

**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 19, 2021**

**♪ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”**

Lorelle Banzett, Susan Horst, Kathy Manifold

**LITURGICAL DANCE - “While We Are Waiting, Come”**

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 FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT - ♪ “Christ Be Our Light”**

**PRAYER**

Holy God of Advent, the hour of your coming again draws near. Remind us again of the words of the prophet,

**Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Emmanuel.**

**Make us ready: in our hearts, in our minds, in our souls for your Son, Emmanuel.**

**Make us ready for “God With Us.” Amen.**

**\*♪ GATHERING SONG – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Holy God, you promised to do great things for us,

And yet we have not trusted you.

**You extend your mercy to us,**

**And yet we have not trusted you.**

**You lift up the humble, you fill the hungry with good things,**

**and yet we still have not trusted you.**

**Forgive us, and help us, like Mary, trust in the promises you have given us.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*~ based on a prayer posted on [Waiting for Water: Liturgy for The Easter Journey 2013](#)*

**\*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.**

**\*GOSPEL READING      Luke 1:26-55**

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to

call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors."

The Gospel, The Good News of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**MEDITATION – “Emmanuel”**

Pastor Jeanie

♪ **SONG IN RESPONSE – “Mary Did You Know?”**

**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 – “What Child Is This?”**

**\* 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 – “Magnificat”

### \* 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 – “Canticle of the Turning”

## 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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