

*Order of Worship and Announcements
for the Week of December 6, 2020*



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Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent - Peace

Preparation for Worship-Let us join together now and prepare for worship.

Dear Family of God – these are trying days in God’s beloved world. As Christ’s Church, sustained by the Holy Spirit, we have gifts and a call by which to care for one another and our neighbors. Worship in which we encounter our living God and know ourselves connected to the body continues. So this day, even though we worship at a distance, we read the same Scriptures, and share in the same prayers, we are held together on this Sunday morning. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship the living Lord.

Prelude "Immanuel with O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. Page

Call to Worship* (Lay Reader – Joan Zicht)

One: John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way."
So family of faith, how do we prepare our minds for worship?

All: We silence the inner critic.
We let go of busy thoughts.
We make space for God to speak.

One: How do we prepare our *hearts* for worship?

All: We bless all emotions.
We feel what we feel.
We open ourselves up to be moved.

One: How do we prepare our *bodies* for worship?

All: We take in the scent, sight, and feel of this space.
We breathe in God’s mercy.
We exhale God’s love.

One: How do we prepare our *souls* for worship?

All: We bring our full selves into this space.
We wear our hearts on our sleeves.
We trust that even now, God is here.

One: Family of faith, what we practice in worship, we must live out in our daily lives.
So prepare the way. Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-4) Veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. **[Refrain]**

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. **[Refrain]**

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go. **[Refrain]**

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o’er the grave. **[Refrain]**

Candle Lighting (Jason, Shelley, David and Andrew Wheeler)

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."
A choir sings in the silence,
"Come, Emmanuel."
Every valley shall be filled.

Every heart shall be made whole,
for peace is stronger than turmoil,
and love is louder than hate.
As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Peace.

Prayer of Confession*

One: Holy God, I wish that peace was something I could buy.
I wish that peace could be ordered in a subscription service,
found on a map,
downloaded in an app,
or voted for in a ballot.
I wish that peace was as easy as a one-time choice when I was feeling my best.
However, what I have found is that peace involves everyday decisions over and over,
whether or not I am feeling my best.
So today I confess, in front of this community of faith,
that I need your help in this Advent season.
Prepare the way for greater peace, and teach me how to be a part of it.

All: **May God forgive you. May God's guiding hand surround you.
May you know comfort. May you know peace.**

One: Amen.

(Silence for Reflection)

Anthem

"What Child Is This"

arr. Stevens

Jill Koenig, Flute

The Road to Bethlehem

Affirmation of Faith*

We believe that a voice cried out in the wilderness,
Saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord."
And so, we show up in church pews on cold, blustery days.³
We march toward justice.
We roll up our sleeves.
We plant trees for our children.
We make art.
We choose hope.
We gather at the Table.
We set an extra plate.
We sing loudly, with joy.
We share stories and wisdom.
We celebrate children.
We fall together.
We rise together.
We love together.
We do all these things because we believe that God loves us so much that God shows up here.
So we prepare and prepare for that next beautiful day.
May it be so. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The 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.

Responsive Reading Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

**85¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

**⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

**⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

**¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

**¹² The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

**¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Prayer for Illumination*

God of Peace,

We must admit, there are a million things on our minds.

We would like to be as focused as John the Baptist—preparing the way,
gathering the crowd,
spreading the word of your arrival.

Maybe then we'd know peace.

However, more often than not, we are a swirling compilation of grocery lists,
text messages, e-mails, and over-referenced to-do lists.

So today, we ask for your help in preparing the way.

Could you start with our ears, and then maybe move to our hearts?

We'd like to hear you more clearly.

Maybe then we'll know peace.

Gratefully we pray,

Amen

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

40 Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

**² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her**

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hymn #82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hyfridol

1 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 and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Meditation "One to Come" Dr. Jeff Beebe

Sending

Congregational Response (Hymn #306)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel

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OFFERING



Please continue to give your offering. God calls us to give all of who we are, and all of what we have used in and thru the Church. So let us present our lives. Let us present our gifts unto God. Contribution baskets are available after the service or offerings can be received in the Church by mail or you may utilize online banking options at www.trinitypalmcoast.org.

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know: (386) 445-4757 or trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.

Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

Bob Aitken	Angela Grussing	Jan Markiewicz	Hawley Rogers
Mary Batailo	Glenn Gynizio	Declan Mitchell*	Frances Sampson
Jason Bradley*	Stanley Hannum*	Rob Morris	Gloria Scandariato
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Eleanor Eidson	Dave Knight	Helene Read	Bill Tate
Patrick Floyd*	Jennifer Kaczmarek	Ginny Reisinger	Gene Thrower
Rich Gaulding	Florence Lyman	Bradford Robinson	Ryan Tugas*
Red Gensch	Kenny Mack*		Ronald Warwell
Sylvia Gosztyla			Matthew Winterheimer*



BIBLE STUDY

Join us online every week for an Advent Bible Study with Dr. Jeff Beebe.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 6th:

- Join us for **Worship at 10:00am in the Sanctuary**; Reservations, Masks and social distancing required. Reservations can be made online from the Church website or by calling the Church office during office hours.
- Join us for Online Worship at trinitypalmcoast.org or on Facebook: Trinity Presbyterian Church USA
- Worship independently by following along with the bulletin.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Susan Thomas	12/6
Daina Cannon	12/6
Brian Guerin	12/6
Karen Stickle	12/7
Lillian Warner	12/8
Jim Burns	12/8
Sue Pope	12/8



Joe Shull	12/8
Peggy Evleth	12/8
Dave Martin	12/10
Lisa Hammond	12/10
Heasuk Che	12/10
Louisa Childs	12/11
Margaret Best	12/12

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias will be available for purchase again this Christmas season! This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember loved ones. Order forms will be available at the 10:00am Worship Services on December 6th. Order forms may also be picked up in the Church office. The price is \$15 each. Please submit your orders on or before December 6th. Thank you!



TRINITY ANGEL TREE

The Trinity Angel Tree will have 40 angels this year. The tree will be located in the entryway opposite the food box near the church office, where the mask table was last spring. Please make sure to be careful and distance yourself six feet from others when you select your angel. Please remember to sign the list with the angel number, your name, and phone number. **All angels MUST be returned to the tree by Tuesday, December 15.**

There are no names used on angel cards this used this year, just boy or girl and the age. Gift suggestions are there for most of the children, usually several to choose from. Some of the children have asked for very expensive items. Please do not feel obligated to buy these. Buy something you think a child that age will enjoy and that fits your budget.

There are three colors of angels on the tree. The green angels are for children of clients of the Family Life Center. These gifts must be returned unwrapped. You may include wrapping paper. White and red angels are for children in the community who will not have much Christmas or those in the Gilda Blair Food Program. These gifts may be returned wrapped.

If you have questions, please call Carol Corson, 386.237.2522. Thank you in advance for helping making Christmas better for all these children.

-Blessings to all of you, Carol Corson





NOMINATIONS

The Congregation Nominating Committee (CNC) is looking for Trinity members interested in serving as Elder or Deacon for the class of 2023. You may nominate yourself or another member you think would be a good candidate. Nominations can be emailed to Lance Alred at lancealred@yahoo.com or placed in a sealed envelope, in Lance Alred's mail slot, in the Church office.

PLEDGE CARDS

Please fill in your 2021 Stewardship Pledge Cards. Once filled in, they may be turned in to the church or mailed to the church office. May God richly bless our generosity as we return to God a small portion of what He has given to us.



Church Office Hours

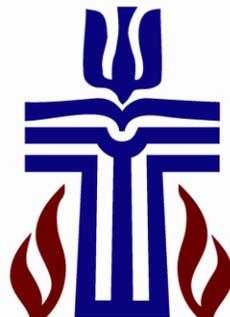
Monday – Thursday

9:00am – 12:00pm



****If you would like to submit an announcement to be included in the weekly bulletin, please have in by 9am Monday morning. Due date for the next bulletin is Monday, December 7th. Please email to Judy at trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.**

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Transitional Pastor
Heasuk Che, Director of Music/Organist
Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation
Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell Choir
Tom Buonocore, Sexton
Judy Grady, Finance and Administration Assistant
Dana Mack, Church Receptionist



*Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshipping, nurturing and serving** community.*