

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



December 21, 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 21	⊕ 9:30 am	Adult Education- <i>Exploring the Bible</i>	Church
		<u>NOTE:</u> After today, Adult Class will be on winter break and will convene again on January 11	
	⊕ 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 Concert	Church
Monday, December 22	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, December 23	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	忞 3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
	⊕ 5:00 pm	Decorate Church for Christmas	Church
Wednesday, December 24		*Church is closed during the day	
	⊕ 4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	Church
	⊕ 8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols	Church
Thursday, December 25	⊕ 10:00 am	Christmas Service (Service will not be streamed) *No Healing Eucharist and No Morning Prayer Church is closed following Christmas Day Service	Church
Friday, December 26		Church offices closed, No Morning Prayer	
Sunday, December 28		No Adult Education Class, Will Convene again January 11	Church
	⊕ 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist- <i>First Sunday After Christmas</i>	Church
	忞 4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

PARTICIPANTS

Thomas Lipscomb & Jeannie Welsh, *Readers*

Frank LaMay, *Intercessor*

Connor Gardner, *Acolyte*

Jack Baranoski, *Streaming*

David Otwell & Helena Cochrane, *Ushers*

Jeannie Welsh, *Refreshments*

Sally Griffith, *Welcome Table*

Wesley Parrott, *Assisting Organist*

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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 4

On this fourth Sunday of Advent we light this candle to remind us of love – our love for God and our neighbor, and God's love for all of creation. Divine love transforms and inspires us to embody and share this love through actions, sacrifices, and charitable acts in this season and throughout the year.

Presider Jesus said, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
 People By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Presider: Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, guide us to carry that love into a world that deeply needs it. **Amen.**

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 56

Veni,veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som

1 cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile
 2 all things might - - i - ly; to us the path of know - - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

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 -
 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Thomas Lipscomb

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

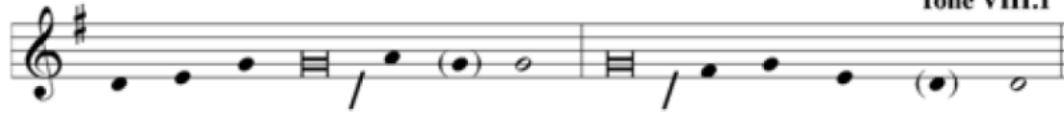
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

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

Tone VIII.1



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;*
Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.*
stir up your strength and / come to help us.

3 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD / God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers / of your people?

5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears;*
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,*
and our enemies / laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand,*
the son of man you have made so / strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn a/way from you;*
give us life, that we may / call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence.

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

Sequence Hymn 261

Caelitum Joseph

1. By the Creator, Joseph was appointed;
 2. Christ in whose presence hosts of hell must tremble;
 3. To God eternal be all praise and glory;
 spouse of the Virgin, guardian of the Incarnate;
 Ru - ler of all things, Lord of earth and heaven;
 who to Saint Joseph gave super - nal honor;
 he by his creation ministered to Jesus;
 Mon - arch of monarchs, to his earthly father
 grant that we also may like him be faithful;
 source free in of our salvation was o - sub be - va - tion.
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The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner 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 4

Frank LaMay

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, for those in the armed forces in at home and abroad, and those in Ukraine, 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 and John Neal, Joe, Jessica, Tracy, Sonrisa, Jackie, Ken, Heleen, Cari, Lisa, Bev & Matt, Brianna and her Dad, Jesse, Michael, Joshua, Ian, Connor, and Encarna; 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, especially Jess and Jeremy, who were married yesterday, 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.

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

Presider O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved.

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 Faithful God of unfolding plans, when our certainty falters and our expectations collapse, you are still at work, inviting us into grace that redefines and redeems. Like Joseph, we bring our gifts and lay down our plans, trusting that your Spirit can shape our offering into something greater than we imagined. Let these gifts and our lives be signs of obedience, humility, and hope. May they help carry Christ into a world still longing for peace, hungry for love, and needing redemption. We pray in the name of the one who is Emmanuel—God with us. **Amen.** (Matthew 1:18-25)

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.

Offertory Anthem

The Cherry Tree Carol

David Willcocks

*Joseph was an old man, and an old man was he,
when he married Mary in the land of Galilee.*

*And as they were walking through an orchard so good,
where were cherries and berries as red as any blood.*

*O then bespoke Mary, with words both meek and mild,
pluck me one cherry, Joseph; for that I am with child.*

*Go to the tree then, Mary, and it shall bow to thee;
and you shall gather cherries by one, by two, by three.*

*Then bowed down the highest tree unto our Lady's hand;
See, Mary cried, see, Joseph, I have cherries at command.*

*O eat your cherries, Mary, O eat your cherries now;
O eat your cherries, Mary, that grow upon the bough.*

*Then Mary plucked a cherry, as red as any blood,
then Mary went she homewards all with her heavy load.*

Please rise in body or in spirit

Offertory Hymn 54

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

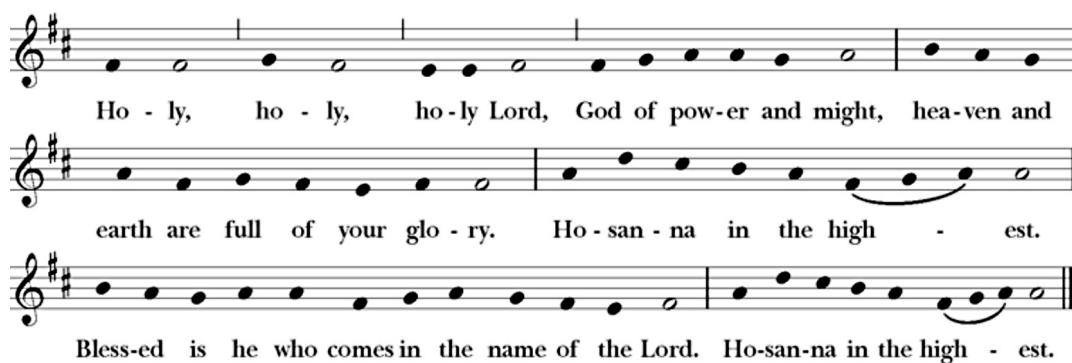
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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.”

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

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

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing
Sweetly a maiden sings
Ever wakeful, ever wistful
Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly Her King of kings

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior

Mary her song to Jesus
Softly, serenely sings:
'I will love you, I will serve you
May my lullaby glorify, magnify My King of kings.'

Communion Hymn 475

Tysk

1. God him - self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
 2. Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
 3. Thou per - vad - est all things: let thy rad - iant beau - ty
 4. Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 ren - der earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
 sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor-ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
 Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore 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 66

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue on the Magnificat

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 Scan the QR code



The Church of the Holy Trinity - Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*

The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*

Chiquita Anderson & Therese Tiger, *Welcome Coordinators*

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Benjamin Leiby, *Organist-Choirmaster*

Karen Majer, *Rentals & Evens Manager*

Inaara Neal-Shiraz, *Director of Development & Communications*

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