

# TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



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December 1, 2024

Communion

10:00 a.m.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## 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

*Lani Smith (1934-2015)*

### **Oh, Come, Emmanuel**

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

## IN THE LIFE

### \* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

the Cruz Family

#### Candle of Expectation and Hope

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

Today, we light the candle of expectation and hope. May it remind each and every one of God's great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is our Savior.

### \* ADVENT HYMN

Hymn No. 85

#### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the  
light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -  
va - tion to Is - rael, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Price

The eye of the Lord is on those who wait for Him,  
***on those who hope in God's steadfast love.***

We trust the Lord to deliver us from chaos,  
***to stabilize us in times of stress.***

Now as we hope in God, let us rejoice  
in God's unswerving love for us.

\* **OPENING HYMN**

Hymn No. 121

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Antonella Cardenas, Liturgist

*Gracious and redeeming God,  
who elicits our love and entices our fidelity,  
far too often we have challenged Your counsel  
and wasted our gifts on trifling matters.  
We confess that we have disfigured Your image in us  
by our selfish acts, by our greedy thoughts  
and expressions, and by our craving for products  
that purport to ease our lives.  
Even more, we have conceived and treasured idols,  
not ones constructed of precious metals,  
but ones forged by our yearning  
for pleasure, prestige, and power.*

*Forgive us, we pray, for these our sins,  
and renew a right spirit within us, we pray.  
Amen.*

*A moment of silence follows for personal confession.*

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news:  
When we abide in Christ  
and His words reside in us,  
we experience the fullness of forgiveness  
and the joy of salvation.  
**Amen**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you**

*The people share God's peace.*

## \* IN EXCELSIS DEO

Hymn No. 584

### Glory, Glory, Glory

*During the Gloria, the children are invited to be escorted to Sunday School with Sharon Jeltema.*



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!  
*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*



And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.  
*Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*O God of great expectations,  
enlighten our minds and hearts  
to perceive and ponder the joyful hope  
revealed in the angel's annunciation to Mary.  
Amen.*

### FIRST LESSON

Old Testament, Page 719

#### Jeremiah 17:7-8

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

### ANTHEM

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 - 1594)*  
**Alma Redemptoris Mater**  
TPC Chancel Choir

## SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Pages 56-57

### Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Price

### Greater Expectations

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.*

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*arr. Marianne Forman*

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

TPC Chancel Choir

**\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 708

**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 the Resurrection,  
in Jesus Christ You have given us Your very self.  
As Christ's disciples, we give these gifts  
for the life of the world.  
Amen.*

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Choral Call to Prayer

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give thanks and praise.***

### Prayers of the People

We thank You for our families, friends, and church  
with whom we can express our heartfelt  
desires and concerns...

We thank You for increasing our expectations  
for being good and doing good...

We beseech Your guidance for governmental officials  
in our community, our state, and our nation...

We pray for comfort for those whose lives  
have been upended by injustice...

We pray for those in need of safety and hope...

We pray for help to reflect Your image to the world...

We pray for healing of every kind...

We offer our hearts for You to change...

We offer ourselves to be bearers of Your Good News...



## 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.*

## Communion Response

Hymn No. 497

### Bread of Life From Heaven

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we  
eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

## Words of Institution

### Sharing the Elements

*Communion will be served in the following manner:  
The ushers will invite you to come forward via the center aisle.  
Rev. Joe Price will give you a piece of bread; then please take a  
communion cup from the tray, before taking Communion.  
Please hold the cup until all have been served so we may  
partake together. Then return to your seat by the side aisle.  
Gluten-free bread is also available.*

## Communion Anthem

David H. Williams (b. 1919)

### A Hymn for Thanksgiving

TPC Chancel Choir

## Prayer After Communion

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

## \* CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 146

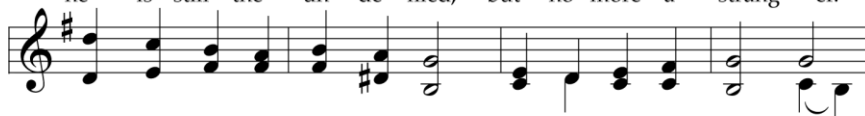
### Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;



there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.  
heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.  
he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.  
all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing.  
praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

## \* BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

## POSTLUDE

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

### Allegro Vivace

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

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