

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
December 10, 2023 A.D.
The Second Sunday in Advent**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

L: Walk with God, walk beside God, walk in fellowship with God in the glorious season of Advent.

P: We know the flesh is weak, but God is the strength of our hearts.

L: As His command was given to Abraham, he was told that wonderful name of the Lord. The One who is: El Shaddi, the Almighty God, the God who is the great I Am.

P: He is our eternal strength, and with Him we can walk this day and every day with hearts filled with faith. Therefore, let us joyfully worship Him this day! Amen.

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Together, with boldness, let us confess our sins unto the Lord who hears all. Let us pray . . .

In Unison: ***Oh God you judge your people with righteousness; we judge our neighbors either right or wrong. Your Servant, Jesus, defends the cause of the poor; it is because of our greed many still want. You bring deliverance to the needy, but we stand in the way of its being received. You send us a Savior who will crush the oppressor, but we raise up***

idols in his stead. Make us mindful of your dominion, how you rule while the sun and moon endure. May we bow down before you and pay you with tribute that only you are due as we confess unto you this day, O Lord. Amen

Pastor: Truly as far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our sins from us. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.

*Our Response

What a Friend We have in Jesus

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Newell Family

*Hymn - ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #9***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2:1-11

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Meditation: ***The Word Becomes Flesh Again: Making Joy Compete!***

*Hymn - ***What Child is This #53***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by His counsel guide, uphold
you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we
meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

Liturgist: Sherri Newell

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Head Deacons: Karin Thompson & Josh Coy

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