

# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



December 14, 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, December 14	⊕ 9:30 am	Adult Education- <i>Exploring the Bible</i>	Church
	⊕ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist - <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Church
	12:30 pm	December Vestry Meeting	PH Library
	忞 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, December 15	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, December 16	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	忞 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
	♪ 6:00 pm	Singing City Community Sing Along	
Wednesday, December 17	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	♪ 12:15 pm	Advent Organ Meditation: Kathleen Scheide Following Organ Meditation will be 20-Minute Centering Prayer led by The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner	
	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, December 18	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	⊕ 12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Saturday, December 20	♪ 3:00 pm	Commonwealth Youth Choir	Church
	♪ 8:00 pm	Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale	Church
Sunday, December 21	⊕ 9:30 am	Adult Education - <i>Exploring the Bible</i>	Church
	⊕ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist- <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Church
	忞 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
	♪ 4:00 pm	Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra	Church

## PARTICIPANTS

Sally Griffith & Mark Ritter, *Readers*

Andy Gutknecht, *Intercessor*

Thomas, Robert, and Henry Lipscomb, *Acolytes*

Jack Barowski, *Streaming*

Ali Shott & Martha Lipscomb, *Ushers*

Martha Lipscomb, *Refreshments*

Ashley Del Bianco, *Welcome Table*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

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# WELCOME

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## 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 3

On this third Sunday of Advent we light this candle to remind us of joy – looking forward to the joyful anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ. This joy is not simply happiness but a deep, resilient gladness rooted in the fulfillment of God's promises and the knowledge that the birth of Jesus is "good news of great joy to all people".

Presider You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

People The mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Presider: Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Amen.

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

## Entrance Hymn 59

Merton

*Descant*

2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
 5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
 4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
 5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;  
 4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

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

### Collect of the Day

Presider      The Lord be with you.

People      And also with you.

Presider      Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated for the readings.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

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## First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Sally Griffith

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

**Psalm 146:4-9**

*Lauda, anima mea*

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

**Tone VIII.1**



4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help!\*  
whose hope is / in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them;\*  
who keeps his pro/mise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed,\*  
and food to / those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the / blind;\*  
the LORD lifts up those / who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the / stranger;\*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way / of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for / ever,\*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

**Epistle: James 5:7-10**

*Mark Ritter*

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence*

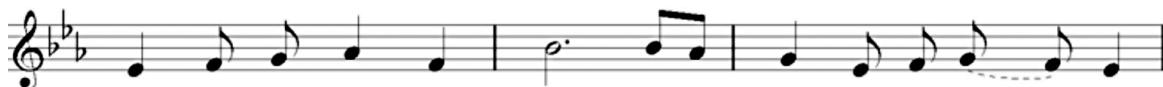
At the introduction to the hymn, please rise in body or in spirit

Sequence Hymn 75

Ascension



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they per - ish, like  
feed his flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

## The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*The Reverend John Gardner*

*After a period of silence, all 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 3

Andy Gutknecht

*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. 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: Gail & John, Neal, Jackie, Ken, Chris, Heleen, The Glenn Family, Cari, Lisa, Bev & Matt, Brianna and her Dad, Jesse, Michael, Joshua, Ian, Connor, Encarna, Brenda, Margaret, Roy, Libby, Matthew, and Angus, 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 fullness 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. We pray for those who have died, especially, Billy.

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

*Officiant* O Christ, hear our earnest prayers and come among us with haste; for we are waiting for you, alone.

*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 Gracious God of deep joy, even when storms rage and doubts rise, you call us to see with kingdom eyes—to look for healing, hope, and signs of your grace breaking in. In this Advent season of expectation and weariness, we bring these gifts as expressions of joy, rooted not in ease but in trust. May our giving bear witness to your good news: that the blind still see, the lame still walk, and the poor still receive care. Use these offerings and us as signs of your coming reign, lights in the storm, and carriers of joy. In the name of Jesus, our hope and our Redeemer. **Amen.** (Matthew 11:2-11)

If you wish to offer a financial gift to the church, you are invited to do so during the Offertory Anthem. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 73256 or use the QR Code on page 2.

Hark! The glad sound, the Savior comes –  
Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song –  
The treasures of his grace enrich the humble poor.

As the organ introduces the hymn, all rise in body and spirit and heartily sing:

## Offertory Hymn 71

## Bristol

1. Hark the glad sound! The Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom-ised long;  
 2. He comes the pris - oners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's bond-age held;  
 3. He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure,  
 4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim,

let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne and ev - ery voice a song.  
 the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the ir - on fet - ters yield.  
 and with the trea - sures of his grace, to'en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 and heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring, with thy be - lov - ed name.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

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:

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.”

