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1st Sunday of Advent, December 1st 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

1. **Prelude** *Savior of the Heathen, Come* –

 J.S. Bach

*Veni Emmanuel* Flor Peeters

\*Call to Worship:

One: Joy to the world the time is finally here

**All: For Christ to come again!**

One: So in our hearts, our lives, our homes

**All: Let us prepare the way of the Lord!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** 213 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

 TRURO

1. Lift up your heads, he mighty gates;

behold, the King of glory waits;

the King of kings is drawing near;

the Savior of the world is here!

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;

make it a temple, set apart

from earthly use for heaven's employ,

adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3. Redeemer, come, with us abide;

our hearts to thee we open wide;

let us thy inner presence feel;

thy grace and love in us reveal.

4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on

until our glorious goal is won;

eternal praise, eternal fame

be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Advent Candle Lighting: Paul and Dot Waugaman

Reader 1: A day, certain and on its way, is coming. A day which ends the world as it is, and begins the world as You have promised it to be.

Reader 2: You promise peace and justice to roll down like waters on that day. For all that is broken to be healed, all that is left undone, to be complete.

Reader 1: This is our hope. A hope that today is this new day.

Reader 2: And Hope sets us on our way.

*Light the Candle of Hope*

**Advent Hymn:** 198*My Soul Gives Glory to My God*MORNING SONG

In advent time we wait once more

For Christ our Lord to come

Good people of the earth have faith

In all that God has done!

With prophet’s words and miracles,

and promises of life,

God keeps God’s words to rescue us

from suffering and strife.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;
    do not let me be put to shame;
    do not let my enemies exult over me.**
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
    **let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous**.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
    **teach me your paths**.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
    **for you are the God of my salvation;
    for you I wait all day long**.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
    for they have been from of old.
**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
    according to your steadfast love remember me,
    for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;
    therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right
    and teaches the humble his way.
**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
    for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Music of Preparation *Come, Emmanuel*

 arr. Mary McDonald

 IsabelAurora Burgos-DeStephanis, cello

 The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:8-20 and 21:25-36 CEB

Sermon Joy in the Journey: Endings and Beginnings Pastor Beth Rambikur

Music of Response

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offering

Offertory *The Advent Star* –

 Gilbert M. Martin

\*Doxology 70 *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord is with us!

**All: Emmanuel has come to dwell.**

Pastor: He has raised up a mighty savior for us

**All: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.**

Pastor: Eternal God, from your spark, your Divine Imagination, a Universe of Wonder comes into existence…Today we praise You for the wonders of your love and come to your table to feast with all creation on your sustaining Grace, and so we declare.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations, to give knowledge of salvation to all people and teach us forgiveness and grace. He was, and is Emmanuel, your presence with us.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on this gift of food and drink. Let this be for us the grace and love of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Communion Hymn**  2254

*In Remembrance of Me* RED

1. In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

2. In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door

and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;

drink and remember too,

that this is my body and precious blood

shed for you, shed for you.

3. In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above but in your heart, look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn** *God Almighty, We Are Waiting* HYFRYDOL

1. God Almighty, we are waiting

for a Savior to appear.

Meet us in our desert journey;

give a sign that you are near:

burning bushes, parted waters,

food a-plenty in the wild.

As we look for signs and wonders,

help us see you in a child.

2. God Incarnate, we are waiting

for the feast day of your birth.

Looking back and looking forward

to the Christ's return to earth.

Help us to proclaim the gospel,

'til the world is reconciled.

Let us set your holy table

for each woman, man, and child.

3. God the Spirit, we are waiting

for your presence here and now.

Humbled by our sinful weakness,

at your mercy we will bow.

Search our hearts and make us ready,

speak in language strong and mild,

help each one of us, your people,

to receive you like a child.

**\*Benediction** 431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth* WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude *Veni Emmanuel*

 Robert J. Powell

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“In Remembrance of Me”

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“God Almighty, We Are Waiting”

Words: Ann Bell Worley

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