

*First Sunday of Christmas, December 27, 2020*



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Welcome, Announcements and Preparation for Worship

Prelude "I Love You Lord" with "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Page

Call to Worship\* (Lay Reader: Online Service – Kay James; Live Service- Ginny Elgin)

One: Here on the heels of Christmas,

**All: We speak of love.**

One: We speak of joy.

**All: We speak of candle light and fireside.**

One: We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

**All: We speak of "glorias" and angel choruses.**

One: We speak the words, "Do not be afraid."

**All: Here on the heels of Christmas, we are called to speak, for the world needs a light.**

One: A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

**All: Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.**

Hymn #147 "The First Nowell" (verses 1-4) English Carol

1 The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. [Refrain]

2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

**Refrain:** Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Prayer of Confession\*

When I was in seventh grade, my youth pastor asked the group the question,  
"Where have you seen God today?"

Thinking that this must be a trick question, I began mentally racing through my day,  
trying to imagine what he could possibly mean.

Where had I seen God today? We had spent the day on a hiking trail!

All I had seen were people and nature.

As my panic settled into my gut and I was unable to answer the question,  
one of my peers began speaking.

She spoke of the beauty of the sunrise and how the gift of another day felt holy.

Then another friend spoke of the little girl we passed on the trail who had given her a wildflower—  
an act of random kindness to a complete stranger.

Another peer mentioned David, who had helped pick Josh up when he slipped in the mud,  
showing only genuine concern.

And on and on they went, until I began to see that God was everywhere,  
and it was not enough to keep it inside.

Seeing God in your midst is one thing. Speaking it out loud for all to hear, that's entirely different.

The world needs this good news. We are not called to be silent.

So family of faith, please repeat after me our prayer of confession:

**God of today and tomorrow,**

**We know that your fingerprints are all over this world.**

**And we know that those who dream cannot keep silent.**

**So today we pray, give us eyes to see you.**

**Give us courage to trust you.**

**And give us lips to speak of you in our midst.**

**Gratefully we pray, 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 – Jill Koenig, Flute

"Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Bach

Moments with Children

## Affirmation of Faith\*

One: We believe in telling the story—

**All: The story of a loving and merciful God, who will not let God's people go;  
The story of a baby who grew up and changed the world; The story of our faith.**

One: We believe in speaking up—

**All: For our neighbors, for the oppressed, for the overlooked and marginalized.**

One: We believe in speaking out—

**All: Against violence, greed, abuse, fear, scarcity mindset, and bigotry.**

One: We believe in passing the mic—

**All: So that we are not the only ones speaking, so that we can lift up the voices of those around us,  
so that we too might listen and learn.**

One: We believe in the good news of the gospel.

**All: We believe that this good news is too good to keep to ourselves.**

**We believe that those who dream cannot keep silent.**

One: Speak to us, Holy God.

**All: Speak through us, Holy God. 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 148

## Prayer for Illumination\*

Divine Voice,

In the beginning, it was you who spoke over the water and brought forth creation.

And then it was you who asked, "Cain, where is your brother?"

It was you who spoke to Elijah in a still, small, voice.

And it was you, through angels, who spoke to Mary and Joseph and the shepherds.

You have always been speaking—

In words, in memories, in songs, and in dreams.

So today, as we prepare to hear your word read aloud,

We ask that you would speak to us once again—as only you can—

So that we might speak this same good news to others.

We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

## Hymn #145

"What Child Is This"

Greensleeves

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
 The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:22-40  
 Meditation "Here He Is!" Dr. Jeff Beebe  
 Blessing and Charge  
 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 "Carol of Bells" arr. Smith  
*\*Prayer by Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org.*



**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](http://www.trinitypalmcoast.org).

**MESSAGE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Make sure your tithe is postmarked by December 31 for your contribution to be applied to your 2020 contribution statement.

***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](mailto:trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com). Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

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| Jason Bradley*        | Stanley Hannum*           | Declan Mitchell*       | <b>Gloria Scandariato</b>     |
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*Sympathy is extended to **Queenester Jones** and family, on the death of her husband **Sylvester Jones** on December 14, 2020. A service will be held at a later date.*

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **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; *Bring a mask and chair.*
  - **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](http://trinitypalmcoast.org) or on Facebook: Trinity Presbyterian Church USA
- Worship independently by following along with the bulletin.

