



ADVENT 2017

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SONGS FOR THE  
SAVIOR

TRINITY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# Order of Worship – Sunday, December 17, 2017

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## Celebrating the Season of Advent - 2017

*The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons of time spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the fruit until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. Advent culminates in the arrival of Jesus-Messiah in the flesh, born as a human child to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king!*

## Song of Gathering and Preparation

*The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.*

### Messiah

By Phil Wickham

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Look the road is narrow and hard to find

With secret battles inside our minds

Who can last

God we need Your strength to fight

Your light to guide us through the night

You're our only chance

*Messiah Messiah Messiah save us*

Run I want to run to Your open hand

But Father I can barely stand

On my own

Now like the children of Abraham

We're reaching out for the promised land

For our home

*Messiah Messiah Messiah save us*

*(repeat)*

You are our only hope

You are our only hope

You are our only hope

*Messiah Messiah Messiah save us*

*(repeat)*

## **Explanation of Advent Theme: Law – Dan Anthony**

*The kingdom of God is in the midst of you.* Those in Bethlehem and beyond failed to note the significance of His arrival – His advent, of the star in the east or the strange clamor of the shepherds that night – wandering and rejoicing through the streets. One who did take note wanted to kill him. Even so, God has given us clear instruction on how we ought to live and wait for His great day. On this third Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to honor the law of God. In the law, the Father shows us the beauty of His Kingdom in our midst – His heart of righteousness and His holy authority to rule. The Word made flesh, God’s law wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, comes that we too might live and pray “Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done.”

## **Call to Worship/Lighting of Advent Candle**

*We read God’s Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.*

*The Helm Family – Isaiah 65:17-19, 25 (ESV)*

*“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress...The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.*

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession – Dan Anthony**

*We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*We again read God’s Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)*

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.*

## Worship Through Giving

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

### What Child Is This

*Music by Traditional English Melody "Greensleeves" and Chris Tomlin | Words by William Chatterton Dix and Chris Tomlin  
CCLI Song # 7050422, CCLI License# 1693489*

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping

*This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary*

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

*Raise raise a song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary*

*This this is Christ the King...*

*Nails spears shall pierce Him through  
The cross He bore for me for you  
Hail hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary*

## Praise and Celebration

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.*

### Abide With Me

*Words by Henry Lyte alt by Justin Smith, Music by Justin Smith  
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Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord abide with me

## Angels We Have Heard On High

*Traditional French Carol, arrangement by Future of Forestry*  
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Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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## Receiving New Members

*As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.*

*Jon & Sarah Bucklew (Communing)*

*Taylor Hart (Communing)*

*Jenifer Manzo (Communing)*

## Kids' Worship & Community Kids Dismissal

*Infants - Fifth Grade are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.*

## Greeting

*Just as the Apostle Paul urged fellow believers to be hospitable, in the Gospel, Jesus has welcomed us - the worst of sinners - into His home and family. In the same spirit we greet each other to show the hospitality of Jesus.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dan Anthony

*We, again, express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.*

## Proclamation of God's Word – Tim Rice, Lead Pastor and Director of Church Planting

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.*

## Song of Response

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

### Rescue

*Words and music by The Nashville Nine*

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Look at all the broken pieces all around me  
Pieces deep inside my soul  
I don't know what's real can't help the way I'm feeling  
All I know is I'm alone

*I need a rescue I need a reckoning  
From all the things I've done and have been done to me*

*I need revival I need recovery  
I need to know that there's an answer for what's missing  
'Cause something's missing  
'Cause something's missing*

Turn up all the music something to amuse me  
Silence is a lonely friend  
If you really knew me could you really love me  
Save me from this loneliness

*I need a rescue...*

It's like I fell into a hole too deep to climb out  
And I looked up to the sky and saw you reaching down  
Reaching down

*You are the rescue You are the reckoning  
From all the things I've done and have been done to me  
You are revival You're my recovery  
I know that You're the answer for what's missing*

*Because You love me  
(repeat)*

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

*May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.*

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## **Seasons of the Cross**

*Blue for Advent: Blue has historically been associated with this season, a picture of the darkness before the dawn. In Romans, Paul writes, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God...in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." Freedom begins with the birth of the Christ. (ref. Rom 8:19, 20b, 21)*

## Scripture Passage and Sermon Outline

### Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)

**Title:** Good News For The Lowly

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

*8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" 15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

Intro: Of all people, the LORD sent His announcement to shepherds...

### THE HUMBLE ARE TOLD GOOD NEWS

Why is it significant that *shepherds* were told good news?



## THEY ACT ON WHAT THEY'RE TOLD

The shepherds went to see what God had promised...

