

***CLOSING HYMN**

Our Father

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Fröhliche Weihnacht; German carol arr. Carsten Gerlitz

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Debbie Johnson
Candle Lighters	The Schuler Family
Ushers	Kurt Schuler, Marta Mojzer, Allison Schuler
Communion Servers	Donna Schuler, Cindie, Postell, Emmanuel Bime, Wilson Tayong
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

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.*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



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2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Leise rieselt der Schnee by Eduard Ebel arr. Carsten Gerlitz*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—Love

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: John cries out: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

People: We light this candle in love, trusting that the Holy One who loves us will shape our hearts and minds.

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

People: As we daily walk in the way of the kingdom we await.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord’s name be praised.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,
welcomes you to this place.

As one body, with one voice,

**we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,
counsel, knowledge, and joy.**

Amen. So be it.

*OPENING HYMN #77

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

CALL TO CONFESSION

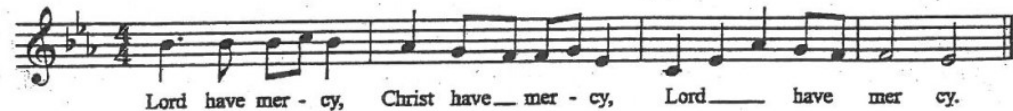
Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

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

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness. You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life. Rejoice and believe.

ANTHEM

Christmas Bells Sing-a-Long

Please join the Trinity Bell Choir in three carols (found in your insert)

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

Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-9
Matthew 3:1-2

SERMON

A Sacred Pause- Yearnings

Rev. Tom Dunlap

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count. Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way. Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

O du fröhliche; German carol arr. Carsten Gerlitz

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

We give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things: for this universe and for Earth itself, for creatures and plants, for water and food, for light and darkness; for Jesus, our brother, who enlarged our vision, setting himself before us as the bread and wine of abundant life; and for the Holy Spirit, who comes to us in baptism and moves in our midst with the power to lead us to you. Turn our offerings to your good will, and turn us always to you in gratitude. 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.

OPENING HYMN #77*Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old*

Isaiah the prophet has written of old
 how God's new creation shall come.
 Instead of the thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow;
 the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.
 The mountains and hills shall burst forth into song,
 the peoples be led forth in peace,
 for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God
 as the waters cover the sea.

Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world,
 and conflict turns parent from child.
 Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth,
 the brier and the thorn tree grow wild.
 God, bring to fruition your will for the earth,
 that no one shall hurt or destroy,
 that wisdom and justice shall reign in the land
 and your people shall go forth in joy.

ANTHEM**O Come All Ye Faithful**

1 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!

2 True God from true God,
 Light from Light eternal,
 born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
 very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

Away in a Manger

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

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 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.

3 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.

*Christmas Bells Sing-a-Long***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 th'angelic hosts proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of the Virgin's womb:
 veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 hail th'incarnate Deity,
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

We come to this Table because we desire a relationship with you beyond the fulfillment of duty and obligation.

We come because we are bursting with gratitude for the priceless gift of your Son.

So we lift up our hearts with joy!

We kneel before you to express our adoration.

Thank you, Lord, for inviting us to this banquet.

We humbly accept your invitation.

HYMN OF PREPARATION # 517

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine. In which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

See Closing Hymn

***HYMN #517**

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all our weariness upon you lean.

Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load,
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.