



Pensacola, Florida
December 20, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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



Chiming of The Hour

Prelude

“Mary, Did You Know”

Mark Lowry

Rachel Lee (viola), Hyunjoo Kim (piano)

Welcome and Congregational Life Announcements

Lighting of The Advent Candle

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: Colette Obray

Responsive Litany

ONE: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.
ALL: God of love, fill our hearts with true compassion.
ONE: Advent is a time to look for the best in others.
ALL: God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.
ONE: Advent is a time to share with those in need.
ALL: God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.
ONE: Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.
ALL: God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.

Candle Lighting

Today we light four candles – the candle of hope, peace, joy, and the candle representing love. This candle is a symbol of Christ’s eternal love for us, as well as a reminder that we have been instructed to love others as we love ourselves. Because God is love, and because we were created in God’s image, we ourselves are the embodiment of God’s love here on earth. Love is patient and kind and powerful, and we all share the calling to go into the world and spread that love to others.

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***Prayer:**

God of love, we open our hearts to you today and ask that you fill us with the power of your love. Take away our bitterness, greed, and jealousy. Remind us that we are brothers and sisters, all sharing the wonderful gift of life. Help us treat others with respect and love, and help us care for the world you have given us with loving hearts and gentle hands. 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**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-12, 16 (Unison)

2Sam. 7:1 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,

7:2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."

7:3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

7:4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:

7:5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?

7:6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

7:7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

7:8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel;

7:9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

7:10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,

7:11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

7:16 Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

After each reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Christmas Lullaby (I Will Lead You Home)” C. Eaton, A. Grant
Featuring Clara Riggelman, Hermit Heiser (guitar), Rachel Lee (violin), and Hyunjoo Kim (piano)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:26 ¶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

1:27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.

1:28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

1:29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

1:30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

1:31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

1:32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

1:33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

1:34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

1:35 The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

1:36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God.”

1:38 Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon THE PATH HOME: 4. God Can Make Any Place His Home Hugh Hamilton

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

***Hymn** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

***Call for the Offering**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Joy to the World” D. Hustad (based on Antioch by G. F. 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 EVE SERVICES: We are at the seating limit for the services. The 5 pm service will be live streamed at <https://youtu.be/DqeJD5ROvz4>.

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 Salvation (12/20). Email the church office (info@trinitypcola.org) to receive weekly lesson series.

NEXT ADULT STUDY Beginning January 3, 2021 Hugh will present his 12 Session Series FOUNDATIONS of OUR FAITH. The first 2 Sessions will be Jan 3 Intro: Why Study Theology? What is "Reformed Theology"? and Jan 10 The Bible. Please let us know at info@trinitypcola.org if you would like to be a part of this Serendipity/Gap Class Zoom Class.

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
Faye Groves
Kenny Heffner
Richard & Sue Peden
Jake and Lil Renfro
The Family of Lamar Wasdin
Carl Williams

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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)
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Harvey Howell Casey (nephew of Mary Catherine Hinton)
Patricia Clark (cousin of Elizabeth Massengill)
Nathan Dille (friend of Diane Millas)
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Joe Kemp (friend of Hugh Hamilton)
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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. 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!

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.