



**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022**

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP - “O Come O Come Emmanuel”**

Dr. Heidi Kuzma, Kathy Manifold, and Lorelle Banzett

- **“Little Drummer Boy”** Lorelle Banzett: Percussion, Steve Ogg, tenor

*We invite you to sing and pray as we quiet our minds to hear God’s voice and open our hearts to feel God’s presence.*

**WELCOME**

Rev. Jeanie Shaw

♪ **GATHERING SONG – “While We Are Waiting, Come”**

Liturgical Dancers

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

God of Joy,  
As we walk this Advent journey, help us to be joy filled,  
To find joy in your presence,  
To find joy in your promises.  
And to live in the joy of the Lord! **Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION** - *Invitation to Confession and silent reflection*

Holy God of Joy, We rejoice in the reality of who you are; Creator God of life and love and joy.  
**Forgive us when we let the busyness of our lives overwhelm us  
and we forget to live in the joy of your love for us.**  
**Help us to remember that our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children.**  
**We give you thanks. Amen.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** - *The symbol ✝ included below is an invitation to pray by making the sign of the cross.*

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

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

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

♪ **SONG**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 35:1-6, 8-10

*The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### **SECOND READING** James 5:7-10

*In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,

being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts,

for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged.

See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who

spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* ♪ PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – "Christ Be Our Light"**

Congregation

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN OUR TIME**

Jami Wiseman and TLPC children

**♪ SONG - "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"**

**♪ SONG - "Away In A Manger"**

**♪ SONG - "Carol Of The Bells"**

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC – "Silent Night"**

Cooper Shaffer, violin

**\* ♪ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, SONG OF THANKS - "Give Thanks"**

Congregation

**\* 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**

**\* INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**\* 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.**

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The pastor continues with the prayer, concluding:*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**Remembering all your mighty and merciful blessings in our lives,**

**we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving Love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**♪ COMMUNION SONG - "Wait on the Lord"**

Congregation

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

**As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,  
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.**

**Guide us toward your promised future,**

**coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\* ♪ SENDING SONG – "The First Noel"**

Congregation

**PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD**

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

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* SENDING**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\* ♪ POSTLUDE - "Joy To The World"**

*We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!*

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

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**Join us for Christmas Eve! We will be hosting a 5:00 pm Family Service and a 9:00 pm service of candlelight, carols and the Christmas story. Our online service will also be very special this year and can be found at TLPC.org.**

**Our congregation has a heart for missions:** locally, nationally, and in God's world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.

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