

LIGHTING OF INDIVIDUAL CANDLES

Flame from the Christ Candle will be brought to the candles of people on the center aisle. As you receive the light, please pass it to your neighbor until all have received the light, symbolizing the light that we received from Christ and carry into the world. At the end of the charge and blessing, please extinguish your candle and return candle and holder to the baskets as you leave.

*CAROL #122

Silent Night

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella: French carol tune
arr. Douglas Wagner
Brandon Reese, saxophone*

Liturgist	George Fraley
Candle Lighters	George and Penny Fraley
Readers	Kurt Schuler, Barb Pratt, Debi Hess
Soloist	Eileen Dyer
Guest Musician	Brandon Reese, saxophone
Ushers	Deb Hess, Debbie Johnson
Communion Servers	Kurt and Donna Schuler
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Kate Mauch

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

Portions of today’s liturgy *Portion of today’s liturgy are from Close to Home, Words for Worship for Advent-Epiphany, Year C, “Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org.”*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2021 5:00 PM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

What Shall We Give?; Catalan carol arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—The Christ Candle

*CAROL #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, We’ve heard this story a million times—
Mary and Joseph, the angels, the shepherds.
We’ve heard it a million times,
but we want to hear it like it’s the first.
So move among us. Circle back. Draw close.
Crack open our hearts and fill them with your goodness. Help us to hear
what it is you might be saying to us
with curiosity, joy, and hope.
This is an invitation. Come be here with us.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.

FIRST LESSON: John 1:1-14

***CAROL #114**

Away in a Manger

SECOND LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Cantique de Noël by Adolphe Adam
Soloist: Eileen Dyer*

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:8-15

***CAROL #112**

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (Sussex Carol)

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:16-20

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Tell the Story

Rev. Kate Mauch

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, We trust in God the Holy Spirit.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord..

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God,
Your story is one that forever invites us
to be our full selves,
to take up space,
to go where we feel called,
and to allow this community to feel like home.
So use these gifts to keep building your home here.
With gratitude as tall as the ceiling, we pray. **Amen.**

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER (see insert)

*The Lord's Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents' blessing.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

We come to the Table this morning seeking healing and peace.

We seek healing from all within and without us that dwells in darkness.

We seek the light of your Presence to illuminate that darkness.

We seek peace from the restlessness of the world and that in our own souls.

We need the assurance of your steadfast love.

All: And so be with us as we come together as a community of faith to share this meal in full confidence of your mercy, forgiveness and promise of a life lived eternal with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CAROL #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

CAROL #114

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

CAROL #112

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (Sussex Carol)

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
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News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad.
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Since our Redeemer made us glad.
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before his grace
Then life and health come in its place.
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Then life and health come in its place.
Heaven and earth with joy may sing
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night.
"Glory to God in highest heaven;
Peace on earth and good will. Amen!"

CLOSING HYMN

Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born.