## THEY ACT ON WHAT THEY SAW

Instead of only being told that something's good, what changes when you experience it yourself?

## YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD for His graciousness to the humble. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for being true to His Word: "Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." (Isaiah 57:15)
2. How have you lived resisting (and resenting) ever being in need? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for denying reality and to help you humbly trust Him to be what He says He is - Savior, Christ, the LORD.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for being the Ultimate Treasure in a jar of clay. Thank Him for humbling Himself to become human (*without ceasing to be God*) ultimately to die for our sins and conquer death as only He could.
4. Who do you know that struggles with humbling themselves? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see the glory of how HE humbled Himself to save people like us.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of joy at all God has done to save sinners like us. Pray that, like the shepherds, you would *hear* what God has promised, *pursue* what He has done and *eagerly tell others* as His Grace changes your life.

## Connect & Serve

**Christmas Hams for Gospel Inc** – No time to smoke your own honey glazed ham? We have you covered! Hams are \$50 and all proceeds go to Gospel Inc. Questions or to order your ham(s) email Leslie Raysin at [leslieraysin@gmail.com](mailto:leslieraysin@gmail.com) by December 21. Pick up your ham December 24 from 12-3p at 2115 Harden Blvd.

**Christmas Eve Services** – Sunday, December 24, we will gather at 10:15a for our regular worship service and return at 5p for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Nursery available for babies 0-23 months. Please RSVP to Callie Sandman at [callie@trinitylakeland.org](mailto:callie@trinitylakeland.org) by December 20.

**Renew Polk Worship Service** – Save the date! Sunday, January 28, 5p, Branscomb Auditorium at Florida Southern College, Trinity and our Renew Polk Network will host a worship service for all our daughter churches and core groups. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact the office at 863-603-7777.

## From the Director of Operations

**Year End Giving** – All gifts must be received in the church office, made online or postmarked by Sunday, December 31 to be included on your 2017 Giving Statement. Please contact Frank McCaulley to donate stock or to arrange for gift pick up/drop off when the office is closed at 863-286-5007.

	<b>Progress Report</b>	
	Goal:	\$957,000
	Committed:	\$1,007,841.09
	Given:	\$612,252.57
	<b>Projects Started:</b>	
	Roof	

### Ushers

Mike Wells, HEAD

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Greg Valentine

Sam Riley

Gary Blankenship

# Calendar

For more information and additional calendar items,  
visit our website at [trinitylakeland.org](http://trinitylakeland.org).

\* Childcare provided

## SUNDAY (December 17)

- 8:00 am Prayer
- 8:45 am Church-wide Breakfast  
with Campus Outreach
- \* 10:15 am Worship Service  
*New Members & Baptisms*
- 6:00 pm College Group (offsite)

## WEDNESDAY

- 12:00 pm Person of Jesus Lunch Study
- 6:00 pm Middle & High School Worship

## SUNDAY (December 24)

- 8:00 am Prayer
- \* 10:15 am Worship Service
- \* 5:00 pm Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday from 8:30a to 5:00p  
301 N Florida Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801  
863-603-7777 - [trinitylakeland.org](http://trinitylakeland.org)



# Welcome to Trinity!

We're so glad you are here.

Name (Please Print)

Gender

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Spouse

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Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

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Address: Street

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City/State

Country/ZIP

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Phone

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E-mail Address

First-Time Visitor  Regular Attendee  Member

College Student @ \_\_\_\_\_

Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

Joining a Community Group

Upcoming New Member Class

Women's Bible Study

Student Ministry

Children's Ministry

Volunteering with children

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# Community Bible Reading

[joincbr.com](http://joincbr.com)

December 18 - 23, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Matthew 20</b> 1 Samuel 15	<b>Ecclesiastes 2</b> Zechariah 11
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Matthew 21</b> 1 Samuel 16	<b>Ecclesiastes 3</b> Zechariah 12
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 22</b> 1 Samuel 17	<b>Ecclesiastes 4</b> Zechariah 13
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Matthew 23</b> 1 Samuel 18	<b>Ecclesiastes 5</b> Zechariah 14
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Matthew 24</b> 1 Samuel 19	<b>Ecclesiastes 6</b> Malachi 1
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 149</b>	<b>Psalms 51</b> Psalm 103

(3-year plan: read **bold passages** / 1-year plan: read all)

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

*Luke 2:12-14 (ESV)*

*<sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”*

*<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”*

## Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?  
Please use the space below to tell us.

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## Ministry Leaders

Tim Rice, LEAD PASTOR & DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PLANTING  
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## RULING ELDERS

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Frank McCaulley	Tim Rice
Jack Plating	Ben Turner
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