

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 color purple has usually been associated with Advent—a sign of Christ’s royalty.

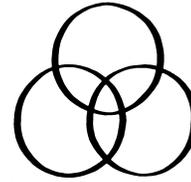
The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming into.” Advent is a celebration of Christ’s coming. While many think Advent is simply a count-down to Christmas, traditionally it is much more than that. During Advent we celebrate at least three ways Christ comes to us.

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 1st, 2019

First Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jeremiah 23:5-6

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-5

†Congregational Singing

“The Advent of Our King”

†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

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

#125 “Joy to the World”

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 66:16-20

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

“Be Unto Your Name”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 36:1-2; 37:10-20, 33-35

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

†Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-9

†Profession of Faith

The Colossian Hymn

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“The King Comes to Deliver”

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 in accord with the practice of our denomination.

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: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 14:27) or “Christ be with you” (Rom. 16:20).

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, Sylvia LeFeber

CHURCH LIFE

Monday, December 2nd

Session Meeting

5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7th

Women's Seminar

9:00 a.m.

- ❖ There will be a **Fellowship Meal** on Sunday, Dec. 1st, after which we will hang **Christmas Decorations**. Please bring a main dish and side join us! **Serving Team 3** will serve the meal: Barber; Cole; Elliott; Hajda, J & R; Lano; LeFeber; Parish, C & M; Reiter, D; Reiter, E; Riley; Sykes; Wolf
- ❖ The next **Women's Seminar** will be held Saturday, Dec. 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome for this time of study, prayer, and fellowship.
- ❖ We will be **Christmas Caroling** again this year, Wednesday, December 18th. We will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. before caroling the neighborhood. Warm beverages and cookies will be enjoyed after! All are welcome to join.
- ❖ We will hold our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 7:00 p.m. Join us as celebrate the nativity of our Lord.
- ❖ We are in need of a **Children's Sunday School Director**. Responsibilities include keeping an up-to-date roster, recruiting and supporting teachers and substitutes, managing supplies, and co-ordinating with the pastors and session on curriculum decisions. If you are a member of the church and interested in ministering in this way, please speak with one of the pastors.

December Birthdays: (1) Jill Bauer, (4)

Joshua Sykes 2004, (6) Becky Parish,

Joselyn Bauer 2017, (13) Steven Lano

2015, (14) Don Bates, (20) Chuck

Larsen, Anika Fong, (25) Doug Sykes,

(27) Rosalind Rodgers 2016, (29) Janet Irlmeier, (31) Rex Bauer

Financial Report

	Last Week	Year to Date
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Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15	\$159,212.90
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Received	\$2,040.39	\$153,127.90
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would keep us from division and grant us unity in the Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.
- ❖ For our expecting mothers and their children: Anika Fong, Kacia Hughett
- ❖ For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, Ben Elliott, and Isaiah Petty.

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org