

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2024 ~ 6 p.m.



Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

Love Came Down at Christmas, by Robert Thygerson

Welcome

Rev. Diane Ford

Introit

Peace, Peace, by Fred Bock

Trinity Choir

Call to Worship (responsive)

What kind of hope can endure this world?

The hopes and fears of all the years are met right here tonight.

How can we speak peace when the world is at war?

Tonight, there will be heavenly peace and mercy mild;

God and sinners, reconciled.

Where is the joy of celebration when so many are hungry and hurting?

All heaven and nature sing; the weary world rejoices.

When will love come and save us?

The wonders of God's love are made flesh tonight.

The angels sing "gloria," and we have nothing to fear.

***Hymn:** PH #41

O Come, All ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,**

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! (refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! (refrain)

***Christmas Prayer**

Diane Ford

Welcoming the Light into the World

The Light of Hope

Michael Christie

Scripture and Reflection

Isaiah 11:1-9

Carol PH #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength & consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
New, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"**

The Light of Peace

Mayre Vincent

Scripture and Reflection

Luke 1:46-56

Carol PH #38

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!**

The Light of Joy

Jeff Lawton

Scripture and Reflection

Psalm 118:1-7, 22-24

Carol

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, vs. 1,2

**God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.**

**Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!
Fear not then, said the Angel, let nothing you affright.
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him from evil's pow'r and might
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!**

The Light of Love

Debbie Bates

Scripture and Reflection

Luke 2:1-7

Carol PH #43

O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs. 1,3

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy 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.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Rev. Diane Ford

Scripture

John 1:1-5, 14

Carol PH #40

Joy to the World, vs. 1,4

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

Christmas Message

“Our Hearts’ Surprise”

Rev. Diane Ford

Christmas Joy Offering 2024

This evening you are invited to participate in the special Presbyterian offering that benefits church leaders — past, present, and future. Use the enclosed Christmas Joy Offering envelope to make your generous gift. Thank you!



50% of your gifts go to students in Presbyterian-related schools equipping communities of color.

50% of your gifts go to church workers and their families with critical financial need.

Offertory

Gesu Bambino, by Pietro Yon

Nicki Kerns

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Mother-Father, Prince of Peace: We offer our hearts, priorities and resources for your will and goodness to be magnified. We pray especially for students of color in Presbyterian schools, and for church workers and their families. We dedicate these gifts for your will in their lives. Amen.

Candle Lighting Instructions

Diane Ford

Coming Into the Stillness

Trinity Choir

Anthem

Still, Still, Still, by Georg Götsch

Still, still, still He sleeps this night so chill! The Virgin's tender arms enfolding, warm and safe the Child are holding, Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep while angel hosts from heaven come winging, sweetest songs of joy and singing.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.

***Passing the Light of Christ**

Richard Robinson, clarinet

Christmas Time is Here, by Vince Guaraldi

***Hymn: PH #60**

Silent Night, vs. 1, 2

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”**

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

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;

GTG - Glory to God Hymnal

THANK YOU

Pastor: Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Greeters: Gwen & Charlie May

Join us Sunday, Jan. 5 at 3:00 P.M. as Diane Ford is installed as our new pastor.

Catered Reception Follows – Please Call or Email to RSVP



Poinsettias

In Memory of

With Love From

Vance Voyles
 Jerry Lambert
 Pamela Sue Halper
 Mary Jane Rutan
 Bill and Joey Bear
 Bob and Ann Ferguson
 Earl and Jane Lawton
 Betsy Williams
 Bob Williams
 Sharen Weld, Peter & Irene Wilt
 Martha and Jerry Thormann
 Birgitta Ekstrom and Mary Lou Lamb
 Tom Wichelmann
 Mary Ann Hobbs

Kim Johnston
 Richard & Roberta Zakarian
 Pete Halper
 Dan & Vickie Rutan
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 Jeff and Patti Lawton
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 Michael Christie
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 Sandra & Jerry Thormann
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 Marta Narus
 Karen Wichelmann
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In Honor of

With Love From

Martha Pilgram and Peggy Winkler
 Caroline Chambers
 Cait Woods
 Bridger Woods

Sandra & Jerry Thormann
 Marta Narus
 Larry and Lorraine Vilardo
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You may pick up your poinsettias after the service

Since 1938, as a congregation in the Presbyterian Church, USA, Trinity has carried on a ministry of worship and service in the Santa Cruz community and has extended itself into the world through participation in regional, national, and international mission programs. You are warmly invited to join us in the challenge of Christian faith and ministry. Should you have questions about church activities, pastoral services or membership at Trinity, please speak with the Pastor or any of the church officers listed below.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Supports

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Alcoholics Anonymous ❖ Santa Cruz al Salvador
Court Appointed Special Advocates 18 ❖ Urban Works
Boy Scout Troop #618 ❖ Cub Scout Troop #618

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday -Thursday 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Choir Practice: Sunday, 9:00a.m.

Trinity Church Officers

Session

Ellen Bauerle, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
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Charlie May	Debbie Bates	Ed Sams
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Pastor: **Rev. Diane Ford**

Music Director: **Nicki Kerns**

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