

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body,
for we all share in one bread.**

[Ushers will release each row in turn and each row will go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle. The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat. Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,
Kathy Gordon, Todd Gordon, Meg Ideker

Unison Prayer after Communion:

ALL: Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as disciples of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. On this Second Sunday of Advent, send us now into the world in PEACE, for our strength and peace is in you, O God. Fortified and in safety and peace, may we serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** No. 238
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

***Benediction** Pastor John

Postlude: Sara Preus

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,
Stephen Minister Judy Kim

Our musicians: Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

Acolytes: Masha Doering, Natalie Williamson, Alexandra Cimpian

Greeters: Sarah Dai

Advent banner: Joan Lueth

Communion Bread Provider: Meg Ideker

Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering: The Boyer Family

Altar Flowers: Michelle Barini

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Weekly News & Updates

Want to receive Trinity emails? Send Pastor Timothy an email at:
revtfmerrill@aol.com. Or drop your business card in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WISHING TREE

Visit Suzanne Byerly's table in the back for information about this year's "Wishing Tree." Find a card with a child's photo and what he or she hopes to find on the "Wishing Tree." Select a card/child and try to get what's on the card and bring it to church on Sunday, December 10! We have only 15 cards left! These children need warm jackets and shoes. If you prefer you

can donate ¥500 and this money will be given to Granny Han for jackets and shoes. If you choose this option, please give the card and your donation to Suzanne, so that she will know how to credit the donation. This project benefits the children of the Granny Han School. (Thank you, Elyn MacInnis, for your help!)

BAKE SALE TODAY!

In addition to helping Granny Han during the Advent Season, our Bake Sale today organized by Liam Richmond benefits the Baobei Foundation, a local organization that helps Chinese babies with special needs. Thank you bakers for helping! And please buy generously, keeping in mind that you might want to buy food items as gifts, for neighbors, or for your colleagues at work.

BACKGROUND ABOUT THE ADVENT BANNER

Notes from the artist, Joan Lueth:

HOPE: Rich red Chinese silk brocade reminds us of the richness of God's love for us here in China.

PEACE and JOY: Jesus is Lord of the smallest details in the green earth as well as the vastness of indigo skies.

LOVE: Our Savior began his earthly life in a humble stable. These colors also represent Fire, Earth, Air and Wood.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 17: Worship at 11 a.m.

December 24: NO WORSHIP AT 11 A.M.

Christmas Eve (December 24): Service of Lessons and Carols in large sanctuary, 10 p.m.

December 31: NO WORSHIP AT 11 A.M.

January 7: Worship at 11 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
AND MAKER'S MARKET**

Sponsored by Abundant Grace International Fellowship. 4:30-6:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit outreach, partners, projects and trips internationally and locally. **Family friendly! Here at the Hong En Chapel.**

WE NEED HELP removing chairs following our service in order to prepare for the MAKERS MARKET. Five or six people lending a hand would be great!

Electronic Giving or Giving in the USA

Would you prefer to give electronically?

Please see our Treasurer, John Ideker, for details.

根据中华人民共和国的法律，只允许外国护照持有人在场参加。
In accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China, only foreign passport holders are allowed to attend services here at Trinity Congregation.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017, 11 AM

Please remember to silence your smartphone and other devices during the worship service! Thank you!

THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

** All who are able may rise to praise God.*

Prelude: Sara Preus

***Processional Hymn:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful!" No. 234

Acolytes: Natalie Williamson, Alexandra Cimpian

Procession of the Children's Choir

***Invocation** Pastor Timothy

Children's Choir

"Mary Had a Baby"

"Away in a Manger"

Holly Raatz, Director and Arranger

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Timothy

Lighting the Candle of PEACE in the Advent Wreath

Rob and Jennifer Chapman, and Chaz

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a Roger Liu, *Reader*

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

THE UNREHEARSED CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

By Karin K. Ramsey, Adapted by Meg Ideker

Narrators: Pastors John and Timothy

Scene 1: Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Jesus is born.

CAROL: "What Child Is This"

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.

Scene 2: The stable animals arrive to welcome Jesus!

CAROL: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,

Above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Scene 3: The angels announce the good news to the shepherds who hurry to Bethlehem to worship the Christ child!

CAROL: "The First Noel"

The First Noel, the angel did say,

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay.

In fields where they, lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.

[Narrative interlude]

CAROL: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the newborn King

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies

With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Scene 4: Jesus is visited by royalty!

CAROL: "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts, we traverse afar,

Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Oh—star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright.

Westward leading, still proceeding guide us to thy perfect light.

Scene 5: Jesus is asleep in the manger.

CAROL: "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.

The little Lord Jesus lay down your sweet head.

The stars in the sky look down where He lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

[Narrative interlude]

CAROL: "Joy to the World"

Joy to the World! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing ... [repeat 2x]

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offering and Offertory

***Hymn before Communion** (216)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.

It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,

When half-spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,

Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.

True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us,

And share our every load.

***Offertory Prayer:**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God—

***People: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and united of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION



(Want to follow the complete liturgy without the truncated text below? Use your SILENT mode] and go to the website, TrinityShanghai.org. Select "Holy Communion Liturgies," and click on PINK liturgy and follow along.)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Celebrant: It is our duty and delight to everywhere and always offer our praise ... [celebrant continues] ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People (singing): "Sanctus"

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Celebrant: You indeed are holy, gracious and merciful God. Everything is filled ... [celebrant continues] ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Celebrant sings first; people repeat

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain! gain!

Celebrant continues ... Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor, glory and praise to you, O God, now and forever.

***People (singing): "Amen"**

Elise Eslinger

A - men, a - men, a - men.