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**December 6, 2020 Sanctuary Services at 8:15 & 10:45 am, Online 8:15 am**

**THEME FOR DECEMBER: A Joy for All Seasons**



***If attending in-person worship, please bring bulletin along with you. All in attendance are earnestly requested to maintain 6 feet or more distance at all times. Masks required. Sanctuary access opens only 15 minutes before services and departures to be completed 15 minutes after services. In case you have the slightest symptom of any illness, please do not come to church even if you pre-registered. Pre-registration is required.***

## **OPENING WORDS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Even So Come*

*Chris Tomlin*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 8:1-9)**

*Liturgist*

L: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

A: You have set your glory in the heavens.

L: Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies.

A: To silence the foe and the avenger.

L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place.

A: What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

L: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

A: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.

L: All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild.

A: The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea.

L: All that swim the paths of the seas.

A: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **HYMN\* Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

*Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart*

*Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne*

### **OPENING PRAYER\*\***

Liturgist

God of new beginnings, we thank you for this beautiful season of Advent. Thank you for the joy it brings us. Thank you that this joy is one that the world can't give and the world can't take away. When we sit alone and ponder upon the mystery of your grace, we are moved to bow before you and ask, "Lord, why am I so favored?" Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. In Jesus name. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 1:39-45

Liturgist

### **CHILDREN'S TALK**

Jady Conroy

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH\*\***

8:15 Jed and Sue Beshore  
10:45 Mike and Cathy Kirkham

### **Advent Song: Little light for you+**

*Through Bethlehem's skies, you sent your light,  
Into our world that silent night,  
Down through the ages, we can see,  
Your mercy and love for eternity*

#### *Chorus*

*Lord I want to be a little light for you,  
Just a little, little light for you,  
Help me Lord to help someone see you through,  
Be a little, little, light for you*

*Through heartache and cries, you send your love,  
Into our world, to lead us now,  
Down in our brokenness, we can see,  
Your light that can lead us to eternity*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SERMON**

Grace-Driven Joy

Rev. Barry Robison

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Arun Andrews

### **INVITATION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### **CONFESSION/TIME OF REFLECTION**

### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

All: We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

### **CONSECRATION**

### **PARTAKING**

## PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN\* *Joy to the World*

*Joy to the world the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns  
Let songs be heard on high  
While fields and streams and hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy  
He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
The wonders of His love  
The wonders of His love  
The wonders wonders of His love*

### BENEDICTION

**(Please be seated until after the postlude. Our ushers will guide you row-by-row to the exit.)**

### POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*

*Barbara Harbach*

#### In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father

Rev. Arun Andrews, Senior Pastor, Rev. Carl Ford Peterson, Pastor Emeritus,  
Rev. Peggy Spengler, Pastor of Prayer, Discipleship and Evangelism,  
Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries, Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse,  
Haley Warner, Director of Youth Ministries

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**In-Person Services:** We are maintaining the highest levels of sanitization and care for the health of our worshippers. We are also committed to use Electrostatic Disinfection treatments using Vital Oxide between our two services. We are truly thankful to the Lord for his protection over our gatherings. We are also grateful beyond words for those who have been serving as greeters, ushers, liturgists, and at the altar. Special thanks to Beth Sider, chair, worship team. Never the less, our decision to continue services will be reviewed regularly and we will keep you informed.

**Praise:** Rev. Richard Creamer successful knee replacement surgery.

**Health concerns:** Rev. Carl F. Peterson and Linda, Freda Carlson, Ed Shelly, Patsy & Nevin Bashore, Dan & Adam Arnold, Shirley Sharpe, Todd Davis, Sue Beshore, Barbara Kiehl, Austin Estep, Rhoda and Mark Houser, Evan Semoff, Joann Frownfelter, Gene Matter, Connie Williams.

