



*Shout and sing*  
for joy, city of Zion,  
because the holy one  
of Israel  
is great among you.

—ISAIAH 12:6

JOY

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today! Child care is available in the Parish Hall, the white building just behind the church. Large print materials are available at the rear of the church. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance. Restrooms are located in the basement (steps are in the rear of the church) and in the Parish Hall. We are blessed by your presence here.

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! It is our great joy to have you worship with us today on this third Sunday of Advent as we share the Service of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent movement – through the choir's processions and in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. May these words and this music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

If you are searching for a spiritual home, we would be privileged to have you join us at Trinity for spiritual nurture, fellowship, and opportunities to serve others in Christ's name.

Advent blessings be yours -

The Rev. Carenda Baker+

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Reverend Carenda Baker, Rector*

*The Reverend Pete Gdula, Deacon*

*Mrs. Peggy Lacey Craig, Organist & Choir Director*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 17, 2017

9:30 AM

### PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*Michael Praetorius*

Elinor Borrell, violin

*\*At the sound of the chime congregation please stand*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

*Hymnal, 81*

Carenda Baker, soloist, stanza 1

All, stanzas 2 & 3

### BIDDING PRAYER

Officiant: Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of God's whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city of Chambersburg.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, as we offer all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

## INVITATORY

Parish Choir

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Latin, ca.9th c.  
arr. Carl Schalk*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*\*The congregation may be seated, standing to sing the congregational carols where marked by an asterisk\*.*

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3:1-15

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden*  
A Vestry Member

**Parish Choir**

*Remember, O Thou Man*

*Thomas Ravenscroft*

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man, Remember O thou man, thy time is spent. Remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone, And I did what I can, therefore repent!

Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man, Remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell: Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemn'd all, In hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

Remember God's goodnesse, O thou man, O thou man, Remember God's goodnesse and His promise made. Remember God's goodnesse, how He sent His Son doubtlesse, Our sinnes for to redresse: Be not afraid!

**SECOND LESSON**

Isaiah 40:1-11

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption*  
A Member of the Altar Guild

**\*Congregational Carol**

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

*Hymnal, 67*

**THIRD LESSON**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts*  
An Altar Server

**\*Congregational Carol**

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

*Hymnal, 65*

**FOURTH LESSON**

Micah 5:2-4

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem*  
A Lay Reader

**\*Congregational Carol**

*Hark a thrilling voice is sounding*  
Cheryl Stearn, flute

*Hymnal, 59*

## FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

*The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us*  
A Member of the Choir

### Parish Choir

*O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light*  
(with lyre harp)

*Hymnal, 63*  
*Latin, ca. 7th c.*

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father's might  
who in these latter days wast born for blessing to a world forlorn;

pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love,  
that, as we hear thy truth today, all wrong desires may burn away;

and when, as judge, thou drawest nigh the secrets of our hearts to try,  
to recompense each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin;

O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last,  
but with thy saints forevermore behold thee, love thee, and adore.

## SIXTH LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-18

*The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing*  
A Member of Outreach Ministries

### \*Congregational Carol

*Hark the glad sound*

*Hymnal, 72*

## SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 1:5-25

*An angel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son*  
A Deacon

### \*Congregational Carol

*The great forerunner of the morn*  
(with psaltery)

*Hymnal, 272*

## EIGHTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-56

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High*  
The Rector

**Parish Choir**

*The Angel Gabriel*

*arr. by John R. Howell  
adapted by Peggy Lacey Craig*

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:

“All hail” said he, “O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

“For know a blessed mother you shall be, All generations praise continually,  
Your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; “To me be as it pleases God,” she said.  
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.” Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk through-out the world will ever say: “Most highly favored lady.”  
Gloria!

**OFFERTORY**

*The Angels’ Serenade*

*Gaetano Braga*

**PRESENTATION HYMN**

*Blest be the King*

*Hymnal, 74*

**PRAYERS**

**Parish Choir**

*A Cradle Carol*

*Dan Forrest*

Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak, Why come to earth as one so meek?  
A newborn babe, helpless and small; And yet Creator of us all.

Thou hast no beauty, form, nor grace; No fortune rank, no fame, no place  
That men should see Thee and adore A babe so humble and so poor.

But to the soul whose eyes are healed to whom the Truth has been revealed,  
Thy glory challenges the sun; Thou art a thousand joys in One.

Though strangers see a babe in straw, Thy children see the Lord of all  
Who laid aside His rightful reign to take away our sin and shame.

This sacrifice of love divine, This condescension to mankind  
With beauty robes Thy lowly frame and sanctifies Thy simple name.

O aid my worship, Mighty King, that I might with the angels sing,  
“Glory to God on high!” Now crowned again beyond the sky!  
Oh, help me see Thee and adore this little Child, my God and Lord.

## SENDING FORTH PRAYER FOR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*(prayed together)*

In the healing name of Jesus, and with the compassionate embrace of this Trinity congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts of our Lord’s Body and Blood, that Pat Sollenberger, Florence Betts and Joan & Alfred Price may experience with us the mystery of his Real presence through the sharing of bread and cup. May the bread and wine shared call us into the binding awareness of our unity in Jesus Christ our Lord. Nothing – be it distance, illness, or age – can ever separate us from Christ’s love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## THE ADVENT FOUR-FOLD BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

**Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Savior of the nations, come*

*Hymnal, 54*

## POSTLUDE

*People Look East*

*Elinor Borrell, violin*

Thanks to all who participated in today’s service.

