
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas Evening Service - Friday, December 22 at 7pm

SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS

December

DEACON

Christopher Diamond

PARTNER FAMILY

K. Diamond, Walsh, Wallick

January

Daniel Ferrill

Machamer, Josh Phillips, McCoy

February

Alan Marsh

T. Phillips, Jim Hope, Joe Phillips

March

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COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 10, 2017

9:30 AM

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MEDITATION

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn.”

Isaiah 61:1-2

MEMORY VERSE

“He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah,
‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’
and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” *Luke 1:17*

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, December 10
Worship: Morning: Psalms 148–150
Evening: Psalms 114–115
Wisdom: Proverbs 10
OT: Amos 6
NT: 2 Thessalonians 1:5–12
Gospel: Luke 1:57–68

Monday, December 11
Worship: Morning: Psalm 25
Evening: Psalm 9; Psalm 15
Wisdom: Proverbs 11
OT: Amos 7:1–9
NT: Revelation 1:1–8
Gospel: Matthew 22:23–33

Tuesday, December 12
Worship: Morning: Psalm 26; Psalm 28
Evening: Psalm 36; Psalm 39
Wisdom: Proverbs 12
OT: Amos 7:10–17
NT: Revelation 1:9–16
Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46

Wednesday, December 13
Worship: Morning: Psalm 38
Evening: Psalm 119:25–48
Wisdom: Proverbs 13
OT: Amos 8
NT: Revelation 1:17–2:7
Gospel: Matthew 23:1–12

Thursday, December 14
Worship: Morning: Psalm 37:1–18
Evening: Psalm 37:19–40
Wisdom: Proverbs 14
OT: Amos 9:1–10
NT: Revelation 2:8–17
Gospel: Matthew 23:13–26

Friday, December 15
Worship: Morning: Psalm 31
Evening: Psalm 35
Wisdom: Proverbs 15
OT: Haggai 1
NT: Revelation 2:18–29
Gospel: Matthew 23:27–39

Saturday, December 16
Worship: Morning: Psalm 30; Psalm 32
Evening: Psalms 42–43
Wisdom: Proverbs 16
OT: Haggai 2:1–9
NT: Revelation 3:1–6
Gospel: Matthew 24:1–14

GOD COMMISSIONS US

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. **AMEN**

1 Timothy 1:17

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TRINITY HYMNAL 208, CHORUS

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord. **AMEN**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: the Lord our righteousness.” **AMEN**

Jeremiah 23:5-6

PSALM 72A

BOOK OF PSALMS FOR SINGING

1 O God, Thy judgements give the king,
His reigning son Thy righteousness;
He to Thy people right shall bring,
With justice shall Thy poor redress.

2 The heights shall bring prosperity,
The hills bring peace by righteousness;
He'll judge the poor, the wronged set free,
And crush the men who them oppress.

3 Till sun and moon no more are known
They shall Thee fear in ages all;
He'll come as rain on meadows mown
And showers upon the earth that fall.

4 The just shall flourish in his day;
While lasts the moon shall peace extend;
From sea to sea shall be his sway,
And from the River to earth's end. **AMEN**

RESPONSIVE READING

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9

Leader: "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

Congregation: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;

Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Congregation: O Zion, you who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" AMEN

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

TRINITY HYMNAL 197

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger
he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day
now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
into ever-springing gladness.

3 For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token,
that his word is never broken. **AMEN**

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.

**Congregation: Thanks be to You, O God,
for Your presence and Your purpose,
for Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit.
May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith,
increase our generosity, and unify our hearts,
for we pray in the name of Jesus,
the Risen One. AMEN**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

TRINITY HYMNAL 196

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2 Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3 Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne. **AMEN**

GOD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

LUKE 1:1-25

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

WAITING...AND WAITING FOR THE KINGDOM
Justin Wallick

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

TRINITY HYMNAL 194

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

4 O come, thou Day-spring from on high
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

5 O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. Refrain
AMEN

CONFESSION OF SIN

You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." **AMEN**
Hebrews 12:4-6

SILENT CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY CORPORATE CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: **Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
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**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?... Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. **AMEN**
Hebrews 12:7, 28

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to men a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

3 The shepherds heard the story,
proclaimed by angels bright,
how Christ, the Lord of glory,
was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
and in the manger found him,
as angel heralds said.

TRINITY HYMNAL 221

4 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us,
and lightens ev'ry load.

5 O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
who dost our weakness know,
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven
and to the endless day. **AMEN**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hades.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **AMEN** *Hebrews 4:14-16*

LEADER PRAYS

Congregation: **Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
AMEN**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY