

TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
First Sunday of Christmas– December 26, 2021

♪ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

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WELCOME

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRAYER

Holy God of Love,

There is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love.

A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us.

May we live within the power of this love.

And may we share its light with a world

where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

***♪ GATHERING SONG – “Joy to the World”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

On this the sixth day of Christmas, as another year draws to a close,

we come together before God and with one another, confessing

the ways in which we have been caught up

in the frenzied spirit of the holidays

and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace;

the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires,

that we have neglected the voices of your children

who cry out for Justice;

in our focus on making the season perfect,

we have turned away from the hurting people

and broken places in our world in need of Healing;

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh,

our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray,

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

Hear the good news of Christmas.

Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.

His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

In the Name of Jesus the Christ, I declare, our sin is forgiven,

AMEN

— Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, *wonderings through life and other such nonsense.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake and hear your Word that we might be ready for your coming. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING Luke 2:41-52**

Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel, The Good News of God!

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “The Story Of Christmas”

Pastor Jeanie

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “Holy Child Within the Manger”

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Make us ready to welcome your Son, Emmanuel, as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, "God With Us." **Amen.**

♪ SONG OF THANKS – “Bring We the Frankincense”

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Please conclude your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and all will respond, "Hear our prayer."

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* 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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Gloria, Gloria”

* PRAYER OF THANKS

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

* ♪ SENDING SONG – “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING

Go out in peace. Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

*We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk **

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