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Third Sunday in Advent

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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

Oscar Romero

The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst, arr. Shackley

Introit

Our King and Savior Draweth Nigh

Claude Means

Call to Worship

One: We stand on the cusp:

All: the promise is almost fulfilled.

One: We wait with bated breath:

All: the child is almost here.

One: We trust the well-loved story:

All: God is truly with us.

*Hymn of Praise #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(music at end of bulletin)

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Quinn, Paul, and Ed Sams

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.**

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

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.**

Minute for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

Lee Duffus

Call to Offering

Offertory

Christmastime Is Here

Vince Guaraldi

***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**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and whose Lordship we praise. Amen.

Cantata *The Voices of Christmas* Joseph M. Martin

Readers: Larry Vilardo, Diana Dean, Lee Duffus, Jeff Lawton, Mayre Vincent, Chuck Cobery, Vickie Rutan, Richard Robinson, Debbie Bates

Soloists: Laura Zucker, Richard Robinson, Diana Dean

Congregational Sing-a-long

*Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come all ye citizens of heaven above.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.
O come let us adore Him, o come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above.
Glory to God in the highest.
O come let us adore Him, o come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the lord.*

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

Go Tell It On the Mountain

John Wesley Work, Jr.

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

THANK YOU

Pastor: Larry Vilaro
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Greeter: Bob Scott
Usher: Pete Halper
Coffee: Pete Halper and Kim Johnston

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!

Give the Gift of Life

The annual Presbyterian Giving Catalog offers an opportunity to honor people in your life with simple holiday gifts that provide food, clean water, and means of livelihood for people in other parts of the world. This year's Catalog is available in a display in the narthex and is also accessible online thru our weekly newsletter. *It's easy to make a big difference!*

Advent Study, Thursday, December 21, 5:30pm

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall, Friday, December 22

Trinity Presbyterian Church is holding its first blood drive on Friday, December 22, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please make your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. The blood drive can be found by zip code (95062) or by sponsor code (trinitypressc). Please allow at least one hour for the entire donation process. Identification is required. For information about eligibility please go to www.redcrossblood.org/eligibility. Free long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt for all presenting donors. Please consider donating blood and keeping the blood supply strong during the holiday season.

Christmas Time at Trinity

Join us for one or all of our many holiday services in December.

December 20: Longest Night Worship Service, 6pm

December 24: Morning Worship at 10:30am

December 24: Lessons and Carols, 6pm



Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory of

Earle & Clare Lawton

Robert & Ann Ferguson

Tom Wichelmann

Thelma Dalman and Bob Soderholm

Sandy Leifer

With Love From

Jeff & Patti Lawton

Jeff & Patti Lawton

Karen Wichelmann

Karen Wichelmann

Debbie Bates

Florence and Harold Baggot

Mary Jane Rutan

Bill and Joey Bear

Barbara Scott

Norbert Lauer

Blanche Koroat

Pamela Sue Halper

Our Parents

Sharen Weld, Peter & Irene Wilt

Martha and Jerry Thormann

My Brother

My Sister

Anna, Jesse, & John May

JM & Evelyn Sartain

Pat & Delores Johnston

Linda & Curtis Johnston

Grandma Bussy

Debbie Bates

Dan & Vickie Rutan

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Bob Scott

Esther Lauer

Esther Lauer

Pete Halper

Richard & Roberta Zakarian

Sandra & Jerry Thormann

Sandra & Jerry Thormann

Marta Narus

Marta Narus

Charlie and Gwen May

Charlie and Gwen May

Kim Johnston

Kim Johnston

Chad Bell

In Honor of

Vickie Rutan

With Love From

Dan Rutan

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 *3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

