

Message Notes

Today: Word Became Flesh: *With Us*

Matthew 1:18-25

Introduction

I. Conceived by the Holy Spirit

Matthew 1:18, 20

II. Born of the Virgin Mary

Matthew 1:19, 25

III. Savior

Matthew 1:21

IV. Immanuel – With Us

Matthew 1:22-23



December 23, 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



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24:

Like a family gathering as the light outside fades and the faces of those we love are illuminated by

candlelight and anticipation. This classic Christmas tradition remembers not only Christmases past, but the original event that started it all. And of course, Silent Night by candle light brings it to a warm, glowing close.

December 30: *Flesh*

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Any of us that have lived any length of time are well acquainted with the frailties of our flesh. Both the literal bodily weakness, but also the inadequacies of our character. We tend to look forward to the day when we'll "shuffle off this mortal coil." However, this is not the eternal life Scripture reveals. At the close of another year, let's celebrate the eternal life God invites us to anticipate – an eternal life "in the flesh."

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

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?"

TODAY: *With Us*

Matthew 1:18-25

We all want something. It's a universal part of being human – to desire. This desire takes us in many directions, but rarely does achieving or acquiring the object of our desire satisfy – apart from God. Since we are naturally unable to know the Presence of God all around us, we have been ever restless in pursuit of happiness. This is why our only hope, our salvation for endless wanting for more is in God coming to us.

We Gather in God's Presence

- Advent Wreath Lighting
- Invitation to Worship
- Songs of Praise
- Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer
- Children 4 yrs-2nd grade dismissed for C&W

God Revealed in Word and Sacrament

- Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25
- Message: **Word Became Flesh: *With Us***
- Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God

- Offering (***Please sign Friendship Pad***)
- Closing Song: Hymn No. 134 "Emmanuel"
- 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.