

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ *Christmas Eve*



“I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

December 24, 2025 ~ 6:30 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

310 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie, OK

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Holy Silence: At this moment, you are invited to be thoughtful, silent, and reverent, for you are in the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.)

PRELUDE

LINDA TRAMMELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: as we light the last candle – The Christ Candle – on our Advent Wreath grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

(At the sound of the bell, please stand if able, turn, and face the Baptismal Font.)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN 83

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Celebrant The Word was made flesh
People **And dwelt among us.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God of every nation, bless this creche that it may remind us of the humble birth of Jesus. When our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives, he brings justice, mercy, and love. May all who gaze upon this scene be filled with the peace and joy of Christ's presence. **Amen.**

(Incense is used to bless the creche.)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

(The people sit.)

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

Lector The psalm is read responsively by half verse.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING:

Titus 2:11-14

(The people sit.)

Lector A reading from the book of Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(All stand, if able.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 101

"Away in a Manger"

(verses 1-2 before Gospel; verses 3-5 after Gospel)

(All stand if able, turn, and face the Gospel)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant: The waters of Mary's womb broke forth, and our Savior Christ was born. Through the waters of baptism, we are born anew and made God's children through adoption and grace. Living therefore as baptized believers, we confess our faith by saying together the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(All remain standing, if able.)

Celebrant: As we join the angels and celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God, let us offer prayers to God who gives a new birth to sons and daughters in every place.

Intercessor: For the birth of the timeless Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary.
People *Glory and praise to you, O Living God.*

Intercessor: For Shawn our presiding bishop, Poulson our bishop, Rocio our deacon, and Robby our priest, and for all who minister in Christ, and for this congregation and all the holy people of God.
People *Glory and praise to you, O Living God..*

Intercessor: For all believers around the world who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.
People *Glory and praise to you, O Living God.*

Intercessor: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.
People *Glory and praise to you, O Living God.*

Intercessor: For the giving of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole human race.
People *Glory and praise to you, O Living God.*

Intercessor: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for all refugees, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.
People *Glory and praise to you, O Living God.*

Intercessor: For our deliverance from all afflictions, violence, strife and need.
People *Glory and praise to you, O Living God.*

Intercessor: Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People *To you, O Gracious God.*

Intercessor: You are invited to pray for all other needs or thanksgivings at this time, silently or aloud: (pause) remembering Bob, Jody, Debbie, Ron, Paul, Dorene, Dean, Paula, Aaron, Rose, Victoria, Katherine, Terry, Pam, Mike, Vickie, Fr. John, Mthr. Lynn, Daniel, Joe, Howard, Susan, Karen, Kathy, Claire, Louise, Harbor Home, and Hope House.

People **To you, O Gracious God.**
Celebrant Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child to live among us in vulnerable humility. Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

(All stand.)

Celebrant The angels said to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace on those with whom God's favor rests." So, I announce to you, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

(Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Greetings, Special Prayers, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings follow.)

SPECIAL PRAYERS: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OTHER PETITIONS

All **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." *(Luke)*

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMN 96

"Angels we have Heard on High"

PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 380

(verse 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye

heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

(The altar, gifts and congregation are blessed with incense)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(The People remain standing, if able.)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B, BCP 367

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 thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

HYMN S-129

(Celebrant and People)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

(The people stand or kneel, if able)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In

him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [Mary and Joseph and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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,**

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to the people. All baptized, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive wine and bread – the real presence of Christ -- from the Lord's table at the altar rail or the standing station near the pulpit.

(Cross your arms over your chest at the altar if you prefer not to receive the sacrament but would like to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to where you are seated.)

PRAYER CANDLE LIGHTING

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a silent prayer of need or thanksgiving while lighting a candle and then placing it in the sand container at the front.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 321

"My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SINGING OF SILENT NIGHT

(Harley Campbell, guitarist)

HYMN 111

(Church is darkened, candles are distributed and lighted prior to singing the beloved hymn)

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

(The Priest blesses the people, saying)

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. ***Amen.***

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. ***Amen.***

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. ***Amen.***

And, the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN **HYMN 100**

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”Thou, Whose Mighty Word”

DISMISSAL

Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	<u>BCP 366</u>
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.	

Weekly Announcements

School Food Collection

Please bring non-perishable food to support Guthrie Public School’s food pantry. Trinity’s donations are distributed to the high school and Central Elementary to help feed children on weekends when cafeterias are closed.

Mid-Week Eucharist and Bible Study

Join Fr. Robby for a Prayer Service followed by Holy Communion, 12 noon on Wednesdays in Trinity’s Brooke Hall.

Children’s Sunday School

Join Trinity’s Sunday School for all children. Sharon Adams, Phoebe Gleeson, and Jody Noerdlinger teaches Bible lessons, music, and crafts from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. each Sunday in the remodeled Youth Room.

Thanksgivings/Blessings:

Happy Birthday:
Howard Conyers (12/24)
Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Events:

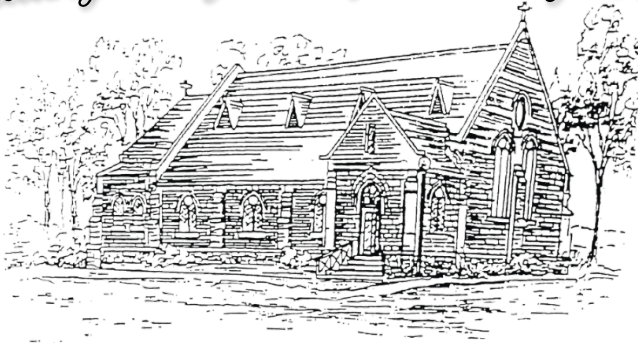
Dec. 28: First Sunday After Christmas, 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 4: Second Sunday After Christmas, 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 6: The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Jan. 11: Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. 10:30 a.m.



SERVING TONIGHT ~ DECEMBER 24

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Robby Trammell</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Rev. Rocio Lopez</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Amanda Prentiss, Nathan Lorenz, & Pam Alltizer</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Terri Burks</i>
<i>Organist & Music Director</i>	<i>Brenda McCormack</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Michael McCormack & Eli Gipson</i>
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Ann Klein & Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Josh Farist & Nathan Lorenz</i>
<i>BC Committee</i>	<i>Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Buck Adams & Gracelynn Lorenz</i>
<i>Reception</i>	<i>Champagne & Chocolate</i>

Celebrating 136 years of Ministry 1889-2025



SERVING SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 28

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Robby Trammell</i>
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Rocio Lopez</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Greg Mahle, Harley Campbell, & Pam Alltizer</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Terri Burks</i>
<i>Organist & Music Director</i>	<i>Linda Trammell</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Eli Gipson</i>
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Pam Alltizer & Ann Klein</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Buck Adams & Terry Runnels</i>
<i>BC Committee</i>	<i>Terry Runnels</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Terri Runnels & Mona Jones</i>
<i>Coffee & Conversation</i>	<i>Holy Hospitality Ministry</i>



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10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Holy Eucharist
12 noon ~ Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist

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