

Trinity Presbyterian Church Palm Coast

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
Peace



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
God meets us in our fear

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Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our
Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
to be a **worshipping, nurturing and serving** community.

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Hughes

Welcome

Introit

Advent Candle Lighting⁺ *Wes, Molly, Mackenzie, Riley MacDonald*

Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to
eighty years old, were asked the question,
"What are you afraid of?"

Hear now their answers:

Not being enough. Not making enough of a difference.
Falling down. That we will forget we belong to one another.
Climate change. My child having to learn gun violence drills at
school. Spiders. Not having someone to take care of me.
Not having someone who knows my stories.
My mental health slipping. Ending up alone. Nightmares.
Stopping short of following God all the way.

Today we light the candle of peace because we so
desperately need God's peace in the midst of all we fear.
May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming.
God was with generations before, God is with us today,
and God will be with us tomorrow.
Even now, God is on the way. Amen.

* Hymn #106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Call to Confession⁺

Fear can be a good thing. It can help us be attentive while
driving down the highway. It can alert us to possible accidents. It
can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be
harmful. For so many of us, fear of the other, fear of failure, or
fear of the unknown has led us to make sinful choices in our
lives—choices such as building walls or tearing others down.
Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As
we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God
who says to us, "Do not be afraid." Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession⁺

**Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions
from a place of fear rather than love.
You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of
logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how
often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" on dusty
shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto
our own point of view.
Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which
spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love.
With hope we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness⁺

Family of faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not
forget us. Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us.
Even when we fall short or make mistakes, God forgives and
holds onto us. We are known, forgiven, and loved.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Gloria in Excelsis Deo

(Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Affirmation of Faith⁺

We believe in a God who knows our fears.

We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."

**We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes and wades into
the muck of our lives with us. We believe in a God who
stitches herself to our heels, and invites us to dance. We
believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky so
that we can find our way home, and who sends us friends
with open doors, so we can find our way to love. We believe
in a God who finds us in our fear and does not leave us
alone. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

Road to Bethlehem

Poem

"Love Comes Running"⁺

I remember the first time I was afraid. I was a child.
It was a nightmare. (You remember those
pesky monsters under the bed.)
I remember minutes felt like hours.
I begged the sun to rise. (Fear always begs the sun to rise.)
Eventually, after minutes that felt like hours, I cried out.
My dad came running. He sat at the edge of my bed.
He said there is no reason to be afraid.
He checked the closet and the floorboards.
He rearranged my pillows.
He said, "I can stay."
And that's when I learned that when you are afraid,
love always comes running. Love says, "I can stay."
That's what God does for us. God sits at the edge of the bed.
God checks the closet and the floorboards.
God says, "Be not afraid." God stays until sunrise.
Love always comes running.

Anthem

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination⁺

Holy God, whether it's through angels or music, friendships or sermons, study or nature— when you speak, we long to hear it. In a world as chaotic and broken as ours, we could use your words of hope and healing. With gratitude we pray, amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:26-38

Meditation "Pondering Perplexing Predicaments" Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving 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.

Sharing the Bread

This is the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life—given for you.

Sharing the Cup

This is the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation—shed for you.

* Hymn #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* Invitation to Discipleship and Offering of our Gifts

* Benediction⁺

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon." May it be so. Amen.

* Congregational Response (Hymn #82)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

* Postlude "O Blessed Emmanuel" Bach, arr. Thompson

** Denotes please stand if able.*

+Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today, following Worship, there will be a Congregational meeting for Election of Officers and to approve Terms of Call.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today, all of those who are able and/or are comfortable, are invited forward to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which will be served by intinction, which simply means receiving a piece of bread, dipping it into the cup, and eating them together. Gluten-free and pre-packaged elements will also be available for those who so desire.