#### **First Sunday of Christmas - Sunday, December 27th:**

- 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.
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### TRINITY EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us to move closer to Jesus. We invite you to be a part of Trinity's first Drive-Thru Epiphany Celebration on Sunday, January 3, 2021 from 3pm-5pm.



A New Year's opportunity for you to be blessed and to be a blessing to others.



#### **Holiday Church Office Hours**

**Monday – Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> : 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> : 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Closed New Year's Eve & New Year's Day, December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>**



*The flowers adorning the Sanctuary are given by the following members and friends of Trinity:*

Ajit and Uma Banerjee

*In memory of our parents*

Mary Batailo

*In loving memory of family and friends*

Bill & Sandy Boland

*In memory of our daughter, Cindy, and grandchildren Michael, Seaton, and Ellie*

Bill & Libbie Butler

*In memory of Tiffany Butler, our angel, who continues to inspire us and for Jeanette Belt, whose faith and positive attitude continues to inspire us.*

Priscilla Cahill

*In memory of Robert Cahill*

Evelyn & Gary Clickard

*In memory of Carrie L. Clickard*

Carol Corson

*In memory of my mother, Virginia T. Doyle*

Carol Desiderio

*In honor of the birth of Jesus Christ*

Muriel Fallon

*In memory of my brother, Tom Twist, who passed away from the Covid virus and to honor the Twist, Kimack & Fallon families*

Rich & Jane Gaulding

*In memory of our mothers-Doris Palien and Marie Rucker and to honor Jane's 97 year old Dad, Julian Palien, and all our family members.*

John & Sandy Glasner

*In memory of Lowell and Gladys Alexander*

Carol Graff

*In memory of Jon Graff*

Dina Lee & Peter Hernandez

*In memory of our mothers, Bienveniva Hernandez and Ruth Doran*

Kay James

*In memory of my husband, Ed, & my parents and to honor my children*

Nick & Kelli Jebbia

*In memory of Anthony Jebbia, Nick's father, Stacey Jebbia Klebe, Nick's mother and Don & Lou Farlow, Kelli's parents. To honor our 20 year marriage embraced in love, faith, hope and peace.*

Bruce and Bud Jones

*In memory of Ruth and Orval Jones – Merry Christmas to our wonderful parents from your loving sons*

Isabel K. Jones

*To honor all the caring workers in these difficult times – heartfelt thanks!*



Shelley Kleinfelder

*To honor my children and grands – John, Patrick, Summer, Lexie, Zach, Drew and Adam*

The Kleinfelder Family

*In memory of Fred (Papa) Kleinfelder*

The Markiewicz Family

*In memory of Jim, Sherry, Karen and Jayme*

Sharon Matarazzo

*In memory of Charles and Julie Jackson, missed by their children*

Ken & Diane Mettler

*In memory of our parents, Carl & Katharine Euker and Percy & Olivia Mettler*

Bonnie Palatini

*In memory of John Palatini to honor his second Birthday in heaven!*

Paul & Maudie Parker

*In memory of Joann Morris*

Fred & Jane Pellmann

*In memory of our parents, John & Dorothy Barrie and Theodore & Gertrude Pellmann*

Norma Rogero

*In memory of Tom Rogero*

Leslie Russo

*In memory of my mother, Barbara Daniel, and my in-laws, Helen and Don Russo, Sr.  
To honor my father, Eugene Daniel*

Del & Jeannette Smith

*To honor our beloved family*

Judy Spurrell

*In memory of my husband Greg*

Lillian Warner

*In memory of my husband, Jim, parents and friend, Carolyn*

Ron & Penny Weidner

*In memory of our son, Michael Weidner, and our parents*

Shirley, Matt, Kristi, Andrew, & Joshua Wilson

*In memory of Robert Wilson from his loving family*

Joan Zicht

*In memory of my beloved husband Roy Zicht*

