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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Wexford Carol
arr. by Susan Rucker

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you
All: **And also with you**

* Call to Worship

Hope Is a Light v. 2

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:
People: "Prepare the way of the Lord."
Leader: A choir sings in the silence,
People: "Come, Emmanuel."
Leader: Every valley shall be filled.
People: Every heart shall be made whole
Leader: for peace is stronger than turmoil,
People: and love is louder than hate.

Peace is a prayer

Leader: As we light our second Advent candle
People: we pray for the holy peace of God.
Leader: Come now, O Child of Mary.
People: Come now, Emmanuel, God with us.

* Gathering Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Glory to God #88, v. 1, 4, 6 & 7

* Invitation to Confession

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Holy One,
Christ is coming and your kingdom is drawing near.
We cannot remain unchanged.
As we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace,
we acknowledge where we have wandered away from you.
We have neglected to plead the case of the poor,
and ignored the needs of the afflicted.
We have denied our part in systems that oppress,
and turned a blind eye toward injustice.**

**Forgive us O God.
By the power of your Spirit,
renew our minds, transform our hearts
and set our feet on the path that leads to peace.
Amen.**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Emmanuel, God-with-us, is coming.
In Jesus,
God reclaims, redeems, and restores
all of creation.
Believe the good news:
through this grace,
our sins are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God – Amen!**

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: **And also with you**

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you

*** Song of Praise**

Angels We Have Heard on High
Glory to God #113, v. 1

Prayer for Illumination

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Retelling the Story **Mary, the Angel and Elizabeth**

Anthem

The Angel Gabriel

*** Prayer for Illumination**

Message

Rev. Mel Smith

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: **we lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise the Lord our God

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

by Christian Hendricks

Piano

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is for piano and is in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of 10 measures. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The score ends with a double bar line.

Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

by Christian Hendricks

1. 2. 3. 4.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain. A - - - men.

The musical score is for a single melodic line in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of 10 measures. The lyrics are: "1. Christ has died, 2. Christ is ri - sen, 3. Christ will come a - gain. 4. A - - - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Song of Distribution

While We Are Waiting, Come
Glory to God #92, v. 1-3

Prayer After Communion (unison)

**God of provision,
we rejoice that you satisfy our needs.
By your presence in this meal
you have fed and strengthened us
as a mother nourishes her child.
In this season of waiting,
fill us with hopeful expectation
that we may see the signs of your kingdom
all around us and rejoice in your coming salvation and glory. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the offering

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
by Elizabeth Poston, arr. by Carl Schalk

* Doxology

We Are an Offering
Glory to God #710, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God,
out of gratitude for all that you have given, we bring our offerings.
Receive them we pray and by the power of your Spirit,
turn them into instruments of peace:
comforting the sick, welcoming strangers,
offering shelter and proclaiming your love.
This we pray in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.
Amen.**

* Song of Service

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
Glory to God #100, v.1-4

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

In the Bleak Midwinter
arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Please join us in the chapel after worship for fellowship!

Participants in Today's Worship

Acolyte – Natalie Chen

Advent Candle Lighters – Anna Gardner-Andrews Moffat, Chris Moffat, Raymond & Eli

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Amelia Henderson

Preacher – Rev Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss

Ushers – DeAnne & Gordon Brown, John & Corie Merker

Handbell Choir:

Kevin Harkins, Barry Rudert, Blair Rudert, Rose Rudert, Rachel Presti, Cricket Gordon, Jayne Howard, Emily Kelton

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – Nigel Holloway, Brian Schroer, Clayton Mathews (Section Leader)

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR DECEMBER 4, 2022

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

This Advent season, Trinity will be supporting the critical work of Saint Louis Crisis Nursery. For over 36 years, the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery has been committed to preventing child abuse and neglect. The Crisis Nursery provides a short-term, safe haven for almost 5,000 children a year, birth through age 12, whose families face an emergency caused by illness, homelessness, domestic violence or overwhelming parental stress. Providing respite care to stressed parents in crisis can prevent child abuse.

In support of the Nursery, we will be collecting items baby Jesus would need if born today. Collection areas will be in the Narthex and Kingsland church entrances beginning Sunday, November 27 through Christmas Eve, December 24.

Blankets
Pacifiers
Training pants
Soy formula

Anti-gas formula
Anti-reflux formula
Baby wipes
Large size diapers

Kitchen Cabinet Future Gatherings

Discussions were had and the future meetings of the Kitchen Cabinet will be in Person the First Thursday's of the month, and on Zoom the Third Thursday's of the month. See below for our tentative schedule:

Next gatherings:

Thursday, December 15 - Zoom

Thursday, January 5 at Trinity, Weems Chapel

Thursday, January 19 - Zoom

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

Trinity is "broadcasting" our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on. Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

While we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us. Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Pastor the Reverend Mel Smith. You also can email her directly at melanie.smith@trinityucity.org

Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged! Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att'n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

1) Text the code TPCDONATE \$[your gift] to 73256. You'll receive a text back with a link that lets you complete your online donation.

2) Log in to your Onrealm account (onrealm.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

Session

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

Deacons

Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Christy Schindler