

December 11, 2022



*The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring
you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

Luke 2:10

Trinity Presbyterian Church

420 Melrose Avenue, Santa Cruz, California 95062
www.trinitypressc.org ♦ trinitysc@sbcglobal.net
(831) 423-8995

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Processional

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.”

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Meditation on Schmücke Dich

Sandra Gay

Introit

While We Are Waiting, Come

Call to Worship

One: Into the dry and desolate places of our lives, God brings salvation.

All: **The desert rejoices and blossoms, the wilderness teems with life.**

One: Sorrow and sighing will flee:

All: **let us come into God’s presence with singing!**

*Hymn of Praise #469

Morning Has Broken

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Mabel, Natalie, and Arnie Serigstad

One: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” The world says, “Worry,” and we say, “Rejoice.” The news says, “Fear,” and we say, “Rejoice.” The world says, “Be happy,” and the church says, “Be faithful.” As we light our third Advent candle,

All: **we pray for hope, peace, and joy.**

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

All: **Come now, O Prince of Joy.**

***Light an Advent Candle.**

Becki Slagle Mayo

*Advent is a time of hope, of waiting for the light
To lead us to the promised One to break the dark of night.
Light a candle, our Messiah will come.
Light a candle, for the Promised One.*

*Advent is a time of peace, the ancient prophets tell.
A King will be born in Bethlehem, our Lord, Emmanuel.
Light a candle, our Messiah will come.
Light a candle, for the Promised One.*

*Advent is a time of joy, of looking for the star.
Just as the wise men long ago, followed from afar.
Light a candle, our Messiah will come.
Light a candle, for the Promised One.*

Call to Confession

One: The life of faith is not only about being faithful to God. It is knowing that God is faithful to us. Trusting that God will never turn away from us, let us tell the truth about our lives.

Prayer of Confession

All: Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: There is nothing and no one that is too far gone for God to redeem. There is no land too parched that God cannot make streams of living water flow. Beloved, we are forgiven!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Gloria #23** (*refrain only*)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

Minute for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

Lee Duffus

Anthem

Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,

His wings as drifted snow, his eyes aflame.

“All hail,” said he to meek and lowly Mary,

“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed mother you shall be,

All generations praise continually,

Your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,”

Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,

“To me be as it pleases God,” she said.

“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”

Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born

In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,

And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:

Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Scripture: Matthew 11:2–11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Katheryn McGinnis

***Hymn #8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Song of Mary

***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**

All: Gracious God, accept these gifts in grateful response for your generosity. May these gifts bring joy to those most in need of Christ’s mission and ministry. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #464**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Rory Cooney

**We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

THANK YOU

Pastor: Rev. Katheryn McGinnis
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Debbie Bates
Greeters: Chad and Amanda Bell
Usher: Pete Halper
Coffee: Tim and Mayre Vincent

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here!

Advent in the Trinity Library

In concert with our Thursday Night Advent Studies, the Library's display is "Finding our Place at the Manger". We have a wide variety of nativity displays, both models and pictures. The emphasis is on unique, unusual and international displays to demonstrate that everyone has a place in God's Holy family. We are still accepting pictures, however, if you have an actual Nativity scene you are willing to loan the library, that is preferred.

Join Us for Our Christmas Events

December 18: Our annual Cantata at 10:30am

December 21: Longest Night, a contemplative service at 6pm

December 24: Carols and Lessons at 6pm

Looking for a Meaningful New Year's Resolution?

How about providing lunch for the dozen hard working volunteers who are building new affordable family homes in Live Oak? The next available dates (all Tuesdays) are: January 3, February 7, and March 7. Contact Lee Duffus with a text message to 831-295-3025 or leeduffus@gmail.com.

Happy hour is back! January 19 at 4 PM

We meet for a happy hour on the third Thursday of every month. Join us at Greater Purpose Brewing Company, 21517 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, for fellowship and a beer!



December 1, 8, and 15 at 5:30pm

Advent Study Dinners: Finding Our Place at the Manger

Our Advent study this year examines what we know about those who were there to witness the birth of Jesus: Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men. Each session will look at these characters in Scripture and how they speak to us in our modern context so that we may find where we fit in as we await the joy of Jesus' birth.

Each session will begin with a potluck dinner and be held in different homes. The final session on December 15 will be held at Emily and Lee Duffus' home.

Please fill out the form below to let us know if you are planning to attend the dinner on **December 15**, and what you would like to bring to share.

Yes, I/We will be attending the Advent Gathering Thursday,
December 15, @ 5:30pm.

Name _____

I/we would like to bring (*please circle one*)

main dish casserole (no soup) salad dessert

Please place in the offering plate