

**December 27, 2020**

**AND THE CHILD  
GREW AND BECAME  
STRONG  
HE WAS FILLED WITH  
WISDOM  
AND THE GRACE OF  
GOD WAS UPON HIM  
L U K E 2 : 4 0**

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## First Sunday of Christmas

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 27, 2020

### Welcome and Announcements

### Passing the Peace of Christ

*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

### Prelude

*Gesu Bambino*

Pietro Yon

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us sing God’s praise with creation!

People: **Praise God, sun and moon! Praise God, shining stars!**

Leader: Come, let us sing with Simeon and Anna!

People: **Our eyes have seen salvation, God’s gift for all people!**

Leader: Come let us sing God’s praise together

All: **and worship the Christ-child born for us!**

### Hymn of Praise

**All Creatures of our God and King**

# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts  
3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-  
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

The musical score is written for unison voice and piano accompaniment. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass clef.

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon  
O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for  
Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -  
Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Call to Confession**

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, in Christ you were born a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us. Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Free us to see your Light reflecting in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and strangers, enemies and friends, and make us shine forth with your love.**

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!  
You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Time with Children and Youth**

**Anthem**

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Nicki Kerns

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Scripture Readings**      Luke 2:22-40 NRSV

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the

consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>2</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Sermon**

Rev. Katheryn McGinnis

**Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus us Mine!*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus us Mine!". It features a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/8 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## Call to Prayer

### Prayers of the People

*After each petition please say, “God of Life and Hope”  
and all respond, “Hear our Prayer.”*

### Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Virtual Offering

### Doxology #591

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

### Prayer of Dedication

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Closing Hymn

### *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love possess-ing,  
 joy-ful sound; may the fruits of your sal-va-tion  
 pil-grim way, let no fear of death ap-pall us,

tri-umph in re-deem-ing grace. O re-fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a-bound. Ev-er faith-ful,  
 glad your sum-mons to o-bey. May we ev-er,

O re-fresh us, trav-eling through this wil-der-ness.  
 ev-er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev-er reign with you in end-less day.

**Blessing** (*Roddy Hamilton*)

The loving kindness of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Joy to the World*

arr. Joel Raney



## THANK YOU

Lectors: Jeff and Patti Lawton  
Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Pastor: Rev. Katheryn McGinnis

**Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.**

- Sally Sams: for patience, rest, and strength while waiting for postponed heart surgery.
- Juanita Stock: for continued healing of her broken wrist.
- Rowan Grace (the Bakers' infant great granddaughter): in a brace for 12 weeks following the discovery of hip dysplasia.
- Melissa (the Bakers' granddaughter): in hospice care.
- Musicians who enhance our worship services: gratitude for their talent.
- Family and friends of Veronica Flanagan: remembering her death a year ago.
- Diana Dean's Aunt Carlene and Uncle Don: diagnosed with Covid virus in a care facility.