**Requests from congregation:** John C. Miller Jr. (son of Don and Nancy Miller)- lung cancer, Kevin Quinn (son-in-law of Rev. Carl F. Peterson), Marco Soto (uncle of Harry Rodriguez), Jo Wise, Roberta Danner (friend of Linda Love), Lee Creamer (son of Rev. & Mrs. Creamer), Jim Lutz (friend of Barbara Zimmerman), Family of Eva Wacker (Linda Love), Family and loved ones of Addison Parthermore (6 years old) who passed away (Rev & Mrs. Creamer), Pete Peterson (step father of Mike Kirkham) - Covid, Ruth Cruz Valentine (wife of Rev. Manny Valentine)- lung cancer. Makayla Dorwart (family circle of Millie Walters) - 20 year old with mass in adrenal gland.

**Thought of the week from Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Group:**

"If the word seems cold to you, kindle fire to warm it." Lucy Larcom

**Starfish Ministry: December 13:** Suggested Items for Starfish Ministries in December: men's winter coats, warm socks, deodorants, clean/used bath towels, travel size shampoo and body wash, sleeping bags (used), chapsticks. Trinity's Youth will be caroling at Starfish in December!

**Testimony Sunday 2 Minute Video:** On Sunday, December 27th we will look forward to testimonies of God's goodness, lessons learned, and lessons received in our lives. Would you be willing to share a 2 minute video recorded testimony that we can include in our Testimony Sunday?

Please record your videos using a smart phone that is placed or held horizontally and not vertically. iPhone users may kindly use the following settings: Go to settings, to Camera, to Record video, and choose 1080 at 60 frames/second. Place your phone no more than 6-7 feet away in order to get a clear audio recording of the video. To help more individuals participate, kindly strictly adhere to the 2 minute time limit. Submit your video to Nihal Andrews by emailing it to [media@trinityumnc.com](mailto:media@trinityumnc.com) with a copy to [pastor@trinityumnc.com](mailto:pastor@trinityumnc.com) Submission by December 20th.

**Project A.S.K. Assisting Students and Kids:** As Trinity church has done in the past, we are again collecting food and toiletry items for the needy students of West Shore School District. Please consider bringing items into the church and putting them on the designated table in the hallway. This project provides dignity, anonymity and a basic need to these students PLUS Trinity church is supporting OUR Community with this effort. There is a list of the preferred items on Trinity's website and a copy on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please contact Cathv Baum @ (717)-774-0907 for further information.

**2021 SECRET SISTERS PROGRAM** New ladies, of any age, are welcome to join by completing a pink information sheet indicating information about you (favorite color, food, etc). This is to be returned to Vicky Forman by 12/31/2020. You will be given your Secret Sister's name and information sheet for 2021, which will be selected by a lottery. Do not reveal yourself to anyone for the entire year. Requirements for this program are a gift on Mother's Day, her birthday, Easter and Christmas along with cards or notes of encouragement throughout the year. We currently gather with Zoom for an hour from 10-11AM every 3rd Saturday of each month, for a time to chat, share and prayer. Please text Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568 or [vickyforman1@gmail.com](mailto:vickyforman1@gmail.com) with any questions. For those already involved in the **2020 SS program**, due to COVID you are requested to drop your SS Christmas gift off at your SS's home (not at the church), and reveal yourself by putting a note on the gift stating "do not open until 12/19", and place a card which reveals your name and phone number so your SS can contact you directly. If you need help getting your package over to your SS please let Vicky know as soon as possible. Since we are unable to gather together this year, a Sister's name will be pulled out of a hat and given to you for the year 2021.

Dear Trinity Congregation, We want to thank you for your generosity this year, in what was an unusual year, for your donations and your contributions to **Operation Christmas Child**. As a result of Covid, we went to donations and we were delighted with the fact that Trinity was able to send a check to Operation Christmas Child in the amount of \$1000. We're hopeful that next year we will be able to collect and pack shoe boxes for less fortunate children as we've done in the past. The purpose of Operation Christmas Child is for children around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of uncertainty and fear. Your donations are appreciated more than you can imagine and Trinity is proud to be part of such a worthwhile effort. Jane Bittner and Patricia Stacey

Dear Friends, **Thank you** for your prayers, cards, and words of comfort on my sisters passing. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Allyn Litzelman