

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The First Sunday of Advent

11:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



November 30, 2025

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, November 30	⊕ 9:30 am	Adult Education- <i>Exploring the Bible</i>	Church
	⊕ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Church
	♪ 2:30 pm	Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia Concert	Church
	▲ 12:00 pm	Advent Wreath Making After Service	
	♥ 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, December 1	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, December 2	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	♥ 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, December 3	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	♪ 12:15 pm	Advent Organ Meditation: Erik Meyer	
Thursday, December 4	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	⊕ 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
	♪ 8:00 pm	Thomas Jefferson University Choir	Church
Friday, December 5	♪ 7:30 pm	Piffaro: The Renaissance Band	Church
Saturday, December 6	⊕ 12:00 pm	Carillon Recital Performed by Evelyn Sun	
	♪ 4:00 pm	Choral Arts Philadelphia Performance	
	♪ 7:00 pm	Choral Arts Philadelphia Performance	
Sunday, December 7	⊕ 9:30 am	Adult Education - <i>Exploring the Bible</i>	Church
	⊕ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist- <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Church
	♥ 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

PARTICIPANTS

Gail Caruso & Veronica Aplenc, *Lectors*

Margaret Dowling, *Intercessor*

Boyden Gardner, *Streaming*

David Otwell, *Usher*

Jeannie Welsh, *Refreshments & Welcome Table*

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WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

OUR VIVID VISION

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

CORE VALUES

INCLUSION/WELCOME

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

INNOVATION

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

COLLABORATION

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

COMMUNITY MINDEDNESS

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

CULTURE

JOYFUL

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

FEARLESS

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

EMBRACING

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

ENGAGED

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Lighting the Advent Wreath – Advent 1

On this first Sunday of Advent we light this candle to remind us of the Light that shines in the world; the Light that we wait for; the Light that is coming: Jesus our Redeemer.

Presider The light shines in the darkness

People **And the darkness has not overcome it**

Leader Let this candle, O Lord, be a sign to us this day to lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, that when our Lord Jesus comes he might find his light shining through us, in our homes, in our community, and in our church. **Amen.**

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 57

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
2 Ev - ery eye shall now behold him,
3 Those dear tokens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the shall the gaze we Thou shalt
 deep - ly wail - ing, true Mes - si - ah on those glo - rious reign, and thou a - lone.
 with what rap - ture
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion S-100

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Gail Caruso

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

The congregation joins on the bold verses, pausing at the asterisk.

Tone VIII.1



1 I was glad when they / said to me,*
“Let us go to the / house of the LORD.

2 Now our feet are / standing*
within your gates, / O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a / city*
that is at un/ity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / LORD,*
the assembly of Israel, to praise the / Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of / judgment,*
the thrones of the / house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jer/usalem:*

“May they pros/per who love you.

7 Peace be within your / walls*
and quietness with/in your towers.

8 For my brethren and com/panions' sake,*
I pray for / your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the / LORD our God,*
I will / seek to do you good.”

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Veronic Aplenc

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence.

At the introduction to the hymn, please rise in body or spirit to sing

Sequence Hymn 540

Dir, dir, Jehovah

1 A - wake, thou Spi - rit of the watch - men
2 O Lord, now let thy fire en - kin - dle
3 Send forth, O Lord, thy strong E - van - gel

who nev - er held their peace by day or night,
our hearts, that ev - ery - where its flame may go,
by man - y mes - sen - gers, all hearts to win;

con - tend - ing from the walls of Zi - on
and spread the glo - ry of re - demp - tion
make haste to help us in our weak - ness;

a - gainst the foe, con - fid - ing in thy might.
till all the world thy sav - ing grace shall know.
break down the realm of Sa - tan, death, and sin:

Through - out the world their cry is ring - ing still,
O har - vest Lord, look down on us and view
the cir - cle of the earth shall then pro - claim

and bring - ing peo - ples to thy ho - ly will.
how white the fields; the la - bor - ers, how few!
thy king - dom, and the glo - ry of thy Name.

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah

were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

After a period of silence, please rise in body or in spirit for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Advent I

Margaret Dowling

Leader In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Leader O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the Church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your path.

People **Come Lord Jesus and help us discern.**

Leader Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

People **Come Lord Jesus and redeem us for our life together.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially all who have asked for our prayer: Billy, Ken, Joshua, Ian, Connor, Encarna, Brenda, Margaret, Roy, Libby, Matthew, Angus, Qasim, Jessica, Tracy, Samrissa, Effie, Lawrence, Chris, Cathryn, Robert, Victor, Reggie, James, Gabriel, Eva, Emily, Carli, Mia, Desmen, and Melanie; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

People **Come Lord Jesus and bring your healing love and mercy to us all.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for all who rejoice this week, for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other joyous occasions, that we all might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

People **Come Lord Jesus and light our hearts with gladness and joy.**

Leader In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

People **Come Lord Jesus and shine your light on all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Officiant Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him.

