic reasons, the love and the work of Trinity UMC continues!

This is the first of four Advent mailings that we have planned for Trinity people. It's been a long time for some of you, since you were in a Church for Worship. Advent bulletins are being used for these next mailings in honor of the season and out of respect for your many memories of days gone by. Our circumstances change even while our Worship traditions continue.

Please accept this gift to you and your family. Yes, it is adapted, re-formed, less than we remember, but so much more than nothing at all would be.

On the left side of this page is the liturgy for the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020. If you use Facebook, do join us and bring this document with you to follow along—just like we used to in church.

If you don't use Facebook, the telephone service is available all day and night. The November 29 Scripture and sermon will be posted at 906/214-4544 very soon after 11:15 on Sunday. Call that number anytime and listen to the Words of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.

If neither of those options appeal to you, then light a candle and read the words of liturgy and Scripture out loud to yourself and to anyone else in your household. You can lead Worship in your own way, in your own time. Know that what matters to God is simply that you make a time and space to pause and to show up.

We are all waiting together for the birth of the Christ Child. Let the light of that hope lead you through the darkness and into the hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus offers us all. In His name. *Pastor Geri*



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A form for buying Paper Poinsettias and Lights of Love Luminaries is in this issue of the Trinity Times. Please turn in your form and money by Sunday, December 13, or mail it so it's here by then. Thank you for your devotion to generosity.

Canticle of Hope

Response: **God's glory will be our light, and night shall be no more.**

We shall see a new heaven and earth, for the old will pass away.

We shall see a new Jerusalem, the holy city descending from heaven.

The city shall need no sun or moon, for God's glory will be its light,
For God's Lamb will be its lamp, and by its light the nations shall walk.

We shall hear a loud voice from the throne:

"Behold, God's dwelling is with mortals. Indeed, God will dwell with them and they will be God's people."

God shall wipe away all our tears, and there shall be no more death.

Mourning, crying, and pain shall cease, for all former things will pass away.

We shall hear One speak from the throne:

"Behold, I make all things new. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Our Lord testifies to these things:

"Behold, I am coming soon."

The grace of the Lord is with us.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

December's Mission of the Month is our College Student Outreach program here at Trinity UMC. For quite a number of years now, the College Student Outreach program has sent out cards and messages, as well as packages of goodies and gift cards, to our college students (15 to 20 students, at times).

The time away from home can be lonely for them, so it's been a great opportunity for us to let the kids know that their church family thinks about them and keeps them in their prayers. A simple note can brighten their day!

Many of the kids have a hard time finding a church while at college! We want to keep them close and make them feel loved. Trinity is very generous in helping to make this possible!

Please give to our December Mission of the Month. – Moira Cowling