



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE - December 24, 2023, 5:00 pm

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.*

- ♪ **CAROL SINGING** – “Little Drummer Boy” “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” Congregation
- PRELUDE** – “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” Ryan Collingwood
- WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Pastor Sarah Toney
- SACRED DANCE** - “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Jami Wiseman and Dancers
- * CHRISTMAS PRAYER** Pastor Sarah Toney
- * ♪ CAROL** – “O Come All Ye Faithful” Congregation

LESSON - The Prophets **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light;
those who live in a land of deep darkness - on them light will shine.
For a child is born for us, a son is given to us.
And the government will rest on his shoulders.
These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness forever.
The passionate commitment of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Stein Retzlaff

♪ **CAROL** – “The First Noel” Congregation

LESSON - Mary and Joseph **Luke 2:1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria). All returned to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was a descendent of David. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the village inn.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Wolfe Retzlaff

♪ CAROL – “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

Congregation

LESSON - The Angels**Luke 2:8-14**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in Bethlehem, the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those of good will!”

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sonya Retzlaff-Huggins

♪ CAROL – “Angels We Have Heard On High”

Congregation

LESSON - The Shepherds**Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Come! Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they went quickly to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. Then the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had told them about this child. All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished; but Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their fields and flocks, glorifying and praising God for all the angels had told them, and because they had seen the child, just as the angel had said.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dave Huggins

♪ CAROL – “Away in a Manger”

Congregation

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Pastor Sarah Toney

CAROL – “O Holy Night”

Alec Otto

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND THE PRAYER OF THANKS

Pastor Sarah Toney

♪ CAROL – “What Child is This”

Congregation

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sonya Retzlaff-Huggins & Pastor Sarah Toney

*** ♪ CAROL – “Silent Night, Holy Night”**

Congregation

*** BLESSING**

Pastor Sarah Toney

*** ♪ CAROLS – “Joy To The World” “Go Tell it on the Mountain”**

Congregation

*** POSTLUDE – “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”**

*Copyrighted music reprinted with permission under OneLicense # A-706638 and CCLI # 1007276 All rights reserved.
Portions of this service have been reprinted by permission from Sundays and Seasons v. 20180327.1136 Copyright 2018 Augsburg
Fortress. All rights reserved.*

We thank Pastor Sarah Toney for leading our worship service this evening!

AND

We thank Ryan Collingwood, Alec Otto, Dr. Heidi Kuzma, and Kathy Manifold for sharing their musical gifts with us!

We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry. Gifts may be made online through our website at **TLPC.org** or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162**

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.

TLPC WISHES YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