*All* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**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 all 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:

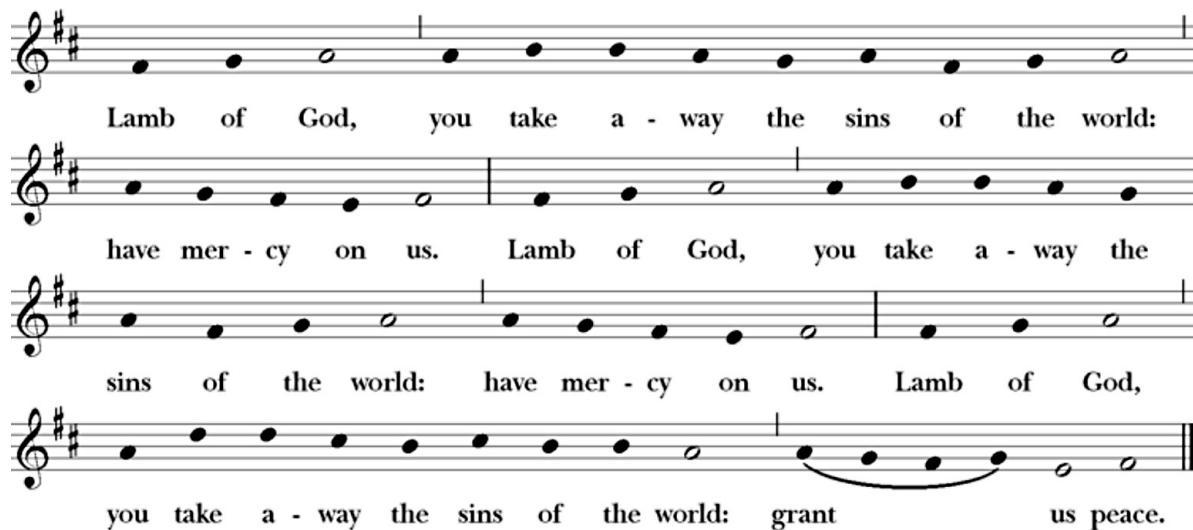
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

### Communion Anthem

*Bereite dich, Zion*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Maren Montalbano, mezzo-soprano, Holly Hubbs, saxophone

Bereite dich, Zion,  
mit zärtlichen Trieben,  
Den Schönsten,  
den Liebsten  
bald bei dir zu sehn!  
Prepare yourself, Zion,  
with tender desire,  
to behold your lovely one,  
your beloved,  
near you soon!

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;  
 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;  
 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
 4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
 5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

1 be - fore him right-eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
 2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
 3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
 4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
 5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, all 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 444

Thornbury

1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
 2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
 3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,

he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.  
 a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.

The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.

God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo-ple peace.  
 the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.  
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.

### The Dismissal

Presider      Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
 People        Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Vox clara ecce intonat*

Gerald Near

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**Healing Prayers** are offered in the Prayer Corner after the service. All are invited to join the clergy in the side chapel to receive prayers of healing for themselves, someone they love, or anything else they would like to pray.

# ADVENT ORGAN MEDITATION

This Wednesday, December 17, at 12:15 p.m., followed by 20 minute Centering Prayer  
Performance by Kathleen Scheide of the Peace Lutheran Church, Perkasie

## CHRISTMAS

**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 Day Eucharist with Choir and Carols

**January 7, 6:00 p.m.**

Epiphany Evensong

Afterward, enjoy King Cake in the narthex and help take down Christmas decorations

## GIVING TREE

As temperatures plunge, many of us crank up the heat, relishing in the warmth of our homes, and bundle up with our winter coats. During this season, we invite you to consider giving back to our Open Hearts Café guests, many of whom are housing and/or food insecure and benefit from our church's food and clothing ministries. Check out the Giving Tree in the back of the church. **On every tag, you will find an item one of our guests needs, with the QR code to our Amazon wish list on the back.** Each tag is attached to a handmade ornament made by an Open Hearts guest that you can take home with you!

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to give a memorial or honorary gift  
and help decorate the church for Christmas  
you can use the envelope in the back of the church or  
**TEXT FLOWERS to 73256**

## **The Church of the Holy Trinity - Clergy and Staff**

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*

The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*

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Jonah Shortall, Jack Barowski, Boyden Gardner, *Streaming Services*

Demetrius Swinson, *Assistant to the Director of Operations AKA Superman*

Dr. Stephen Framil, *Musician-in-Residence*

Dr. John French, *Organist-Choirmaster emeritus*

## **The Choir of Holy Trinity**

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## **The Church of the Holy Trinity - Vestry**

Brian Conroy, Phillip Duffy, Alyssa Force, Monica Heuer, Margaret Hughes, Simson Hui, Susan Leidy, Jeff McEldowney, James Otwell, Ali Shott, Daniel Tancredi, Karen Vannasdall

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