

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27th, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

- [1] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
[2] Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
[3] Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
[4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
[5] For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Congregational Singing: "The First Noel" (1,2,3,6)

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

2. They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Unto us the Christ is born.

O come, let us worship Him.

Collect

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him

who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Congregational Singing: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

1. Infant holy infant lowly For His bed a cattle stall Oxen lowing little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all Swift are winging angels singing Noels ringing tidings bringing Christ the babe is Lord of all	2. Flocks were sleeping shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new Saw the glory heard the story Tidings of a gospel true Thus rejoicing free from sorrow Praises voicing greet the morrow Christ the babe was born for you
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GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:5-7

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore. **Amen.**

Congregational Singing: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

1. Angels from the realms of glory Wing your flight o'er all the earth Ye who sang creation's story Now proclaim Messiah's birth Come and worship come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King	Yonder shines the infant light Come and worship come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King
2. Shepherds in the field abiding Watching o'er your flocks by night God with us is now residing	3. Sages leave your contemplations Brighter visions beam afar Seek the great Desire of nations Ye have seen His natal star Come and worship come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King

4. Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending

In His temple shall appear
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

- [10] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- [11] For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

- [1] For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- [2] The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- [3] You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

[22] And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord [23] (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") [24] and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." [25] Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. [26] And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27] And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, [28] he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

[29] “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
[30] for my eyes have seen your salvation
[31] that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
[32] a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

[33] And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. [34] And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed [35] (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

[36] And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, [37] and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. [38] And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

[39] And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. [40] And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Profession of Faith: The Colossian Hymn (Col 1:15-20)

Leader: Who is the Lord Jesus Christ in whom we trust?

**People: He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.**

**For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him
and for him.**

**And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church.

**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Sermon: Pastor Chad Anderson
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Doxology:

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father, you have given yourself to us in the person of your dear Son. United with Him, we now give ourselves to you through these tithes and offerings. Grant that they may be used for the advancement of your kingdom both here and throughout the world. **Amen.**

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders in accord with the practice of our denomination.

*Once the Pastor has prayed for the bread and wine, we will process down the center aisle to partake. Please maintain six-foot distance between individuals/family units. Parents, please help distribute to your communing children. You may eat and drink at the front of the sanctuary, depositing empty cups in the baskets on either side. Alternatively, you may take the bread and cup to your seat and partake there. Use the outside aisles to return to your seat.

Words of Institution and Prayers

Procession

Congregational Singing: "All Glory Be to Christ"

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me, What is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

2. His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as it is above

Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him, the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

3. When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Commission and Benediction

Matt. 28:18–20 - “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Num. 6:24–26 - “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Congregational Response: “Threefold Amen”