

TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent – December 5, 2021

♪ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Lorelle Banzett, Susan Horst, Kathy Manifold

LITURGICAL DANCE - "While We Are Waiting, Come"

Jamie Wiseman and Sonya Retzlaff-Huggins, Dancers; Lorelle Banzett, Solo

WELCOME

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

Kathy and Cooper Shaffer

♪ "Christ Be Our Light"

PRAYER

Holy God of Advent, the hour of your coming again draws near.

Make us ready: in our hearts, in our minds, in our souls.

Lord Jesus Christ, come to us again in this worship.

Come and do not tarry.

*♪ GATHERING SONG – "Here I Am to Worship"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light. we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings.

Smooth down the mountains of our pride and lift up the valleys of our doubts.

Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again.

Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom.

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

~ from *First Sunday of Advent Prayers and Litanies*

*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

Marie Colbert

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 **Luke 1:68-79**

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** **Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Gospel, The Good News of God!

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “The Psalms of Advent: Prepare!”

Pastor Jeanie

♪ **SONG IN RESPONSE – "Blessed Be the God of Israel"** *(based on Luke 1:68-79)*

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. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
Amen.

♪ **SONG OF THANKS - "Give Thanks"**

*** 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 - "In the Bleak Midwinter"

*** 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 – "Light Dawns on a Weary World"**

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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