

***CLOSING HYMN**

Our Father

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night by Georg Handel*
arr. Fred Bock

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Cindie Postell
Candle Lighters	Marty and Jennifer Reese
Ushers	Ginny Kramer, Edna Campbell, Linda North
Communion Servers	Donna Schuler, Linda North, Emmanuel Bime, Wilson Tayong
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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2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Gesu Bambino by Yon/Wade arr. Larry Shackley*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—Peace

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
If life was a home, then we would pray—
may love be the foundation. May God be the cornerstone.
May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.
And may hope be the walls—holding us together.
In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.
We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.
Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.
Let us worship Holy God.

***OPENING HYMN #**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our scripture passage for today, Zechariah, a new father, speaks to his newborn son, John the Baptist, for the very first time. I want you to imagine yourself in his shoes . . . What would you say to a newborn sleeping in your arms? What would you want them to know on their very first day? What would feel important?

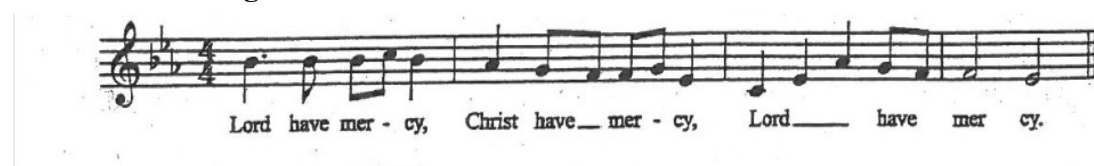
I imagine that all of you would speak words of love. It’s impossible not to speak words of love when you’re holding a baby, and yet as we grow up, that skill tends to become harder for us to practice. So let us return to our foundation—to words of love, starting with love for ourselves. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, When John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Gratefully we pray, amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of faith, No matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: “You are loved; you are forgiven.” That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home... There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news: **We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen**

ANTHEM

(See insert for congregational verse)

Stir Up Your Power by Linda Shute

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Children’s Sermon

(The children will be dismissed to Children’s Church after the Children’s Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, ...we admit, listening has never been our greatest gift. We are easily distracted, ... So today we bow our heads and ask for help. Settle our hearts. Quiet our minds... Help us to rest in you. Help us to listen for your good news. Gratefully we pray, **amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:57-80

SERMON

Laying the Foundation

Rev. Kate Mauch

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, You are our home. You and your goodness are the place we return to, the place we long to lay our head. So today as we offer you these gifts, we pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect ...a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, **Amen**.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS’ SUPPER (see insert)

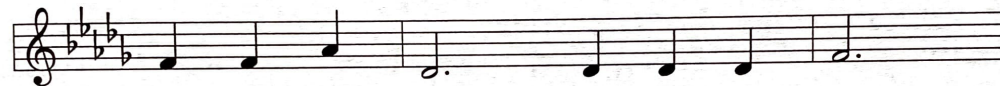
*The Lord’s Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents’ blessing.
Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.*

ANTHEM (congregation sings the verse)

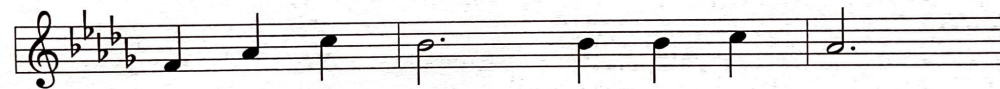
Stir Up Your Power

Sung by choir

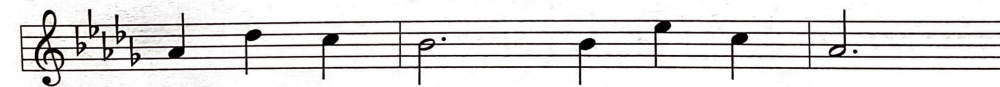
- 1 Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come.
Again we pray, "Your will be done."
May Advent blue to us foretell
the echo of Emmanuel.
- 2 Is heaven's moment far or near?
And when will Jesus reappear?
The coming dawn is our delight
in this, the darkest hour of night.
- 3 We could inside the church remain,
like dry ground watching for the rain.
We could decide to sit and wait
as Jesus we anticipate.



But we must keep hands to the plow;



God's time is both not yet and now.



Our faith in - forms what we shall do.



May Christ re - turn and find us true.

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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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION #505

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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.**

See Closing Hymn

OPENING HYMN #105

People, Look East

1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION#505**

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

1. The trumpets sound; the angels sing;
The feast is ready to begin.
The gates of Heaven are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
The feast is ready to begin.

2. Tables are laden with good things;
O taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine.

Refrain

3. The hungry heart He satisfies,
Offers the poor His paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain