

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



December 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page> The livestream will begin several minutes before the service begins. Feel free to tune in whenever you are ready. If you prefer to view the service later, the video will be available soon after the service has concluded.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

No matter where you come from or where you're going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or just don't feel today, no matter whom you love, you are welcome into this space to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...who wants to have a relationship with you

When the prelude begins, please silence your cell phones and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

Arr. By Richard Warner (1935-2022)

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Prayer of the Sicilian

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

IN THE LIFE

*** OPENING HYMN**

Hymn No. 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

*** LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Benji Kohn
Erica Patterson

Candle of Preparation and Peace

³ 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Isaiah 40:3-5

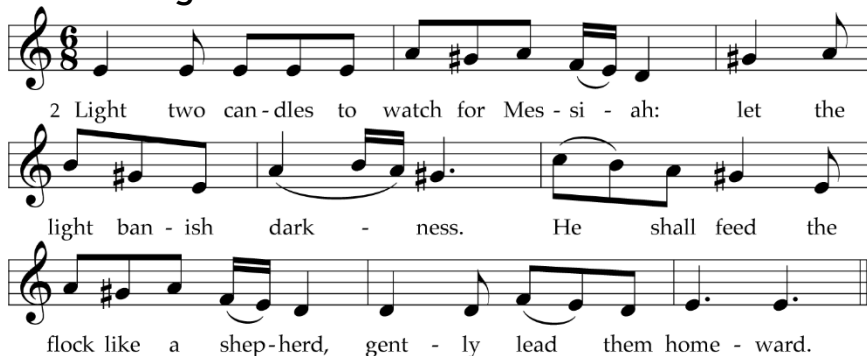
Today we relight the candle of Expectation and Hope. Let this candle remind us of the great hope we have in Christ the Messiah and in

God's promises. As we light the candle of Preparation and Peace, let it remind us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

*** ADVENT HYMN**

Hymn No. 85, Verse 2

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the
flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sue Currie, Liturgist

*Lord, over the centuries
You have called to the human race in so many ways.
You have shown us Yourself in the wonder of creation.
You have sent messengers to tell us of Your love
and to call us into relationship with You.
Sometimes You have had to get our attention
in dramatic ways.
Those attempts have had one main purpose,
to prepare us to recognize and receive Your Son.
In spite of all You have done,
we still miss chances to include Him in our lives.
Forgive us for not opening our lives
to the coming of our Lord and help us,
during this advent season,
to prepare our hearts to receive Him in new ways.
Amen.*

A moment of silence follows for personal confession.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news!
By God's grace, we are who we are:
forgiven and restored people.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

*** GLORIA**

Hymn No. 584

Glory, Glory, Glory

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!
Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

The image shows a three-staff musical score for the hymn 'Glory, Glory, Glory'. The first staff is a vocal line in 2/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!'. The second staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!'. The third staff is a piano accompaniment in 2/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and repeat signs.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

The children will remain seated. Following the Children's Moment, the children are invited to be escorted to Sunday School.

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

Hymn No. 20, Refrain

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

The image shows a two-staff musical score for the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. The first staff is a vocal line in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,'. The second staff continues the vocal line with lyrics 'all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and a 'Refrain' marking.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*O God of mercy and of wisdom,
enlighten our minds with understanding
that we may perceive and ponder
the Truth revealed in Christ.*

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Old Testament, Pages 889-890

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

ANTHEM

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Videntes Stellam
TPC Chancel Choir

Beholding the star, with joy the Wise Men came and with great gladness: and they enter'd in the house, and there offered the Lord gold and myrrh and incense.

text by Hugh Ross

SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Page 58

Luke 1:67-80

⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the

hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." ⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Steve

Zechariah

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

We come with hearts full of gratitude
for welcoming us into Your presence...
We place the our nation in Your hands...
We thank You for the freedom to love
those with whom we disagree...
We pray for patience for each and every one of us...
We pray for healing of every kind for all who need it...
We pray for those who are grieving a loss...
We pray for those in need of hope...
We offer thanks for Your bountiful blessings...

We offer our hearts for You to change...

We offer ourselves to be Your hands, feet and voices...

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Glory to God, Page 35

***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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. by Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)

Brightest and Best

TPC Chancel Choir

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend! Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger, lo, for His guard the bright angels attend. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, odours of Edom and off'rings divine, gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine? Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

text by Reginald Heber

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 708, Verses 1, 2

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*God of life, receive with these gifts
our gratitude for Your goodness,
and our dedication to Your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er-more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

* BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*During the postlude, please feel free to depart,
or to remain and enjoy the music.*

POSTLUDE

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

In Dulci Jubilo

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

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