

**THANKSGIVING EVE**  
**NOVEMBER 23, 2022**  
**OLD SWEDES CHURCH 7:00 PM**



**A SERVICE OF**  
**THANKSGIVING**

**THE SEASON IS** — the Season after Pentecost—sometimes called Ordinary Time. This season begins after the feast of Pentecost and runs through to the first Sunday of Advent. The focus of the season is the daily Christian life — life lived in the light of the resurrection, in the faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. The liturgical color of the season is green.

**STEWARDSHIP**— “*Brothers and sisters, do not weary in doing what is right. As disciples and stewards “in training”, part of what is right for us is loving God with all our hearts, minds and souls, and continually striving to frequently and generously thank Him for every good gift we have been given...and they have been many!*

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector  
The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen—Associate Rector  
David Simmons—Director of Music  
David Fricke—Usher  
Julia Dooley, Brud Reese—Readers  
James Earle—Intercessor  
James Earle—Server  
Sarah and Steve Dooley —Altar Guild  
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# HOLY EUCHARIST

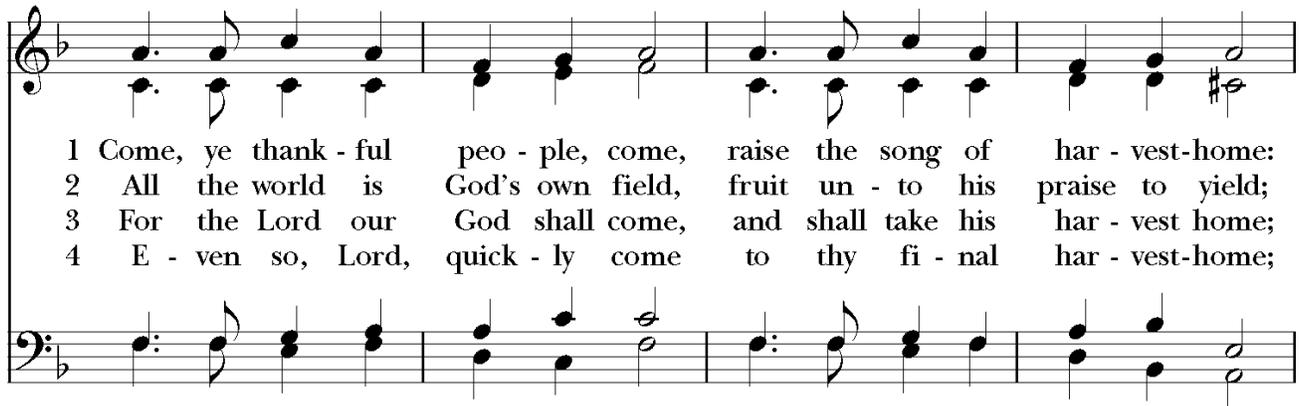
Organ Prelude

Prelude on "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

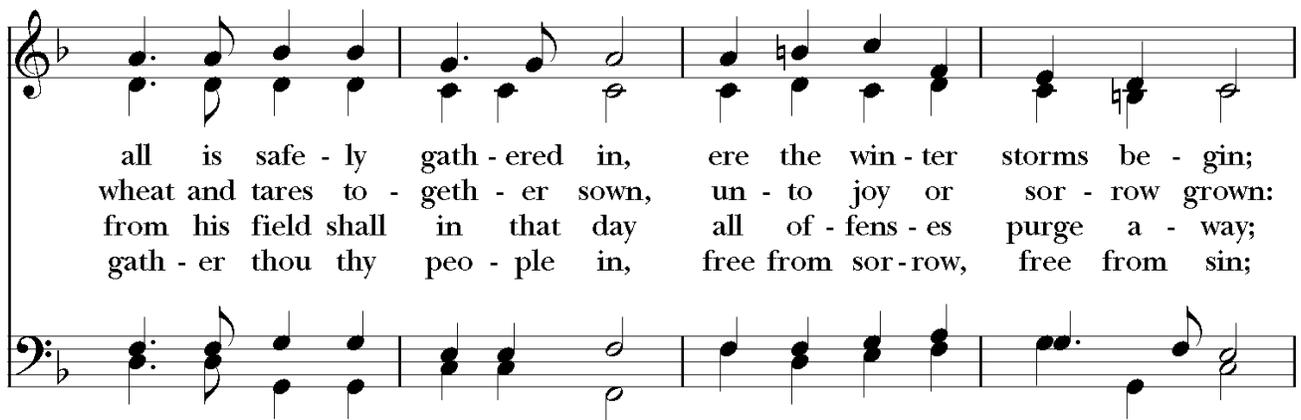
Conrad Kocher  
Setting by Gordon Young

Processional Hymn 290

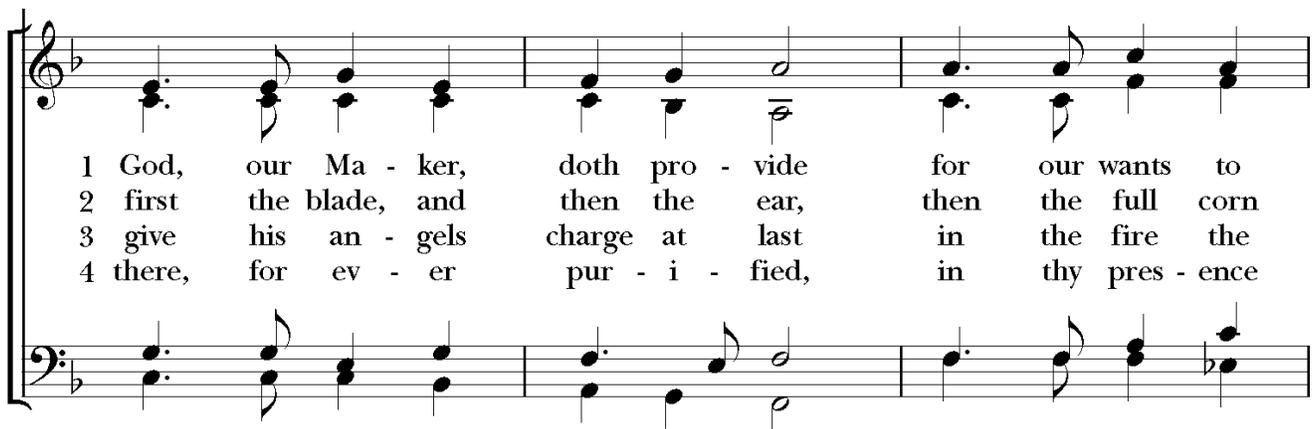
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home;  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to  
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn  
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the  
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

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be sup - plied;      come      to God's      own      tem - ple,  
 shall ap - pear:      grant,      O har - vest      Lord,      that  
 tares to cast,      but      the fruit - ful      ears      to  
 to a - bide;      come,      with all      thine      an - gels,

come,      raise the song of      har - vest - home.  
 we      whole - some      grain and      pure      may be.  
 store      in his      gar - ner      ev - er - more.  
 come,      raise the      glo - rious      har - vest - home.

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## The Word of God

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

**The Collect for Purity** *Celebrant and People*

***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.***

# Gloria (Hymn of Praise) 288

# Praise To God, Immortal Praise

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;  
 3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:  
 flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:  
 and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.  
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
 sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825) Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872);  
 arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. The English Hymnal, 1916

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## The Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

## Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## The Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if

there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

**Gradual Hymn 291**

**We Plow The Fields And Scatter**

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;  
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;  
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;  
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.  
 Music: Wir Pflugen, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

**The Gospel** *Those who are able, please stand.*

John 6:25-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Patricia Downing

## **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
*We thank you, Lord*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
*To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.*  
*Amen.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.*

## **Offertory**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

# Offertory Hymn 705

# As Those Of Old Their First Fruits Brought

*Unison or harmony*

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and  
 \*2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and  
 3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the  
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to  
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our  
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is  
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of  
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a  
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

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farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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### The Great Thanksgiving S-120

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit

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 S-130

“Sanctus” from *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.***

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

***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**

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Communion Hymn

Thank You, Lord

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord I just want to thank you, Lord." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some notes beamed together.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

# The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Recessional Hymn

## Let All Things Now Living A Song Of Thanksgiving

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his  
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Music: The Ash Grove, Welsh folk tune; harm.

