

# Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

*On a journey with God to Reach, Grow, and Serve*

TLPC is a congregation of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We began in 1992 with a vision for a new expression of the ELCA in Truckee and later joined with the PC (U.S.A.) to be the liturgical, eucharistic expression of Christ's church in Truckee, California. We welcome everyone to worship and grow with us as we live in God's amazing grace!

**To our visitors and guests:** Welcome! Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service, and let us know how we may serve you.

**Sheet music and large print bulletins** are available at the entrance.

**Assistive listening devices** may be obtained from the person at the soundboard (rear of worship space).

**Supervised childcare** for infants is available in the nursery.

**Sunday School** is offered for children age 3 through grade 8 following the opening liturgy. They will re-join us in worship for communion.

**Restrooms** are located past the front entrance, down the hall to the right.

**Fair trade coffee and chocolate** are available at cost after the service.

**This Week at TLPC** (*See [www.tlpc.org](http://www.tlpc.org) for complete calendar of events.*)

## Wednesday

5:00pm Bible Study  
6:00pm IHP Dinner and Fundraiser

## Friday

9:00am Hike/Snowshoe

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2012

The pastor or worship leader will read the regular print text.

The congregation will read the **bold** text.

Please stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk \*.

### PREPARING TO ENCOUNTER GOD IN WORSHIP

*We invite you to sing or listen as we quiet our minds to hear God's voice and open our hearts to feel his presence.*

♪ “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

♪ “I Worship You, Almighty God”

♪ “He Came Down”

### WELCOME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

#### \* GATHERING SONG

♪ “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” - vs. 1,2,4

#### \* GREETING

Today Christ is born!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty  
**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,  
**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

**you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature  
and yet more wonderfully restored it.**

**In your mercy, let us share the divine life  
of the one who came to share our humanity,**

**Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the Word made flesh,  
the Lord and giver of life.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of glory, God of peace,  
**we confess that we have shunned the light  
that reveals the truth about us.**

**We cling to worldly things  
rather than sharing the gifts of this earth.**

**We trust ourselves above all.**

**Save your people, O God;  
sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise;  
and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

The grace of God shines upon us,  
bringing salvation to the whole world.  
We are saved, our sins are washed away,  
not because of anything we have done,  
but according to God's mercy in + Jesus Christ.  
Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

**Amen.**

**\* SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a handshake or a hug as a sign of reconciliation and peace,  
saying "Peace be with you."*

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

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.  
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.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

**Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,  
**who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**wild beasts and all cattle,**

**creeping things and flying birds;**  
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
**young men and maidens,**  
**old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**The LORD has raised up strength for the people  
and praise for all faithful servants,**

**the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.**  
**Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING**

Galatians 4:4–7

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\* PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ **"We Have Seen the Lord"**

## **\* GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:22–40

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee. 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 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – “Righteousness” (Luke 2:22–40)

**SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

♪ “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

**\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*In recognition that all that we have and all that we are come from God, we return a portion of our wealth for the Lord's work here and around the world, we offer our talents that he may use them for his purpose, and we dedicate our lives to serve God and our neighbors.*

**\* PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, SONG OF THANKS**

♪ “Bring We the Frankincense”

**\* PRAYER OF THANKS**

Good and loving God,

**we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,**

**who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.**

**As you have blessed us with your gifts,**

**let them be blessing for others.**

**With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,**

**we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues with the Eucharistic prayer, concluding:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.; fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\* ♪ LORD'S PRAYER** (Tune "Away in a Manger")

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*We invite all members and visitors to share in Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, the Sacrament of the Altar, or the Eucharist. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in and with the bread and wine. We receive this sacrament in remembrance of what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. You may either eat the bread and drink from the common cup of wine (first chalice) or hold the bread and dip it in the grape juice (second chalice). Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Some people wish to receive communion every week, others less often. Please do what is meaningful and comfortable for you. If you prefer to receive communion while seated, please indicate this to an usher.*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

♪ **“Like a Child”**

♪ **“Magnificat”** (*My soul magnifies the Lord.*)

### **\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Great and saving God,  
you have gathered your scattered people  
around gifts of grain and wine,  
the body and blood of our Savior Christ.  
As we, like the shepherds, return on our way,  
may we proclaim all we have heard and seen,  
praising you in word and loving deed  
for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **\* SENDING SONG**

♪ **“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child”**

## **PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD**

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church family, in our local community and throughout the world.*

### **\* BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
**Praise God, all creatures here below!**  
You are the shepherds telling the story.  
**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**  
You are the wise ones worshipping with thanksgiving.  
**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**  
You are the angels announcing peace.  
**We live with joy and go now in peace.**  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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