**Officiant:**

The Rev. Carenda Baker, Rector

**Musicians:**

Peggy Lacey Craig, Organist/Choirmaster, lyre harp, psaltery

Elinor Borrell, Violinist

Cheryl Stearn, Flautist

**Choir Members:**

Ruth Alpaugh

The Rev. Carenda Baker

June Baransky

Duane Bidlack

Elinor Borrell

Melinda Schwenk-Borrell

The Rev. Richard Craig

Emily Dentler

Anne Gale

Ann Loomis

Sandy Snyder

**Readers:**

Bob Graham

Bob Pyatt

Judith Schwenk

Justin Holoviak

The Rev. Richard Craig

Ann Dortch

The Rev. Pete Gdula

The Rev. Carenda Baker

**THIS WEEK**

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Today – The Third Sunday of Advent

**Dec. 17, 2017 8:30-9:15 Choir Rehearsal**

**9:30 am Service of Advent Lessons & Carols (no Eucharist)**

Monday – 7:00-9:00 pm – Toastmasters Club (Parish Hall)

**Dec. 18, 2017**

Wednesday – 12:00 Noon – Healing Service with Eucharist (Church)

**Dec. 20, 2017**

Thursday – 7:00-8:30 am – Free Breakfast

**Dec. 21, 2017 9:30 am – ESL Class**

5:30-7:00 pm – Girl Scouts

Next Sunday – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Dec. 24, 2017 9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**7:00 pm – Eve of the Nativity (Holy Eucharist, Rite II)**

## PARISH LIFE

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We wish **Lois Helfrich (12/17), and James Henry Clayton Angle (12/17)**, a happy Birthday! As you grow in years, may you grow in wisdom and grace.

We wish **Miguel & Grisel Torres (12/20/1975)**, a happy wedding anniversary.

The **altar flowers** are given by Sandy Snyder, to the glory of God and in loving memory of dear friend Nancy Wilson.

The **Eucharistic Visits** are for Pat Sollenberger, Florence Betts & Alfred & Joan Price.

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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**Parish Cycle of Prayer** — We pray for Harold & John Dennis, Merle & Emily Dentler, and Jack & Ann Dortch.

**Anglican & Diocesan Cycles of Prayer** — In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Diocese of Wyoming. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Thomas, Lancaster.

**Prayer Requests** — Robert S., Pierce, Meghan, Ross, Jane, Nick, Charles, Chris, Elizabeth, Penny, Haley, Barb, Tammy, Bill, Shirley C., Ruth, Ron, Bill F., Bob P., Pat S., Nancy S., Margie Bearer, Piera Censley, Maysie Fox, Debbie Primrose, Mark M., Dana Sterner, Kelly, Jim Graham, Adam Leiphart, Kathy Cammarano, Jonathan Carbaugh, family members of Miguel & Grisel Torres, Barb & Eric R., Stephen H., the family of Gail Brooks, Rob Freeman, Misty R., Ann, Sally & family, Gary T., Pam H., Marion Wible, Jessica M., and for those serving in the military, especially Ivy, Robert, and Keziah.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The attendance for December 10th was **42** and the total offering was **\$1,649.02**. Thank you for your generosity.

Join us after today's worship in the Parish Hall for delicious cookies and warm fellowship.

**The greening of the church is scheduled for December 21st at 9:30 am.** We will set up for the December 24th Service of Holy Eucharist at that time. Thanks to all for your assistance.

We will begin a new **prayer list for Sunday worship to be offered during January, February & March.** Please add names to the new prayer request list and transfer any you want continued from the December list. The list is located next to the guest book registry in the rear of the church.

*There is a new flower chart and a list for sanctuary candles and elements in the rear of the church.* Reserve the Sunday you want to donate by adding your name, date and information to be included in the Sunday bulletin. The cost of each is as follows:

**Flowers — \$30.00 thru UV Stems (The Flower Shop), formerly Fishers Florist**

**Candles — \$6.50**

**Elements — \$5.00**

Please contact Peggy Phister, Parish Secretary if you have any questions or *“special”* requests.

**Bible Study Group:** Deacon Pete will begin facilitating a Bible Study using the book: *Acts (N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Studies)*. The initial meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** The group will meet every other Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meetings will last at least one hour, but not longer than 90 minutes. The books can be purchased on Amazon or any other bookseller in the \$5 to \$8 range. Bring the book, a notepad if you wish, and your bible (any translation) with you. Sign up on the table in the back of the church. Email [pmgdula@comcast.net](mailto:pmgdula@comcast.net) with any questions.

**Men’s Spirituality Group:** Deacon Pete is organizing a Spirituality Group for Men from our parish. Depending on the interest, we may also join with men from St. Andrew’s in Shippensburg. The initial meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.** The group will meet every other Tuesday, using a 90-minute format based on the programs used by Fr. Richard Rohr at The Center for Action and Contemplation. We will begin using the book *From Wild Man to Wise Man: Reflections on Male Spirituality* by Richard Rohr. It can be purchased on Amazon or from other booksellers in the \$8 to \$13 range. Bring the book and a notepad with you. Sign up on the table in the back of the church. Email [pmgdula@comcast.net](mailto:pmgdula@comcast.net) for further information or any questions.

## Mission Statement

We are a community of faith where each person's spiritual journey is unique and personal. Our goal is to promote a thoughtful dialogue about what God is calling us to do and be.

### Leadership

*Diocesan Bishop* The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

*Rector* The Rev. Carenda Baker

*Deacon* The Rev. Pete Gdula

*Organist & Choir Director* Peggy Lacey Craig

*Parish Secretary* Peggy Phister

### Vestry

**Ann Wagner – *Senior Warden***

**Merle Dentler – *Junior Warden***

**Stephen Holoviak – *Treasurer***

**Ruth Alpaugh – *Clerk***

**Duane Bidlack**

**Elaine Bushman**

**Jack Dortch**

**Bob Graham**

**Barb Renaud**

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