



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 28, 2021

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People
Gerald Near

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

† LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Can you be homesick for something you've never known?

Many: We are homesick for a world where all are fed, where laughter is contagious, where the doors are wide open.

One: We are homesick for a world with more bridges than walls, where trees grow tall and rivers run clear.

Many: We are homesick for a world where all people feel at home-in their bodies, in their churches, in their homes.

One: We long for that world.

Many: We hope for that world.

One: So today we light the candle of hope, because hope keeps our hearts alive as we wait. May this light be a reminder that the wait is always worth it.

All: Let us worship God.

† GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 93

[Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates](#)

TRURO

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we aspire to love and trust you, but so often we get in the way of ourselves. We see only the deep sadness of the world and do not notice your people at work amid the sorrow. We assume that things will never get better and do not see all that is good right now. We close our eyes and complain about the darkness rather than see the light that shines all around us. Help us, Holy One. Help us to grow in love and trust, in compassion and hope, so that as the Christ Child comes to us once again, we will see him, and know him, and rejoice. Amen.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON

[Lord Have Mercy](#)



Ky-ri - e E - le - i - son, Chris - te E - le - i - son.

Ky-ri - e E - le - i - son, Lord have mer-cy _____ up - on us.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, Hear the good news: even before you can finish asking, I declare to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven,

Many: Let us live in the hope, responsibility, and joy of this wonderful news.

† THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –
And also with you!

† GLORIA PATRI

[Glory Be to the Father](#)



Glo _____ ri - a! In ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo _____ ri - a! In ex-cel-sis De - o!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

MORNING WATCH

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21: 25-36

SERMON

A Weary World Rejoices: Stories of Waiting
Dr. Steve Lindsley and Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 86

[The People Who Walked in Darkness](#)

ISAIAH 9

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(based on *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and death we belong to God. God is our God, and we are God's people. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We are God's people, now and forever.

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR Code to the right.



OFFERTORY

E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come. Sing Holy, Holy Lord, rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within; rejoice on earth, ye saints below. For Christ is coming, is coming soon. For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their All!

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

† PRAYER FOR OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE 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 to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

[*Holy, Holy, Holy*](#) (Hymn 552 to be sung by all)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MEDITATION ON THE SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

† SENDING HYMN

Glory to God, Hymnal No. 83

[Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus](#)
STUTTGART

† BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Christians
J.S. Bach

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

WORSHIP LEADERS: Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman, Rev. Jodi Martin, liturgists; Dr. Chris Gilliam, director of music; organist Michael Rowland; and Trinity Choir.

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