

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

December 19, 2021



seeking  
sanctuary  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Fourth Sunday of Advent "Love" • December 19, 2021 • 10:00a.m.

Prelude "Away in a Manger" arr. Che

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Interlude "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

+Advent Candle Lighting: *Wes, Molly, Mackenzie and Riley MacDonald*

We are seeking—  
deeper faith, a place to belong,  
the feeling that God is here in this room.

**We are seeking—  
joy that overflows, the courage to love,  
the conviction to act in the face of injustice.**

We are seeking, but here in this space —

**We are found. This is our sanctuary. God's love is here.**

God's love is like an open door, the roof over our heads and the floor  
beneath our feet.

**God's love is the streetlight that guides us home and a table with  
room for everyone.**

Today we light the candle of love to remind us of the truth that God's  
love is a home for all, for you and me, for neighbors and strangers.

**May this light of love burn brightly in this space and even brighter in  
our hearts. Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn #110 "Love Has Come"

1 Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
Hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of His mother;  
What is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

3 Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

+Call to Confession

Mary's world turned upside down with the visit of an angel.  
This is a moment we can relate to, because over the course of the last  
year and a half, our world has seemed to turn upside down more than  
once.

When those moments come, we hope to respond with grace; but more  
often than not, fear can get the best of us. So today we turn to God in  
prayer, asking for God's guidance and grace in the places and moments  
we need it most. Let us pray together now...

+Prayer of Confession

**God of safe spaces, we wish we were more like Mary, who in the face  
of great change, went and sought help. She did not wait for help to  
find her; she walked to the shelter she needed. Too often we wait  
silently for the world to change around us instead of speaking up for  
the things we need. Forgive us for failing to care for ourselves the way  
you would care for us. Give us the courage to be more like Mary.  
God of safe places, we wish we were more like Elizabeth, who greeted  
Mary with laughter and contagious joy. How many people have  
crossed our doorstep and how many times have we failed to see  
them? Give us the courage of Mary, and the grace of Elizabeth.  
Gratefully we pray, amen. (Silence for Reflection)**

+Declaration of Forgiveness

Family of faith, even if we miss the person standing on our doorstep,  
even if we fail to care for ourselves the way God would care for us, even  
if we forget and ignore, turn away and shut down, God still loves us.  
There is nothing we can do to lose God's love.

**Rest in this promise:**

If we get lost,  
**we will be found.**

If we mess up,  
**we are forgiven.**

If we withhold love,  
**God is lavish in loving us.**

We are claimed. We are loved. We are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Anthem

"How Great our Joy"

arr. Lamb

Handbell Choir

The Way Home

+Poem

*Come on Home*

We all know the feeling—  
the shaky ground, sinking sand, water-is-rising,  
sun-is-fading feeling that makes steady breathing an entire miracle,  
and holding back tears a marvel in and of itself.  
And when those days come, I call my parents.  
And I call my church, and I call my friends, and they say in unison  
what God has said from the very beginning, which is, "Come on home."  
Is there anything more healing than an open door?  
If you're seeking sanctuary, if the waters are rising—listen.  
It may be hard to hear, but God is always saying, "Come on home."

+Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,  
We come to your Scripture today hoping that it will feel a bit like an  
open door, like Elizabeth welcoming Mary, like coming home.  
We want to fall into it.  
We want to find sanctuary here.  
We want to breathe easier just hearing these words.

And we want to find ourselves laughing because this good news is just too good to keep inside.

So hover close to us now, we pray.

Open the door to our hearts so that we might find sanctuary in your words.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Scripture Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Meditation "Dances For Joy" Rev. Jeff Beebe

\*Affirmation of Faith (by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing)

**We believe that God has come to us;  
that God brought us into being,  
that this God gave us breath and purpose,  
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,  
that we have fallen short of this commandment  
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;  
that God is not happy to leave us alone,  
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,  
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,  
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,  
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.**

**We believe that God will come to us;  
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,  
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,  
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,  
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,  
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"**

Prayers of the People and 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.**

\*Hymn #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**1** Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

**2** Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. **[Refrain]**

**3** Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. **[Refrain]**

<sup>+</sup>Benediction - As you leave *this* service, *your* service begins:

**Comfort the homesick. Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary.  
Be brave enough to go home by another way. And remember that  
here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon.**

**In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—go in peace.**

Postlude "Joy to the World" arr. Che

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes please stand if able.

