

December 3, 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE



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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

Brazilian Youth Delegation 1989

We want to announce fullness of life: work, education, health, housing, bread for all. We want communion, a world renewed, we hope against hope. With the Lord of history we want to make all things new.

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Mark Hayes

Introit

While We Are Waiting, Come

Call to Worship

One: Listen to my words, Lord, consider my lament.

Many: **Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn of Praise #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(music at end of bulletin)

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Mabel, Natalie, and Arnie Serigstad

One: 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, “Wait, watch, and listen.” As we light our first Advent candle,

All: **we pray for holy hope of God.**

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

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

*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.

Call to Confession

One: You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. When we forget your ways we have an advocate with you, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who came into the world not to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. So let us confess our sins with hope in God's mercy and love.

Prayer of Confession

All: We hope in your promised return, yet we often fail to focus on you in the midst of a busy and challenging season. It is in your presence that we are renewed when we confess our sins and amend our ways. Forgive us, heal us, help us, and set us free. Amen.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-3

One: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own dear Son.

All: Hear the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ we are given hope through the power of forgiveness.

*Gloria #23 (refrain only)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

Anthem*A Star, A Song, A Sign*

Brad Nix

*There's a light in the distance, a star burning bright.
A flame in the shadows that fills up the night.
The glory of Heaven will soon bring the day,
For Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way.*

*There's a song in the distance, a carol so fair.
There's the sound of rejoicing and love everywhere.
Soon angels will sing out with glorious praise,
For Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way.*

*Now people look east for a beautiful sign. The morning is coming and
painting the sky. Rejoice and be grateful with jubilant praise.
For Jesus is coming, prepare ye the way.*

Prayer for Illumination

As the days grow dark and dreary in winter we long for the light of hope. As Advent unfolds in a time of war and anguish in our world, we long for the light of God's hope. As we hear your word may the Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the hope of Christ's return.

Scripture Reading

1st Corinthians 1:1-9

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Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ — their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hope for the Journey

Larry Vilaro

Prayers of the People

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

Call to Offering

Offertory

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Susan Staples Bell

***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: Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign,
use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to
those who are oppressed, to set free those who are in prison,
to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those
who are vulnerable. Amen.

***Communion Hymn #516**

(music at end of bulletin)

Lord, We have Come at your own Invitation

Call to the Table

One: From the flurry of holiday busyness,

All: we come longing for peace,

One: yearning for lasting joy,

All: hoping to find our rest in God.

One: From full calendars and hectic schedules,

All: we come to taste the Bread of Life,

One: drink the cup of blessing,
All: sing the songs of Advent hope.

One: From the worry of our days,

All: we come to be set free, to be made new, to follow the Prince of Peace, the joy of every longing heart.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: God, fulfiller of promises, we come to this season of Advent with expectant and thankful hearts. We welcome with hopefulness the renewed promise of your love, justice, and righteousness breaking into our world. We offer these gifts of bread, wine, and the witness of our lives in gratitude for all you have done, are doing, and will do. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(The outer ring contains wine, the inner rings contain grape juice.)

Response of Thanksgiving

One: Living God, we thank you that in this sacrament you make yourself known to us.

All: We thank you that you have made your home with us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

One: Give us grace to welcome the Holy Child, born to reign through us today.

All: Give us hope that we may show your glory to all people.

One: Give us joy that we may proclaim your love and abiding presence.

All: God, for your goodness and grace, we know through our savior Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #341**
(music at end of bulletin)

Blessed Assurance

***Blessing**

***Amen**

***Postlude**

The Brightest Trumpet

Gerald Peterson

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

THANK YOU

Pastor: Rev. Larry Vilardo
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Marta Narus
Greeter: Michael Christie
Usher: Pete Halper
Flowers: Elizabeth Bunch
Coffee: Natalie and Arnie Serigstad

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!

Deacons

The Board of Deacons relies on the generosity of members and friends of the congregation to provide financial support for their endeavors. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please write “Deacons” in the memo line of your check to designate your contribution to the work of the Deacons.

Christmas Staff Gifts

Every year at Christmas, we thank the Trinity staff members with a monetary gift. This Sunday and next Sunday, December 3 and 10, the Deacons are accepting donations for these gifts. Place your check or cash in the envelope found in the bulletin and place in the offering plate. Be sure to write “Staff Gift” in the memo line.

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, Thursdays in December, 5:30pm

Please see the tear off sheet on page 12 for more information and to sign up.

Church Hike, December 8, 9:30am

Natural Bridges to visit the butterflies. Other exploring will depend on weather, trail conditions and the tide. Leaving church parking lot at 9:30am. No dogs. Rain or high winds will cancel. Bring State Park parking pass, or money to pay for parking. For more information, contact Kathy Willott.

Christmas Caroling, December 10

We will go out Christmas Caroling following worship next Sunday, December 10, at 1PM, after a light lunch.

Book Club, December 11, 2023, 2pm, Fireside Room

The books being discussed are “A Christmas Carol,, as well as “The Life and Times of Bob Cratchit.”

Christmas Time at Trinity

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

December 10: Christmas Caroling after worship service

December 17: Cantata during worship

December 20: Longest Night Worship Service, 6pm

December 24: Morning Worship at 10:30am

December 24: Lessons and Carols, 6pm

Please, No More Ink

The office is no longer accepting used ink cartridges for recycling.



December 7, 14, and 21 at 5:30pm
Advent Study Dinners: Honor God's Diversity

This study takes a deep dive into what it means to honor diversity, understand inequities in the world, and to take radical steps to both understand, respect, and include the marginalized.

Each session will begin with a potluck dinner in the Fireside Room.

Please fill out the form below to let us know if you are planning to attend the dinner on **December 7**, and what you would like to bring to share.

Yes, I/We will be attending the Advent Gathering Thursday,
December 7, @ 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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
 While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
 And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA 11.10.11.10

Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

Fred Pratt Green, 1977

As in La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

1. Lord, we have come at Your own in - vi - ta - tion,
 2. Here, at Your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion,
 3. When, at Your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

Cho - sen by You, to be count - ed Your friends;
 Give it Your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
 Vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored:

Yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion,
 Teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 May we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

Ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 Lord, in Your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
 All that it means to ac - cept You as Lord.

341 Whak Shil Hahn Nah Eh Kahn Jeung Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989

Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

1. Ye su rul nae ga joo ro mee duh Sung nyung gwa
 2. Ye su keh maat kin nah eh ma um Sa rahng eh

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

pee ro ssuh kuh dum nah nee Seh sahng eh in nun
 sok sah gim tu ru myun suh Heen oh sul ee bun

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels, de - scend - ing,

nae young hon ee Ha nu reh young gwang noo ree doh dah
 chun sah dul gwa Shin bee hahn whan sahng bo ree ro dah

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.

*Hooryum
Refrain*

Ee go she nah eh kahn jeung ee yo Ee go she
 This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my

nah eh chan song ee rah Nah sah nun dong ahn
Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,

ggeun im up see Ye su eh ee rum chan song hah ree
this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

3. Joo ahn eh ees suh jeul guh wuh rah
Ma um eh Poong nahng ee jahm jah
doh dah
Seh sahng doh up go na doh up go
Sa rahng eh joo mahn bo ee doh dah
Hooryum

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His
love.
Refrain