

Message Notes

Today: Word Became Flesh: *Light*

John 1:1-18

Introduction

I. Overcoming Light

John 1:1-4

II. Unrecognized Light

John 1:9-12

III. Seeing the Light

John 1:14-18



December 2, 2018



You've been invited! Long ago God invited us into a relationship with Himself through His son Jesus Christ. When we gather to worship, we have the opportunity to experience God's presence, hear His word, and respond to this invitation. That's why we're glad you're here!

Current Advent Message Series



Word Became Flesh

While the other three gospels begin with the life of Jesus as an event in time, John's gospel begins with an eternal perspective. However, John

quickly brings Jesus to us on earth with the powerful and poetic phrase "the Word became flesh and lived among us." We'll never grasp the full meaning of the eternal power of God present among us. Still we're compelled to ask, "What does it mean that God was with us?"

December 9: *Baby*

Luke 2:8-20

The expectations for a Jewish messiah were so great, you could hardly imagine that this great person would begin life as a baby. Luke's gospel describes in simple elegance the circumstances and birth of Jesus. That this baby would change the world under these circumstances is so improbable, God's hand is clearly seen. Let's stand together in wonder that the creator of the universe would submit to the humility of conception and birth.

Kids are Welcome too!

Kids of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary. We also offer Nursery for newborn through 3-year-old. Four-year-old through 2nd grade children will be invited to participate in children's worship most Sundays September through May.

Something Special for your Children

Children & Worship was created to make a special place where Children can come to encounter God, to be still with God, and to listen to God. It is a place where Children come to nurture their spiritual life. Children & Worship is a spiritual formation approach that presents a joyful way for children to worship God.





All Generations. One Family.

Compelled by Christ's love, our mission is to:
Invite all generations into God's family.

We do this by

- Worship: Experiencing life-giving presence of God
- Discipleship: Making passionate disciples of Jesus transformed by God's Word.
- Mission: Showing God's love and telling the gospel.
- Community: Encouraging followers to practice their faith.

Next Steps



If you're new to Trinity or to being part of a church family, you may be wondering, "What do I do after today?" Let us extend a few invitations to you:

1. Let us take you out for breakfast, lunch, or coffee. No big agenda. Who's us? Good question. That would be Pastor Randy or Elder Mike.
2. Visit a small group. We've got friendly groups that meet to talk about the Bible and life, pray for each other and encourage on another. Find out about all our small groups at: trc-gh.org/kids-youth-and-small-groups/
3. Take the Next Steps Christian Growth Survey. Discover personal, practical, and proven ways to grow in Christian faith. You can take it on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BasicNextSteps>
4. Make a decision to follow Jesus and become part of God's family. Just check the box below, we'll contact you.

My Next Step - I'm interested in: (Check all that apply)

- Information on becoming a member
- Having coffee, breakfast or lunch
- Starting a relationship with God
- Pastoral visit
- Joining a Small Group

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Tear off & put in offering plate

Today in Worship



Word Became Flesh

TODAY: Light

John 1:1-18

Just as the first word of creations was "light!", so to the first word of the gospel is "Jesus is the light." In a world where darkness presses in, what does God's first word mean to us? Will this fragile light prevail, or will darkness overcome it? This is more than the stuff of poetry and metaphor. Is your attitude bright, your disposition hopeful? Does your presence reflect the light of the divine, or cast a shadow?

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Children 4 yrs-2nd grade dismissed for C&W

Song of Preparation: Hymn No. 124 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

God Revealed in Word and Sacrament

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Message: **Word Became Flesh: Light**

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God

Offering (**Please sign Friendship Pad**)

Closing Song: Hymn No. 82 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Benediction

What's Next?

Coffee and Conversation after worship. Take a left out of the Sanctuary right after worship. Step up to the coffee bar. Meet some new people.



Roots Small Group

A six-week small group experience with other newly arrived friends.

Get to know them, the good things

God intends for all of us and how they're happening at Trinity Church.

Watch the bulletin for the next Roots Small Group.