

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

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1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

## WELCOME

## THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## PRELUDE

*Shepherds and Angels by Handel/Smart arr. Larry Shackley*

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—Candle of Hope

*George and Penny Fraley*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

**All: We can see a better world.**

One: When we close our eyes,

**All: We can dream a better dream.**

One: But when we open our eyes,

**All: We begin the work of faith.**

One: So come in. Dream your dream.

**All: Find hope here.**

## OPENING HYMN #88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

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

4. O come, Thou Rod 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

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go. Refrain

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

Special seasons give us an opportunity to focus more intently upon our spiritual lives and to discern where we need to grow. In the spirit of Advent, let us open ourselves to self-examination and identify where we can become more Christ-like.

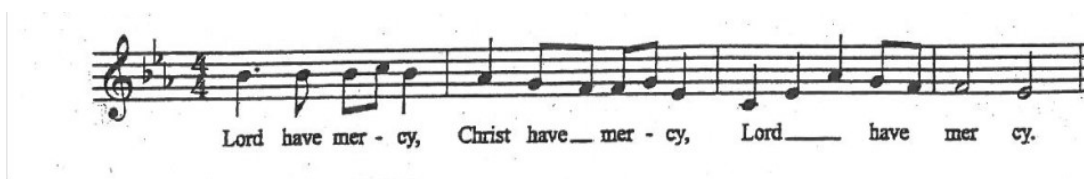
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**O God, we stand before you this morning fully aware that we need help. We have not withstood the temptations to advance our own agendas at the expense of the needs of others. We know that the world is a violent and messy place and while we offer our thoughts and prayers for its victims, we do little or nothing to solve the problems. We want you to do it for us. Forgive our complacency and help us to live up to our convenantal responsibilities to partner with you in bringing peace and goodwill to all humanity.**

**Minute of Silent Personal Confession** *Let us sing to the Lord...*

## KYRIE—ALL SING



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

God will keep calling and keep calling and keep calling until we answer. So let us accept forgiveness, but let us also pick up the phone. In the name of the coming Christ. **Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Ave Maria by Caccini/Vavilov arr. Nick Ingman  
Soloist: Kerrie Olzak*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 8:1-7; 17-19

***Refrain: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Mark 13:24-37

## SERMON

*Woke, Yet?*

*Rev. Tom Dunlap*

## MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### HYMN #82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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.

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.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: We believe in God.

**All: We believe that God has dreams for humanity.**

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

**All: We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.**

One: We believe in Jesus.

**All: We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, Inviting us to be the church in the world.**

One: We believe in dreams.

**All: We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.**

One: So in this Advent season,

**All: We are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **CALL TO PRAYER**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Come, Let Us Dream*

Come, let us dream God's dream again,  
Come, one and all, let us ascend  
the mountain top where those of old  
saw God's new day on earth unfold.

The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,  
the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,  
the lowly raised, the proud brought low.  
This is God's dream: let justice flow.

When hatred ends and war shall cease,  
so all may dwell in deepest peace,  
then be assured the time is near  
when perfect love casts out all fear.

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

## **POSTLUDE**

*He Whom Shepherds Once Came Praising; German carol arr. Lani Smith*

*Portion of today's liturgy are from Those Who Dream, Words for Worship for Advent-Epiphany, Year B,  
"Adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org."*

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