

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.

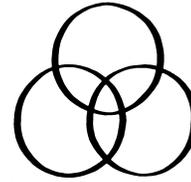
The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming into.” Advent is a celebration of Christ’s coming. While many think Advent is simply a count-down to Christmas, traditionally it is much more than that. During Advent we celebrate at least three ways Christ comes to us.

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 8th, 2019

Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Micah 5:2–5a

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalms 95:1-6

†Congregational Singing

“Christ is Surely Coming”

†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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

#123 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalms 139:23-24

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

“Beautiful Savior”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:18-25

†Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:14-22

†Profession of Faith

The Philippian Hymn

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“He Poured Out His Soul to Death”

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

#167 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer

Nursery Volunteers: Amelia Rodgers, Mary Lanka

CHURCH LIFE

Thursday, December 12

WIC Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

- ❖ 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
Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15	\$166,135.20
Received	\$5,344.61	\$164,506.36

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- ❖ 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
