



Pensacola, Florida
December 13, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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



Chiming of The Hour

Prelude

“ Sing Joy!”

Featuring Thomas Prettyman (violin), Tom Mignerey (violin) and Hyunjoo Kim

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: Hal Tuten

Responsive Litany

ONE: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of living.
ALL: Lord of light, we thank you for the gift of life.
ONE: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of relationships.
ALL: Lord of light, we thank you for our friends and family.
ONE: Advent is a time to celebrate the earth we all share.
ALL: Lord of light, we thank you for providing for our needs.
ONE: Advent is a time to celebrate eternal life.
ALL: Lord of light, we thank you for sending a Savior.

Candle Lighting

Today we light three candles – the candle of hope, of peace, and the candle of joy. This third candle reminds us that because of our Lord, we have reasons to be truly joyful. The world around us is filled with surprise and beauty. Our cups overflow with goodness and grace, and we rejoice in the promise of eternal life.

Congregation sings Refrain

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*Prayer:

God of light, we thank you for the many gifts you have given us, and we pray today that you will teach us to be truly joyful. Help us remember that you supply our needs and fill our lives with meaning. Fill our days with keen awareness of your presence, and fill our hearts with praise as we celebrate this joyful Advent season. 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**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-11 (NRSV) (Unison) *The Good News of Deliverance*

- 61** The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
6 but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.
7 Because their shame was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

- ⁸ For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
- ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

Anthem

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
Featuring Laura Baker and Hyunjoo Kim

Bernie Herms, Mark Hall

Scripture Reading: Psalm 126 (NRSV)

A Song of Ascents. Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

So those who went off with heavy hearts will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.
(Message)

Sermon “THE PATH HOME: 3. ”After Devastation, Can Home be Home Again?” Hugh Hamilton

Prayers of Intercession:

God our Helper,

We thank you for keeping our lives always in your care and protection
and pray for any and all who are in harm's way.

For those walking amid danger...

for those who are treading a slippery path...

for those who are exhausted and seeking relief...

for those who face a mountain or worry or debt or any other obstacles...

for those wearied by this pandemic and anxious for the months ahead.

Be Guardian and Guide we pray, Setting our feet on your paths of righteousness and peace.

We pray for those who are struggling...

With a new challenge or calling...

With major transition or livelihood...

With their faith and understanding...

With grief, ancient or new.

Keep in your tender care and mercy, O God,

those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit...

those who are weighed down by depression or pain...

those recuperating from surgery or treatments or accident...

Protect not only us and those we love, but also the whole wide world you love.

In places of war, bring peace...

In places devastated by fire, flood, storms, bring calm and restoration...

Where there is unrest and injustice, make justice our aim, that peace may follow.

Where hope has grown tired and thin, lift our sights, O God,

so that we may see hope beyond hope...

Life beyond death...

And You, lifted up before us.

In the name of Christ, who gave himself for our sake, we pray,

...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.

***Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

***Call for the Offering**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Glory to God"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: We are at the seating limit for the 5 pm service. 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>. 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 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

TRINITY MEMBERS

Butch Crooke
Kenny Heffner
Richard & Sue Peden
Jake and Lil Renfro
Lamar & Cheryl Wasdin
Carl Williams

TRINITY FRIENDS & FAMILY

Don Allen (neighbor of Dona & Milton Usry)
Rose Baber (mother of Barb Martensen)
Jan Baldwin (family of Robert & Gail Childs)
Morgan Beck (brother of Gregg Beck)
Terri Carroll (sister of Dan Prettyman)
Joe Caruthers (friend of Mary Ruth Dobie)
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)
Kelly Eberhardt (request of Mary Anne Meier)
Vince Farrugia (friend of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Kristin Gottschalk (niece of Allen Martensen)

Tina & Roger Jaskot (friends of Jon & Karen Nagel)
Joe Kemp (friend of Hugh Hamilton)
Yangduck Kim (mother of Hyunjoo Kim)
Jerry LaFlamme (request of Linda Gamble)
Mason Land (request of Barbara McLean)
Tom Landsgaard (brother of Greg Landsgaard)
Deanna & Jeff Lepa (family of Tom & Sandra Buck)
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Lora Millard (family of Cam & Elizabeth Massengill)
Wyatt Mixson & Family (request of Marge Shimmin)
Barbara & Ben Mozo (request of Sandy Edwards)
Mary Muller (request of Peggy Watson)
Shade O'Driscoll Family (friends of Mary Ruth Dobie)
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Allen Smith (son of Gerry Smith,
brother of Berney Smith)
Diane Swalin (request of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Roger Vinson (request of Jean Norman)
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. We are grateful to Sally Zorn, Linda Gamble, Mary Anne Meier, Jill Clark, Sharon Gensemer, Sandra Holman, Kathy Webb, Marshall Arrich, Jane Patterson, Pat Harris, Dawn John, and Betty Petree. Thank you all!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

Latin, c. 12th century

Stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854

Stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap-tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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!

*Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42