People **Come Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome, Parish Notices & Blessings

Advent Offertory Sentence

Presider Ever-Watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. We confess that we often cling too tightly to our comforts and schedules, forgetting that your kingdom calls us to loosen our grip and lift our eyes. Awaken us, Lord, to the “someday” you are already shaping through our love, our justice, and our generosity. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
(Matthew 24:36-44)

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Offertory Anthem
Bennett

Out of Your Sleep

Richard Rodney

*Out of your sleep arise and wake, for God mankind now hath ytake.
All of a maid without any make; Of all women she beareth the bell.
And through a maide fair and wise, now man is made of full great price;
now angels knelen to man's service, and at this time all this befell.
Now man is brighter than the sun; now man in heaven on high shall won;
Blessed be God this game is begun and his mother the Empress of hell.
That ever was thrall now is he free; that ever was small now great is she;
now God deem both thee and me unto his bliss if we do well.
Now man he may to heaven wend; now heaven and earth to him they bend.
He that was foe now is our friend. This is no nay that I you tell.
Now blessed Brother grant us grace, as doomes day to see thy face,
and in thy court to have a place, that we may there sing thee nowell.*

Please rise in body or in spirit

Offertory Hymn 61

Wachet Auf

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

 ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

 Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

 sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

 has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus S-124

Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

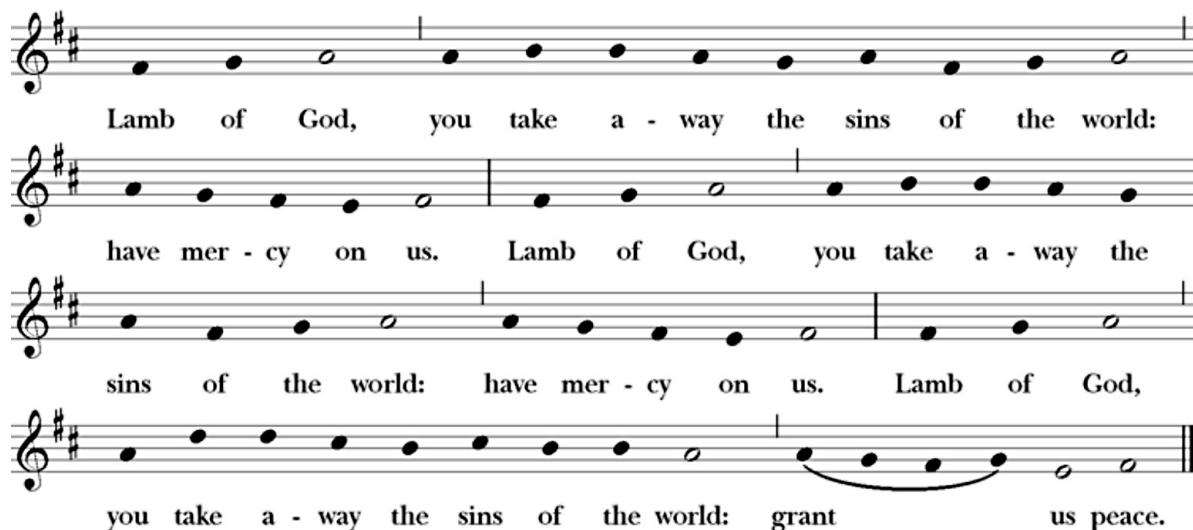
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept

Fraction Anthem S-161

Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come forward or who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available to offer healing prayers during communion.

Communion Anthem

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace

Charles Villiers Stanford

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity:
 Let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.
 Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,
 and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.
 Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes, peace be in thee, I'll say.
 And for the house of God our Lord, I'll seek thy good alway.

Communion Hymn 53

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, Please rise in body or in spirit

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be upon you, the Spirit's outpouring be over you, now and always. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 454

Lowry

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
 bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Wachet Auf

Emma Lou Diemer

Advent and Christmas Programming

Join us for Adult Education Classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Sunday church services begin at 11:00 a.m.

Additional Advent and Christmas events include:

- December 6 and 13, 12:00 p.m.: Saturday Carillon recitals
- December 10, 6:00 p.m.: Choral Evensong
- December 23, 5:00 p.m.: Decorate Church for Christmas
- December 24, 4:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Family Service
- December 24, 8:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols
- December 25, 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Service
- January 7, 6:00 p.m.: Epiphany Evensong; after Evensong, take down Christmas decorations

Organ Meditations will take place on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Centering Prayer 20 min practice will be held following the meditations (around 1:15)

- December 3: Erik Meyer (Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral)
- December 10: Sarah Palmer (Curtis Institute of Music)
- December 17: Kathleen Scheide (Peace Lutheran Church, Perkasie)

Ways to Give This Advent Season

To make a financial gift, scan the QR code or visit htrit.org/give to learn more about giving

Time

- Volunteer at Open Hearts Café to serve meals or help organize donations
- Dec. 23, 5:00 p.m.: help decorate the church for Christmas

Talent

- Participate as a lector, usher, or acolyte on Sundays or join one of our many parishioner-led committees to help the church: Property, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Evangelism, Finance, and Revenue! Email communications@htrit.org for more information.

Treasure

- Christmas Flower memorials/donations. Share your gift by placing it in the offertory plate, or give online; if you give online, be sure to type "Flowers" in the memo line.
- Pledge for 2026. We are just **\$22,449** short of our goal!
- Consider a tax-deductible gift to HTRIT (cash, check, credit/debit, stock transfer, DAF)
- Check out the Giving Tree in the back of the church during Advent



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The Choir of Holy Trinity

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