

**First Sunday in Advent**  
**“Chrismons”**  
**November 29, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**PRELUDE** . . . . . “Savior of the Nations, Come” . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ  
(Toccata on Veni, Redemptor gentium)  
by Paul Manz

**WELCOME** . . . . . Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

**OPENING HYMN** . . . . . “Savior of the Nations, Come” . . . . . LSB 332, vs. 1, 2, 8

ALL: Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

ENSEMBLE: *Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.*

Interlude

ALL: Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**CONFESSION**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - HOPE . . . . . The John Menke Family

Ensemble: *Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.*

**All:** **Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.**

Reader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in Scripture.

**All:** **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Reader: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

**All:** **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.

**All:** **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

**All:** **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

### *Candle Lighting*

Reader: Today we light the first candle - the candle of hope - reminding us that Jesus was sent not only to be our Savior, but also to be our Wonderful Counselor; the one who hears our prayers with compassion, and who offers guidance when we seek it. As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that our rest can be found in God, and through the gift of God's Son our hope is forever restored.

Ensemble: *Let the heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts His praises sing:  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.*

**All:** **Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.**

Ensemble: *Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.*

Reader: Gracious Lord, we thank You for Your promises and for coming to earth as our Wonderful Counselor. As we begin our Advent journey, help us to know the abiding hope that comes from knowing that You will keep Your promises to us. May we radiate that hope in everything we say and do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## EPISTLE READING ..... 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**R** The Epistle Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

**R** <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE ..... LSB 156

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL ..... Mark 13:24-37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.” (ESV)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** . . . . . Nicene Creed

**☒ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** . . . . . Haley Davisson

**MESSAGE.** . . . . . Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**☒ 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 forever and ever. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*(Offerings may be submitted online to [www.trinitydt.org](http://www.trinitydt.org), by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)*

**MUSICAL OFFERING.** . . . . . “Prepare the Way” by Rowan . . . . . Ensemble

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord!  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path.  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path.  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path, make straight His path.*

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord!  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path.  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path.  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path, make straight His path.*

*Every valley shall be exalted, every hill made low;  
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.*

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all mankind shall see it, shall see it together.*

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord!  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path.  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path.  
Prepare the way! Make straight His path, make straight His path,  
Prepare the way! Make straight, make straight His path.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## DISMISSAL

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.  
**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN. . . . . "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

ALL: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.

ENSEMBLE: *Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

ALL: Redeemer come! I open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel;  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

## POSTLUDE. . . . . "Grand Chorus" by Theodore Dubois . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ

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