

*Order of Worship and Announcements
for the Week of December 20, 2020*

THOSE
WHO *are*
DREAM *not alone*
4TH sunday in advent

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Sunday, December 20, 2020 • Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

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 "Rose of Bethlehem with O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Page

Call to Worship* (Lay Reader: Online Service – Jane Pellmann; Live Service- Dylan Grady)

One: I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of my child,

All: Suddenly, joy was overflowing.

One: I knew love, but when you held my hand,

All: Suddenly, love was overflowing.

One: I knew God, but when you showed me grace,
when you forgave me,
when you loved me,
when you raised me,

All: Suddenly, God was overflowing.

One: So, let us worship Holy God together

As a reminder that God is here and we are never alone.

All: This is community.

One: This is the body of Christ.

All: Welcome home.

Hymn #121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louise

1 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.

2 For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

3 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.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Candle Lighting (Wes, Molly, MacKenzie and Riley MacDonald)

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.
Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,
to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.
Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,
to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.
As we light our fourth Advent candle,
We rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.

Come now, O child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Love.

Prayer of Confession*

God of Good News,
You say to me, "You are highly favored," but I struggle to see how that could be.
You say to me, "Do not be afraid," but I am afraid all the time.
You say to me, "Even the impossible is possible, just look at Elizabeth!"
But hope slips through my hands like water.
The impossible still feels impossible.
So today I pray,
Today we pray:
Teach us to sing like Mary.
Teach us to laugh like Elizabeth.
Teach us to trust like the angels.
Forgive us when we can only do one at a time, or none at all.
Amen. (*Silence for Reflection*)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Anthem

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
Handbell Choir

arr. Warner

The Road to Bethlehem

Affirmation of Faith*

We believe that this world is hard—
Harder than it has to be.
When the world falls apart around us,
We believe in listening for the angels that say, "Do not be afraid,"
And in seeking out the Elizabeths in our lives—
Those who laugh with joy at our arrival
And throw open the doors to their homes.
We believe that healthy relationships can offer healing,
Through the laughter of cousins,
The joy shared between siblings,
And the home found in partnership.
Therefore, we believe in church families,
In chosen families,
And in the love that extends beyond family.
We believe in friendships,
In neighbors,
And in leaning on each other when the going gets tough.
We believe in the Triune God—
Lover, Beloved, and Love itself—
Inherently relational, always connected, and never alone.
We believe that that same belovedness exists for us.
We believe that we are loved and claimed,

Never alone.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Responsive Reading Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

89 ¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

² I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴ "I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations."

¹⁹ Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:

**"I have set the crown^[a] on one who is mighty,
I have exalted one chosen from the people.**

²⁰ I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;

²¹ my hand shall always remain with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.

²² The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.

²³ I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

²⁴ My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

²⁵ I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.

²⁶ He shall cry to me, **'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'**

Prayer for Illumination*

Holy God,
Before you could speak, you were speaking—
Leaping in wombs, kicking, stretching, jumping for joy.
You have always found a way to show up in our midst,
Particularly on our fearful or lonely days.
So today, as we crack open our Bibles,
Fluttering through these old beloved pages,
We ask that you would move again.
Stir in us.
Speak to us.
Fill us with the Holy Spirit.
And if we are not able to hear your Word clearly,
Then give us Elizabeths
Who will point out your presence in delight and joy.
Before you could speak, you were speaking,
So here and now, Creator God, we are listening.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

7 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of

cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³ Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders^[a] of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Hymn #113

"Angels We have Heard on High"

Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-45

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound

of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

Meditation

“Hey, Fear Not”

Dr. Jeff Beebe

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

We invite you now to spiritually unite with all the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church and with all the saints of the church in heaven and on earth, and partake of the Lord’s Supper. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Communion Prayer

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us. With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Sharing the Bread

This is the body of Christ, the bread of life—given for you. Amen.

Sharing the Cup

This is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation—shed for you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray: We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We lift up to you, this day, the joys and concerns of our hearts. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

"Joy to the World"

Antioch

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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.

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



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Brenda Digby	12/21
Ray Tipton	12/22
Bella Kaczmarek	12/24
Arnold Lema	12/24
Liz Monaco	12/28
Michele Peters	12/29
Karen Walker	12/29



BIBLE STUDY

Join us online every week for an Advent Bible Study titled "Those Who Dream" with Dr. Jeff Beebe.

MESSAGE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

The IRS requires that books for 2020 be closed on December 31. Make sure your title is postmarked by December 31 for your contribution to be applied to your 2020 contribution statement. You may also transfer ownership of stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares to Trinity. Marketable securities are a great way to maximize your giving, because you receive an immediate income tax deduction for the full fair market value of your securities. In addition, you pay no capital gains tax on the difference between your cost and the fair market value. Contact Martha Gioielli or Judy Grady for further instructions.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 20th:

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



Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th:



- **4pm Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary**: Handbells, Lessons and Carols; Reservations can be made online from the Church website or by calling the Church office during office hours. Masks and social distancing observed.
- **6:30pm Outdoor Candlelight Service at Florida Ag Museum Barn** : 7900 Old Kings Rd. Palm Coast, FL 32137
 - **Directions to the Florida Agricultural Barn from Trinity Presbyterian Church:**
 - Turn left onto Palm Harbor Parkway
 - 2.1 miles turn right onto Old Kings Road N
 - 4 miles turn right into the Florida Agricultural Museum.
(If you hit US 1 you have missed it)
 - Follow the luminaries to the parking lot.
- Join us for Online Worship at trinitypalmcoast.org or on Facebook: Trinity Presbyterian Church USA
- Worship independently by following along with the bulletin.

Holiday Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday, December 20th - 23rd : 9:00am – 12:00pm

Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, December 24th and 25th

Monday – Wednesday, December 28th - 30th : 9:00am – 12:00pm

Closed New Year's Eve & New Year's Day, December 31st and January 1st



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