

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
December 24, 2023 A.D.  
The Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor**

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude

**L:** Dear friends, understand the present time. The hour has come for us to wake up from our slumber, because salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

**P:** *The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. May the Lord's name be praised this day! Amen (Romans 12:11-12)*

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession:

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** *And also with you.*

**L:** Together, with boldness, let us confess our sins unto the Lord who hears all. Let us pray . . .

In Unison: ***God our Father: you go before us, drawing us into the future where you are. We thank you for the hope we have in your Word, the good promises of peace, healing, and justice. For signs of your patience, we are grateful. For every call to service, we give you praise. Despite our profound inclination to sin and sin again, we pray that you will lift us up and help us, O God . . ., to follow where you lead until the Day of our Lord Jesus when the Kingdom will come and you will rule***

***the world. Forgive us and bless us unto your greater glory, O God. Amen.***

**Pastor:** Friends, hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

\*Our Response

***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what  
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because  
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Meryl & Beth Davis

The Children's Moment

\*Hymn - ***The First Nowell #56***

The Morning Scripture Lessons: Colossians 2:6-12 & Matthew 1:18-21

Message: ***The Word Becomes Flesh Again:  
Living Your Lives in Christ***

\*Hymn - ***Angels We have Heard on High #23***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all  
creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Sending forth and Benediction

\*Choral response            ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by His counsel guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

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Liturgist: Karin Thompson

Head Deacons: Karin Thompson & Josh Coy

Flutist: Kim Meckes

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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