

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: *What can't wait?*

A: **Hope for a better day.**

L: *What can't wait?*

A: **Peace and repentance, among and within us.**

L: *What can't wait?*

A: **Joy and delight! Our cup runs over.**

L: *What can't wait?*

A: **Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, and love for creation.**

L: *God is waiting, and God is ready.*

A: **Starting here and now – let us worship Holy God. Amen.**

Message of Hope

Video by the Skit Guys

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

MUSIC

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

vs. 1

ELW #257

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

MUSIC (as Candle is lit)

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

vs.2

ELW #257

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: *Let us pray.*

A: **Holy One, fill us with wonder, as we marvel at your willingness to become one of us and live among us. Sustain us with hope, peace, love, and joy, as you accompany us on our advent journey. Guide us with your light, the light that cannot be overcome. Draw us out of ourselves into this world that you love so much, that we might encounter you in surprising, new ways. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Everything” (by: Lauren Daigle)

Lexi Limesand

WORD

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

“He Came Down”

one verse

ELW #253

SPARK BIBLE READING

“God Will Bring Peace” (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Spark Bible pg. 164

L: *The Word of our Lord.*

A: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 122

NRSV Bible pg. 540

L: *The Word of our Lord.*

A: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Ann Jacobson

MESSAGE

Pastor Ruth Hetland

SONG OF THE DAY

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

ELW #266

ADVENT CREED

(by: Dave Hopwood)

We believe in God, the Father, creator of heaven and earth. The one who is full of patience, who is not afraid of silence, who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise. The one who is beyond bluster and flurry, and who does not jostle for attention.

We believe in God the Son, Savior of creation, who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed, who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry, who frequently took time alone with his patient Father, who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant, who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers, whose silence overpowered their words, who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes, sometimes arriving with obvious power, sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.

We believe in one God who patiently waits for us, and who longs for us to do the same.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

L: *Hear us O God,*

A: **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING AND PEACE

MEAL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: *Gracious God,*

A: **You paint a picture of a better world – a world of peace and joy, of equality and grace. But we turn our heads and close our eyes, afraid that you might want us to help. You ask us to be brave and we care complacent. You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet. You ask us to listen and we assume we are the experts. You lead with love and we wait on the sidelines. Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you. Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress. Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go. Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

L: *God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love. Out of that love, God sent Jesus to die that we may be restored to life. Remember this: God redeems and restores you, God loves you and forgives you, God sees you and claims you. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.*

A: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER		ELW pg. 145
MUSIC	<i>“You Are Holy”</i>	ELW #525
COMMUNION		
Distribution Hymn	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	ELW #279
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		

SENDING

BENEDICTION

L: Know that God is in your past forgiving you, in your present, loving you, and in your future meeting you. And may the blessing of the Source of hope, peace, joy, and love, surround, sustain and surprise you, this day and all of your days.

A: Amen.

SENDING SONG	<i>“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”</i>	ELW #597
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DISMISSAL

L: We are Disciples of Christ, **C: Called to grow in faith and action!**

POSTLUDE

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| Technology: Bill Simmons                                    | Accompanist: Julie Aanenson |
| Ushers: 8:30 am Keith & Pat Hochgraber                      | 10:30 am Lee Olson          |
| Song Leaders: 8:30 am Denise Hemerick                       | 10:30 am Brent Gerber       |
| Communion Assistants: 8:30 am Ginny Leland, Denise Hemerick | 10:30 am Walt Aanenson      |
| Readers: 8:30 am Pat Hochgraber                             | 10:30 am Julie Aanenson     |

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- **WORSHIP & COFFEE helpers are needed each week.** We are utilizing the previously used monthly Service Groups and ‘Sign-up Genius’ through the TLC website (go to the website and click on the Dec. Worship Volunteer Sign Up and follow instructions). PLEASE HELP OUT!! You are welcome to volunteer any month! You can also contact Leola Olson, or the office.
 - **Today we pray for:** Sara, Elaine, MaKayla, Jim, Chuck, Cheryl, Bob, Layden, and all of our service connected personnel and their families, serving here and abroad in any capacity.
 - We also pray for Mary Thompson who is recovering from a recent surgery.
 - **TLC Calendar** (as it stands today): events/meetings at Trinity unless otherwise noted:
 - Nov. 22 – Bell Choir Practice at 1 pm or 6 pm; Nov. 23 - Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study at Holiday Inn at 8 am, Quilters at 9 am, Boy Scouts at 7 pm; Nov. 24 – no Youth activities
 - Nov. 25- Happy Thanksgiving – Trinity closed; Nov. 26 – Trinity closed.
 - **THE GIVING TREE** tags are available (on-line and picking up a tag). Pick up a tag in the Sanctuary by the door and sign your name. Gifts are to be returned by Dec. 8.
 - **HELP DECORATE the Church for Advent/Christmas** on Thurs., Dec. 2. Help with putting up the tree in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and other decorating to start at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Mark your calendar** – tentative day for the Annual Meeting – January 23, 2022.