Ushers: Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland

Lay Reader: Sally Smeaton **Audio Tech:** Chuck Radloff

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

Gail Alvaro, Margaret Applegate, Andrew Billings, **Doris Boone**, Bret Bosier, Jason Bradley*, Dontrell Brown, Eliza Brown, **Al Burgess, Priscilla Cahill**, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, **Hal Childs, Gary Clickard**, John Decina, Maverick Dennis*, Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby***, William Downs, **Saida Evensen**, Patrick Floyd*, Clarisa Gibson, **Carol Graff**, Stanley Hannum*, **Pat Head**, A.J. & Vicki Jebbia, **Bob Johnson, Javan N. Jones*, Kathy Jones-Mills, Jennifer Kaczmarek**, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Ed Manen, Jan Markiewicz, Marie McCray**, Declan Mitchell*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, Joseph C. Orr*, **Howard Parker, Paul Parker**, William Patterson, **Bob Pearson, Janet Pegg, Helene Read, Ginny Reisinger**, Bradford Robinson, Ian Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham*, **Lois Settles, Diane Simmons, Bonnie Slager**, Michelle Smith, **Brian Thomas, Hailey Tucker, Ryan Tugas***, Norma Warwell, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winterheimer*, Theodore Winterheimer*, Kenny Wittmer**

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know.

Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Ellie Hodson	12/4		Lillian Warner	12/8
Colin Earle	12/5		Jim Burns	12/8
Susan Thomas	12/6		Joyce Shirley	12/8
Brian Guerin	12/6		Dave Martin	12/10
Karen Stickle	12/7		Lisa Hammond	12/10
			Heasuk Che	12/10

THANK YOU to Lillian Warner for filling in for Heasuk this week. We truly appreciate her musical talents on the piano and leading the Choir.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: Don't forget to pick up your Advent devotional in the Narthex today or find a link to our online version on our Trinity website! Thank you to all our writers for sharing their stories and a big thank you to Kelli Jebbia for putting together this year's edition.

ADVENT SPIRAL WALK AND PRAYER ROOM: We are pleased to once again offer an Advent Spiral Walk throughout December. The spiral is set up in the Chapel and available anytime. Each week, a different prayer station will invite you to prepare for Advent, walk the spiral, and take time to ponder and pray.

ADVENT SPIRITUALITY ROOM: This sacred space resides in the Wesley room and is open Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm. In this room you will find self-guided lessons on the week's scripture and an art project that will help you dive further into your advent walk. All supplies are provided.

DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: Sunday, December 11th at 11am All are invited and to come and celebrate the season with your church family. We will provide the coffee, tea, and Christmas music, you bring your favorite holiday dish to share!

POINSETTIAS SALE: Today is the last day to order Poinsettias! This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember loved ones. Order forms are available in the Narthex or outside the Church office. The price is \$17 each.

STRETCH & BALANCE WITH BROOKE: Join Brooke every Wednesday in December at 10am in Calvin for a time of gentle stretching, deep breathing and giving thanks to God for this season in time. All ages and abilities welcome!

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.



This Week in our Church (Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00am-12 noon)

Sunday, December 4th – *Sacrament of Communion*

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 PM Community Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)
- 5PM-6:30PM Youth Group-at The Butler's House

Monday, December 5th

- 9:30 AM Handbell Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:15 PM Scouts-Pack 281 (Mehaffey/Youth Rooms)
- 6:30 PM Community Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 6th

- 9:30 AM Facility Care Committee (Mehaffey)
- 1:00 PM Worship & Music Committee (Kepler)
- 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:30 PM Trinity Troopers (Youth Rooms)
- 6:30 PM Scouts-Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey)

Wednesday, December 7th

- 10:00 AM Stretch & Balance with Brooke (Calvin)
- 8:15 PM AA (Mehaffey)

Thursday, December 8th

- 2:00 PM Finance Committee (Kepler)
- 6:30 PM CCPC Board Meeting (Kepler)

Friday, December 9th

- 5:00 PM ALANON Meeting
- 6:30 PM NA Meeting

Saturday, December 10th

- 10:00 AM Troop 281 Merit Badge Class (Mehaffey)

Sunday, December 11th

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Fellowship Luncheon (Mehaffey)
- 5PM-6:30PM Outdoor Christmas Movie "The Star"

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