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## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Organ Postlude

Postlude on “Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Crüger  
Setting by David P. Dahl

## Announcements

**The parish office will be closed** on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Thank you** to all who have sent in their 2023 pledge cards. There’s still plenty of time to get your pledge cards in!

**November is a special time to give to Trinity!** Every dollar you give to Trinity ONLINE in the month of November is matched dollar for dollar up to \$500 per donor by the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. Wait, there's more! **If you give ONLINE to Trinity on November 29 - "GIVING TUESDAY" - your donation is matched 2 to 1.** For every dollar you give, Trinity receives two more dollars. Use the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website [www.trinityoldswedes.church/giving-online](http://www.trinityoldswedes.church/giving-online) for links to VANCO for online giving.

**Christmas planning:** This year, we have a special opportunity to support Christmas memorials. During November, the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund is matching donations that are made to Trinity electronically during November. If you plan on making donations for Christmas flowers, why not consider using Vemco for your donation during November? This year, donations begin at \$35, and we ask that you limit the number of honorees to five. When you make your donation electronically, please also send an email to [office@trinityparishde.org](mailto:office@trinityparishde.org) with information on your donation and a list of those you wish to remember or honor. If you wish to send a check instead of making an electronic donation, of course that is welcome too. Questions? Please call the office at 302-652-8605 for more information. Thank you.

**Advent Adult Formation—Ways of Praying:** Starting Wednesday, November 30, from 7 - 8:15 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church. A three week Advent course exploring prayer and ways of praying, presented by Father David Beresford. Each session will conclude with Compline (Night Prayer). David Beresford was ordained in the Church of England and served in parishes in West Sussex and Bedfordshire, including prison chaplaincy. Since 2015 he has served congregations within the Episcopal Church in Delaware and Pennsylvania. He has created and led a number of study courses, including Faith and Poetry, Ways of Praying, God and Us and Art and Faith. He also leads retreats and Quiet Days. His book *Above and Below: Reflections on the Spiritual Journey*, was published by Cedar Tree books in 2021. Father David holds a BA in Theology and Pastoral Studies from Leeds University. In 2022, he was awarded an MA in Theology from the University of Chichester.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals** will be on December 4, 11, and 18, at 11:15 am—12:30 pm in the Dining Room. If you have any questions, please contact David Simmons at [david@trinityparishde.org](mailto:david@trinityparishde.org).

**The Greens Workshop:** Returning after a two-year hiatus, the Greens Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 17, from 9:30-11 in the Trinity kitchen. We will make small arrangements to go in the windows at Trinity. All greens will be provided. Please bring your own clippers and wear/bring gloves. Questions? Call Ashlin Bray at 302-658-5821. It's fun, it's easy, and we want you to come!

**Join us for Caroling!** On Sunday, December 18 at 4:30 pm, Trinity will be heading into the Trinity Vicinity neighborhood to spread holiday cheer with caroling. We can use your voice and good cheer as we bring joy to our community and share our upcoming holiday service schedule. Please contact the parish office if you would like to sign up.

**The Women's Group** will meet for lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 12 noon at The Iron Hill Brewery, 620 Justison Street, Wilmington. Please contact Beth Copson at [bcopson@comcast.net](mailto:bcopson@comcast.net) or 302-584-6855 no later than Sunday, Dec. 4 if you plan to attend. Please feel free to invite a friend.

**The Men's Group** will meet for dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m. at Catherine Rooney's, 1616 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington. Please contact Don Copson at [dcopson54@comcast.net](mailto:dcopson54@comcast.net) or 302-290-6891 no later than Sunday, Dec. 4 if you plan to attend. Please feel free to invite a friend.

# Spend The Holidays with Trinity and Old Swedes

## Christmas at Trinity and Old Swedes

### December 24th Christmas Eve at Trinity Church

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Pageant

5:45 pm Pre-Service Recital

6:00 pm Festal Choral Eucharist with Brass

8:00 pm Posada y Eucaristía de Nochebuena



### December 24th Christmas Eve at Old Swedes Church

10:30 pm Simple Candlelight Holy Eucharist

### December 25th Christmas Day at Trinity Church

12:00 pm Bilingual Holy Eucharist Service



### New Year's Day at Trinity Church

12:00 pm Bilingual Holy Eucharist Service





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