

\*CLOSING HYMN #105

*People, Look East*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Carol of the Bells by Mikhail Leontovich*

**Congregation remains seated**

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Liturgist	George Fraley
Candle Lighters	Glenn and Marta Mojzer
Ushers	Ginny Kramer, Debi Hess, Linda North
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Kate Mauch

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**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 Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol.1, 2013, Westminster John Knox Press and Advent 2022 Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgies, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, written by the Rev. Tom Moore 07/10, Pastor of Center PC, McMurray, PA.*

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church



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Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

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## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

**GATHERING MUSIC** *Mary, Did You Know? by Greene/Lowry arr. Dan Coates*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—Hope**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The Apostle reminds us: “Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.”

**People: We light this candle in the hope that “the night is far gone; the day is near.”**

Leader: May this hope guide us in a spirit of attentiveness this Advent season,

**People: As we daily walk in the way of the One whom we await.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: The days are short and busy, the stores are full, the rush has begun.

**People: The season seems to move ever faster, passing us by.**

Liturgist: And yet there is a still, small voice, calling us to a sacred pause.

**People: There is hope here, in the pause, in the lighting of a candle.**

Liturgist: Let us be still and breathe in the hope of this season.

**All: Let us worship God in the pause, in the waiting, for the Messiah is near.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #88 (verses 1-4)**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us start this season in truth by looking inward and confessing our sins to the God in which all our hope rests.

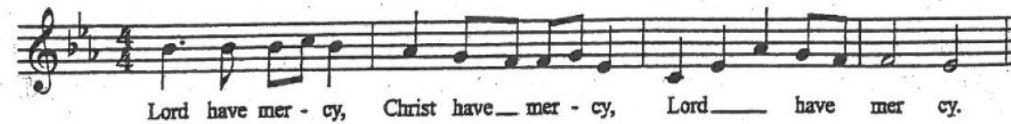
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Hope, the world is covered in lights, and joyful songs fill the air. It is easy for us to believe that all is well. Not all is merry and bright, however. We confess that our hearts do not always match our cheery decorations. We confess that we have failed to live the words of peace we speak, we have failed to love brother and sister the rest of the year, and we have failed to place You above all else in our lives. Yet you see all the flaws the bright decorations hide. Have mercy on us, give us rest from our sins, and make the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts match the beauty and holiness of this sacred season. In in the name of infant king, Amen.**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

KYRIE—All Sing



### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news. For God so loved the world God would become flesh that we might know God. God laid in a manger that we might be transformed. God died for us that we might live. See the tiny infant, and know that he stretches out his hands for you. Rest here, in this pause, and know that you are forgiven. Go in peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Mary's Little Boy Child by Jester Hairston*  
*Soloist: Eileen Dyer*

## 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 of Hope, our lives are so busy and our mind so full, especially this season. Quiet all the distractions, and allow us to be still in this moment, that we might hear the promises you have for us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON

*A Sacred Pause - Hope*

*Rev. Kate Mauch*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

\*HYMN #97

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God created all that is or was, all that ever will be, all that ever could be.

We believe that God created the world, and us, perfect, but we thought that the created things could do better than the creator, and so transgressed this perfect world.

We believe that God patiently dealt with us though the millennia, sending us many prophets to teach us and convict us, to guide us and to prepare the way for the promise that was to come.

We believe that God so loved us that God sent God's only son to dwell among us. The birth of this precious son, Jesus, was long awaited by our ancestors, and it is their waiting we remember this season.

We believe that Jesus lived a perfect life among us, was murdered for our sins, and rose again, showing us God's great love was greater than anything we could fathom.

We believe that Jesus will come again, not as Mary's tiny infant, but as a triumphant king, and by his coming will restore all things to that perfect world God intended. It is this waiting we continue this season, trusting in the promise that is to come.

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Praise God, all creatures high and low Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Hope, we remember your limitless love and generosity this season, and we worship you with these humble gifts. Accept these offerings, and may they be used to further your kingdom, here and everywhere the curse still echoes. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

**OPENING HYMN #88** (*verses 1-4*)

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

***Refrain***

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all thing mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.

***Refrain***

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***

O come, thou Root 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***

**HYMN #97**

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
What its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, what a wondrous sight:  
See that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
News of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
Peace and truth its course protends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own;  
See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, shadows take their flight;  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, you may go your way;  
Hasten to your quiet home.  
Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!

**CLOSING HYMN #105**

*People, Look East*

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: Love the guest in on the way

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: Love the rose is on the way.

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: Love the bird is on the way.

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: Love the star is on the way.

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.