



Pensacola, Florida
December 6, 2020 10:30 a.m.

**Indicates times when all who are able may stand.*



Chiming of The Hour

Prelude "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" Handel

Welcome and Congregational Life Announcements

Lighting of The Advent Candle "Light of Light" Joel Raney
Featuring The Handbell Choir and Hyunjoo Kim, piano

Congregation sings

Light of Light, we humbly pray;
Shine in our hearts today.
Dispel the gloom and dark of night;
Fill all the world with love and light.

REFRAIN: Voices cry out from a world in grief.
Prayers of those who seek relief.
End their darkness, hear their call
For peace on earth, good will for all.

Liturgist: Allison Jones

Responsive Litany

ONE: Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions.

ALL: Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

ONE: Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

ALL: Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

ONE: Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

ALL: Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

ONE: Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

ALL: Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

Candle Lighting

Today we light two candles – the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This second candle reminds us that in sending Christ, God sent us peace that passes all understanding. Peace of heart and mind, because through God's grace, we were given a Savior. Because of Christ we can live our lives with a sense of calm assurance, and we can be instruments that spread peace to the world.

Congregation sings Refrain

REFRAIN: Voices cry out from a world in grief.
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*Prayer:

God of light, we thank you for the sacrifice you made in sending your Son, and we pray that today that you fill us with a deep sense of peace. Lighten our anxious moments. Help us to keep our minds focused on your love and take away our feelings of hopelessness and despair. May we remember that we are your instruments of peace and help us to spread peace to the world around us. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet each other, "Peace be with you."

Children's Moment

***Hymn**

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 (Unison)

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD'S hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

After each reading: Leader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“As the Deer”

M. Nystrum

Featuring the Handbell Choir conducted by Tom Buck

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”
⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon

“THE PATH HOME: 2. Getting Into The Wilderness”

Brian Yount

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation, Words of Institution

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 the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

“He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd” by Handel

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

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***Call for the Offering**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“And the Glory of the Lord”

Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

WELCOME! To learn about Trinity's life and service or about becoming a member of Trinity, visit www.trinitypcola.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY, December 6 at 4 pm outside featuring The Perdido Brass. Bring your lawn chairs to the parking lot. Family activities provided. If you can, please bring something for Manna!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. "A service of remembrance and healing." Blue Christmas is an intimate time of worship and prayer. During the service, we light a candle in memory of our loved one(s) who are gone before us. If you are feeling "blue", come join us for a time of reflection and healing with like minded people.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Thursday, Dec 24, 5pm and 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services in Sanctuary. Pre-sealed communion kits will be distributed as you enter along with candles and wax catchers. Reservations are required. Our pandemic safety protocols remain in place. Masks are required. Social distancing in the pews. The 5 pm service will be live streamed at <https://youtu.be/DqeJD5ROvz4>. We are at the seating limit for the 5 pm service. You may reserve your spot at the 7:00 pm service at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/130114854031>.

ADULT ADVENT STUDY: Sundays in Advent. Zoom Class with Hugh Hamilton and the Serendipity & Gap Classes: *PEACE, JUSTICE, JOY, AND SALVATION: AN ADVENT STUDY*, by Cynthia M. Campbell, PCUSA pastor. Weekly lessons will be emailed. Using passages from Isaiah, we will explore God's gifts to us and our application of gifts toward Justice (12/6), Joy (12/13), and Salvation (12/20). Email the church office (info@trinitypcola.org) to receive weekly lesson series.

PLEDGE CARDS Please drop off or mail in your pledge card to the Church Office. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please just write down the amount of your pledge and indicate whether it is weekly, monthly or annually. Please include your name and address. You may adjust your pledge at any time by contacting Sharon. Thank you for your faithfulness.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE Verses of Comfort can be found at trinitypcola.org > ministries > congregational care > other services - [click link here](#).

CONCERNS OF THE TRINITY FAMILY

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Butch Crooke
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Jake and Lil Renfro
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Carl Williams

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Rose Baber (mother of Barb Martensen)
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Harvey Howell Casey (nephew of Mary Catherine Hinton)
Patricia Clark (cousin of Elizabeth Massengill)
Nathan Dille (friend of Diane Millas)
Ken Dunn (request of Fred Gamble)
Rob Dobie (family of Mary Ruth Dobie)
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Angelica Makepeace (request of Alison John)
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Barbara & Ben Mozo (request of Sandy Edwards)
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brother of Berney Smith)
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Linda Warrick (request of Marge Shimmin)
Jo Winford (sister of Jayne Felix)
Saffron Young (family of Mary Anne Meier)

Prayer Warriors have been praying for our Concerns of the Trinity Family list during this time of isolation.

Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.
 MUSIC: *Then Swenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930
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 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7-10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

TEXT: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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