

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Order of Worship for December 5, 2021
Second Sunday in Advent Celebrating Peace**

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude –
Call to Worship

The mighty God summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.
Our God comes and will not be silent.
God calls, and we respond to his love.
The heavens declare God's righteousness.
We tell out God's glories! Offer up to God your thanksgiving.
And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.
—based on Psalm 50:1-3, 6

Lighting the Advent Candles

Sharon and Megan Davis

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.
We light this candle in hope. Light the first candle.
We light this candle for peace. Light the second candle.

Hear Zechariah's song of hope for peace to the Christ child.

"You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people

by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:76-79:

Let us pray:

God of hope, Prince of Peace,
You speak peace into the world
in the Way of the Christ child.
Help us embody your peace
and live as peacemakers
that we may called children of God.
God of hope, God of peace,
Meet us in our place of need.

Our Response **He Came Down**

**He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forevermore.**

Call to Confession

In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.
Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the Lord is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

—Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

Prayer of Confession

**While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever,
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.
Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee,
for not reading your Word,
for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins.
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!
Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,
we may have a fresh sense of your presence
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.**

Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.
In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come.
Thanks be to God!
—based on Psalm 85:9-13, NRSV

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of
Israel,
for he has looked favorably on
his people and redeemed
them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty
savior for us
in the house of his servant
David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth
of his holy prophets from
of old,
⁷¹ that we would be saved from
our enemies and from the
hand of all who hate us.
⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy
promised to our

ancestors,
and has remembered his
holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our
ancestor Abraham,
to grant us⁷⁴ that we, being
rescued from the hands of
our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and
righteousness
before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the
prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation
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Sermon –

Praying for the Peace

Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

*Hymn Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op - pressed, and
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our
 Is our Lord in heav - en a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 on To the place where He is gone.

Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]**

Postlude

Liturgist: Meryl Davis

Head Deacons: Cindy Williams

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of my
grandmother Alice Evans.

Given by: Ken Jones