

November 30, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship

Advent I



O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Is. 2:5)

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Prelude and Procession *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
by Mark Hayes

Nicki Kerns

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

Pause now, and consider how moments of disruption or uncertainty can reveal what has been hidden beneath the surface. Sometimes the underbelly of a situation—its fears, its fragility, or its truth—comes into view in surprising ways. What might God be inviting us to notice when the familiar is shaken?

Introit

Our King and Savior Draweth Nigh

Choir

Call to Worship based on Isaiah 2:1-5 (*responsive*)

Ellen Baurle

Let us go into the house of the Lord!

Let us meet God with joy!

God builds us up like a great city.

May peace be within our walls.

Let us seek the goodness of God,

Let us go into the house of the Lord!

***Hymn PH #474**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Lighting the Advent Candle (*responsive*) Arnie, Natalie, and Mabel Serigstad

The world says, "All is lost." God says, "All is loved." The darkness says, "The light is dying." The Light says, "The fire is catching." Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears." Hope says, "Notice, watch and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,

we pray for holy hope of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Hope.

Song *Light an Advent Candle*, by Becky 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.

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

Ellen

This is the time for us to wake from sleep; salvation is near to us. Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin, and put on the armor of righteousness, making right our relationships.

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (*unison*)

Ellen

Emmanuel, God of life and hope, when we open our eyes we can notice the connections that are lost, the friends who have become distant, the relationships that are damaged. Give us skills of the heart and mind to be healers of the breach, builders of your beautiful city, bringers of light and hope.

(Time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Ellen

Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace, hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! We are made whole again!

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria #579**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” **“And also with you.”**

Message for the Children

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School after the Message for the Children.)

Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope, Hear our Prayer

Presbytery's Unity Candle: we pray for Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley, and Pastor Joe Sohn.

Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem:

Advent Alleluia

Choir

Salvation is created.

O Lord God, Lord God almighty,

We offer praise to Thee above, O Lord.

Holy Lord God.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

And with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded,

For with blessing in His hand,

Christ, our God to earth descendeth,

Our full homage to demand.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We offer praise to Thee above, o Lord.

Salvation is created. Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Ellen

Living Lord, bring the truth to light. Reveal what is covered, unveil your Word to us now. Interrupt our daily living, our weekly worship: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Ellen

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:
In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and
all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many
peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears
into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor
will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us
walk in the light of the LORD.

Matthew 24:36-44

Diane

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of
Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days
before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving
in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing
about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.
That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be
in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be
grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your
Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had
known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept
watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also

must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

Romanza – Beethoven/Scott

Nicki

***Doxology** PH #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

Diane

Holy God, you come to us in ways we do not expect and at moments we cannot predict. Keep us awake to your presence, alert to your grace, and ready to serve with joy. Take these gifts, and take our lives, and make them signs of your kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn:** PH #15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen**

Choir

***Postlude**

Leggiero – Lani Smith

Nicki

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

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;

GTG - Glory to God Hymnal

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Special Thanks to Our "Sunday Saints"

Pastor: Rev. Diane Ford

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Ellen Baurle

Greeter: Micheal Christie

Flowers: Barb Christie

Usher: Pete Halper

Coffee Hour: Barb Christie

Lighting the Candle: Arnie, Natalie, and Mabel Serigstad

Audio/Video/Zoom Techs, Sejin Oh and Ellen Baurle

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



Upcoming Events at Trinity

- **Advent Thursday Evenings Dec. 4, 11, and 18**

- ◇ **Sacred Pause at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Pastor Diane leads us in Taizé-style prayer songs in a peaceful setting. Come as you are and enter a time for pause, prayer and healing music.

- ◇ **Potluck dinners in the Fireside Room 6:00 p.m.**

- ◇ **Conversations following dinner: "Watching, Listening, Responding."**

Week 1 (12/4): Watching for God's Promises. Scripture: Isaiah 40:1–5, Luke 1:26–38 (the angel's message to Mary). Theme: Noticing what stirs in our hearts when God invites us to something new.

- **Trinity Staff Christmas Gifts.** Our tradition is to thank church staff with a monetary gift at Christmas. Deacons are accepting these donations today and next Sunday. Please take an envelope from the pews. Your generosity is appreciated!

- December 7: All-Church Caroling after the 10:30 service.
- December 14: Cantata Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- December 21: Longest Night: Service of Hope 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Struggling with the Holidays? Not everyone feels merry in December. Pastor Diane and Yoga Instructor Marcee Meinhardt lead this service designed especially for those carrying sadness, loss, or weariness during the holidays. The service will include candlelight, music, somatic breath work, readings, and prayer. We'll honor the darkness and remember that light still finds us. Come as you are; all are welcome.
- December 24: Our Christmas Eve Service will take place at 5:30 pm.

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

- Ed Sams: grateful for completing 6 weeks of radiation therapy.
- Marilyn, a friend of Nancy Cobery: recuperating from surgery.
- Nicki and Donald Kerns: after 33 years of marriage, unable to spend Thanksgiving together due to his unusual work assignment.
- The Lawtons: thankful that they were able to virtually attend the memorial service for their Australian friend.
- Merger of two congregations in New Jersey: grateful that the careful 2-year deliberative process succeeded; blessings on the merged relationship.
- The Thormanns: joyfully looking forward to the birth of their first great grandchild.
- Thanksgiving: gratitude for the opportunities we have to gather as family and friends during the holiday season; calmness for those under pressure; support and peace for those who experience loneliness and personal turmoil.



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