WORSHIP NOTES

**Greeters:** Susan Kopyar & Gene Johnson  
**Ushers:** Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner,  
Bill & Sandy Boland, Tracy Martin & Jan Markiewicz  
**Lay Reader:** Joan Zicht **Audio Tech:** Steve Yeh  
**Live-Stream Tech:** Jeff Cooke and Ken Mettler

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

**Jean & Roger Ailshie, Bob Aitken, Gail Alvaro, Mary Batailo, Andrew Billings, Bret Bosier, Jason Bradley\*, Doris Boone, Francine Brown, Al Burgess, Jasper Casey, John Decina, Maverick Dennis\*, Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, Joe Digby\*, Patrick Floyd\*, Clarisa Gibson, Sandy Glasner, Stanley Hannum\*, Pat Head, Bob Healey, Clark Hessen, A.J. Jebbia, Vicki Jebbia, Bob Johnson, Javan N. Jones\*, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Susan Kopyar, Bruce Lee, Florence Lyman, Marissa Mallicote, Ed Manen, Jan Markiewicz, Lynn Martin, Sue McCarthy, Walt McRae, Marie McCray, Declan Mitchell\*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, Pastor Mark Odle, Rev. David Oertel, Joseph C. Orr\*, Howard Parker, William Patterson, Janet Pegg, Bea Pison, Helene Read, Ginny Reisinger, Bradford Robinson, Jennifer Sheringham\*, Lois Settles, Joe Shull, Diane Simmons, Bonnie Slager, Gene Thrower, Brooke Tucker, Ryan Tugas\*, Ben Whitenack, Matthew Winterheimer\*, Kenny Wittmer, Norma Warwell**

We are happy to pray for you and your loved ones. If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know: trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

CLOSE TO HOME

The icon in our *Close to Home* logo conveys a theological concept of home. The hands express our deep longing for connection, intimacy, and for God to come close. As the hands—representing both God's hands and the hands of humanity—draw closer to one another, they form a structure of home. The home structure is not one dimensional; it expands outward, with a doorway offering an open invitation to us all. The hands break through the house structure, centering human connection and mirroring the inbreaking of God in our lives. The logo is both structural and personal, comforting and nostalgic—reminding us of the ways God's home is close but not yet complete."

TRINITY BY THE NUMBERS - END OF NOVEMBER

Total Giving (revenues)	\$312,365.56
Total Expenses	\$313,545.16

We have received \$1,179.60 less in total giving than total expenses year to date.

Pledge Update – We had received 99 pledges for \$185,701.00. Thanks to those of you who have prayerfully considered your commitment to the work and mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church. If you are still considering your support, we look forward to receiving your pledge of continuing support for God's works.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:



Lorrie Blue-Angle	12/20
Brenda Digby	12/21
Ray Tipton	12/22
Bella Kaczmarek	12/24
Arnold Lema	12/24

ADVENT SPIRAL WALK AND PRAYER ROOM

This Advent Season, we are pleased to once again offer an Advent Spiral Walk. The spiral is set up in the Chapel and will remain there throughout December. You are invited to the Chapel either before Worship, after Worship or during the week to take time to ponder, pray and prepare for Advent. Each week, a different prayer station will invite you to prepare for Advent. You are then encouraged to walk the spiral, taking time to ponder and pray.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- ❖ **4pm Candlelight Service with Communion in the Sanctuary**  
Service will be in-person and live-streamed at trinitypalmcoast.org
- ❖ **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:**  
-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 light to the parking lot.

This Week in our Church

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00 noon

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) In-person and Live-Stream  
3:00 PM Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)  
5:30 PM Family Movie Night (Courtyard)

Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:15 PM AA (Mehaffey)

Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:15 AM Advent Study with Dr. Beebe

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Candlelight Service with Communion in the Sanctuary  
6:30 PM Outdoor Candlelight Service at Florida Ag Museum Barn  
6:30 PM NA (Mehaffey)

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) In-person and Live-Stream

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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.