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WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is Advent?

The season of Advent includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent also marks the beginning of the traditional church year.

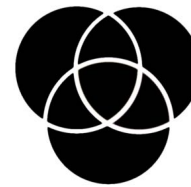
The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming into.” Advent is a celebration of Christ’s coming. While many think Advent is simply a countdown to Christmas, traditionally it is much more than that. During Advent we celebrate at least three ways Christ comes to us.

Christ’s First Advent was, indeed, his coming to earth in the flesh as He was born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus was the long-expected Messiah promised to Israel. That’s why many of the traditional scripture readings and songs for Advent borrow from the Old Testament prophets.

Secondly, Christ comes to us right now through the ministry of His Spirit in his Word, his Sacraments, and the fellowship of believers (Matt. 18:20; 28:20). Advent is a time for cherishing these gifts.

The third coming of Christ that we celebrate is his future coming, his Second Advent. Jesus told us that he would come again and take us to himself, that we might be with him forever (John 14:3). The traditional Gospel readings for Advent focus on Christ’s Second Coming and this sets the primary tone for the season.

Advent is a celebration of all the ways Christ has come, does come, and will come to us again. It is therefore a season of repentance, prayer, preparation, and eager expectation in which our hearts learn to cry: “Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20).



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11th, 2022

The Third Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah 61:1–4

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

†Congregational Singing

“Savior of the Nations Come”

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

†Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

#124 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Merciful God, we confess we have not prepared the way for your Son’s Advent. We ignore what you have done, neglect what you are doing, and forget what you will do. Make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await our coming King; that when He shall appear, He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; we ask this through Him whose

coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen!

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing #131 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 18; 9:1-2; 12:27, 30, 43

Epistle Reading Acts 17:10-12

†Gospel Reading John 7:1-2, 14-18, 37-39

†Profession of Faith The Philippian Hymn

Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

“A People of the Word”

Sermon Series: Nehemiah

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer

Nursery Volunteers: Anne Lano, Miabelle Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, December 11th - *The Third Sunday in Advent*

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

❖ **Perspectives** on the World Christian Movement will offer a discipleship course in Kearney on Sunday evenings beginning in January. Please begin looking at your calendar and prayerfully consider registering for this course. You will be edified and encouraged to learn more about God's mission to redeem all nations and the unique ways you can join in His mission. Learn more and register here: perspectives.org/kearneyne

❖ Please join us for an evening of **Christmas caroling** in the neighborhood around Trinity on Wednesday, December 21. We'll meet at the church at 7:00 p.m., go out to sing, and then return to the church to feast on hot cocoa and cookies together! We'd ask that you bring some Christmas cookies to share if you are able. You can contact Pastor Chad with any questions.

❖ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m.

❖ **Christmas Day Service:** Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.

❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$174,295.84. Received 11 / 13: \$3,850.40. Received year-to-date: \$180,247.85.

❖ **December Birthdays:** (13) Steven Lano 2015, (14) Don Bates, (20) Chuck Larsen, Anika Fong, (25) Doug Sykes, (27) Rosalind Rodgers 2016, (29) Janet Irlmeier, Sarah Salyer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

❖ That God would bring people in need of a church family to Trinity, and that we would minister to them in love.

❖ **Presbytery:** Grace Chapel in Lincoln - Pastors Ben Loos, Isaac Terwilliger, Victor Mallin; and Redeemer Church in Lincoln - Pastors Matt Odum and Adam Odell.

❖ **Missions:** Collage Center

❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake (Andrew David Arthur born 7/22), Kristin Holl, Bethany Remm.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano

Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood