



Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Proclaim Hope

December 19, 2021 @10:30 am

Special Music: The NPC Band

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Advent Carols

Organ Prelude

"Carol Rhapsody"

Richard Purvis **Welcome**

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Children are welcome to use our new "Prayground" space in the Sanctuary (right front section) during the worship service. An adult will be present to assist the children.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to sit close by.

Advent Candle Lighting ~ Kat Ballou & Moira Daignault

Reader 1: Where do we proclaim hope?

People: On hillsides and valleys, in villages and cities,

Reader 2: Go tell it everywhere!

Reader 1: How do we proclaim hope?

**People: In lament and in song. In sighs too deep for words
and jubilant exclamation.**

Reader 2: With the Spirit of the Lord upon us, bringing good news to all.

Reader 1: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to proclaim hope.
(Light the fourth Advent Candle)

Congregational Response Live into Hope TRURO
Glory to God Hymnal #772, v. 4

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***Opening Prayer**

Hymn Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus STUTTGART
Glory to God Hymnal #83

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.

First Reading Leviticus 25:8-13

⁸ You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. ⁹ Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. ¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. ¹² For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

¹³ In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property.

Music Meditation *He Will Come and Save You* Bob Fitts

Children's Moment

Worship bag supplies, including sermon notes for the kids,
are available on the worship cart in the narthex.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:16-21

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet

Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Prayers of the People

**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.**

“Pray for One Another”

To encourage all of us to pray for each other, we list here some members and families each week. Here is this week’s list:

Scott & Suzanne Holton; Ed & Martha Honeycutt; Thurmond & Nancy Hood; Don & Ann Hooper; Jim & Lisa Hubbert, Hannah, Samuel; Hannah Jenkins; Steve & Robin Jenkins; Clint & Monty Johnson; Dave & Claire Jones; Mary Jo Jones.

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*Closing Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
Glory to God Hymnal #104

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.

You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
when your renewed creation your glory shall display.

Benediction

Doxology

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

Organ Response

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

African American Spiritual

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Walk-Thru Live Nativity, Tonight 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services, Friday, December 24 @ 5:30, 7:30, & 11:30 pm

Sunday, December 26 ~ Worship @ 10:30 am; no Sunday School

Sunday, January 2 ~ Worship & Communion @ 10:30 am; no Sunday School

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