



*Every good and perfect gift is from above—James 1:17*

JANUARY 1-2, 2022

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

## **PRAYER AS WE GATHER:**

We praise you, O God, for you come to us in the midst of our everyday lives. You surprise us with your presence in the midst of all the turmoil and craziness around us. Help us to look for you with hope and anticipation every day. Amen.

## **PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:**

- ❖ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- ❖ *“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.* - Neil Gaiman, Author
- ❖ *“There are better things ahead than any we leave behind.”* - C.S. Lewis, Author

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have come from everywhere to prepare for a New Year.

**People: We have come seeking rest and renewal as we enter the New Year.**

Leader: We have come with burdens, and questions, and failures from the year past.

**People: We have come seeking a new start.**

Leader: We have come seeking peace in a world of strife and conflict.

**People: We hope for something new in the time ahead.**

Leader: Mostly we have come to ask You Lord to travel with us into this New Year.

**People: May we enter this New Year in faith.**

**PRAISE SONG: “Light Shines in the Darkness” (music at end of bulletin)**

## **OUR CONFESSION:**

**All: Divine Companion, from the beginning of life to its ending, we rest in your loving embrace, though we do not always recognize your presence. Our eyes are blind, and our calendars are too full to notice your presence. We narrowly define how you work in our lives and often miss your surprises.**

**Remind us, loving God, that you are more than our past experiences and future hopes. You are always working for good in every moment of life and often in surprising, unexpected ways. Keep our eyes open to see. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**SONG: “The Christmas Child is a Troublesome Child”**  
*(music at end of bulletin)*

*(Silence to Reflect on What We Need to Let Go of and what we need to embrace As We Enter a New Year)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:                      John 1:1-4**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

## **A CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION**

### **A TIME OF SILENCE**

**SONG: “Bring in Your New World” - Verse 1 (music at end of bulletin)**

**SCRIPTURE READING:                      Luke 4:16-21**

Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been raised. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, God’s Spirit is on me;

he’s chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,  
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and battered free,  
to announce, “This is God’s time to shine!”

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, “You’ve just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place.”

## **A CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION**

### **A TIME OF SILENCE**

**SONG:** *“Bring in Your New World” - Verse 2 (music at end of bulletin)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** **Isaiah 43:18-19**

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

## **A CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION**

### **A TIME OF SILENCE**

**SONG:** *“Bring in Your New World” - Verse 3 (music at end of bulletin)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** **Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **A CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION**

### **A TIME OF SILENCE**

**SONG:** *“Bring in Your New World” - Verse 4 (music at end of bulletin)*

**P:** In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

**C:** But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

## **THE PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

**THE SENDING OUT:**

Leader: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untraveled, through challenges unknown. Give us faith to go out into this New Year with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen!**

**THE SENDING SONG: “*Light Dawns on a Weary World*”**  
*(music at end of bulletin)*

**THE DISMISSAL:**

Leader: Go into the New Year in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attendee. Occasional attendee. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry.** Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.

## COME *as you are.*



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*Light Shines in the Darkness*

Oh the light shines in the dark - ness and the  
light will not be o - ver - come. In this world *Last time end*  
bro - ken and scat - tered the light will not be o - ver - come.  
As our lives are turn - ing and our  
Tears through - out cre - a - tion, torn a -  
hearts are yearn - ing through the days of hurt - ing,  
part re - la - tions, wounds a - cross the na - tions,  
2  
deep in the night still the flame burns bright.  
hope may seem gone still the flame burns on.

*The Christmas Child Is a Troublesome Child*



1.The Christ - mas child is a trou - ble - some child, as  
2.The Christ - mas child is a gen - er - ous child, ex -  
3.The Christ - mas child is a trou - ble - some child, as



trou - ble - some as the Word that stirred the wa - ters  
trav - a - gant in ex - cess, who spends the coin - of  
trou - ble - some as the Word that stirred the wa - ters



from the deep and let God's voice be heard. The  
life and hope to re - cre - ate and bless. The  
from the deep and let God's voice be heard. The



Christ - mas child is a spir - it - ed child who  
Christ - mas child is a dan - ger - ous child when  
Christ - mas child is a lu - mi - nous child whose

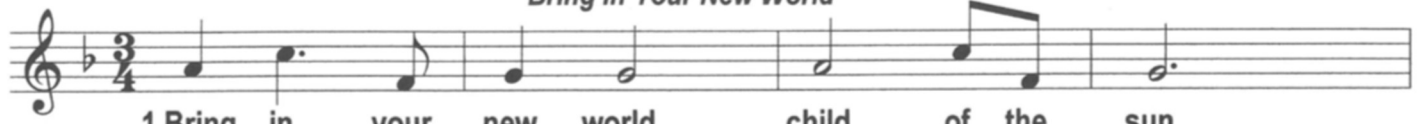


ques - tions giv - en rule, who flouts con - ven - tion's  
to a proph - et grown, whose vi - sion takes a  
peace the an - gels sing, whose star no dark - ness

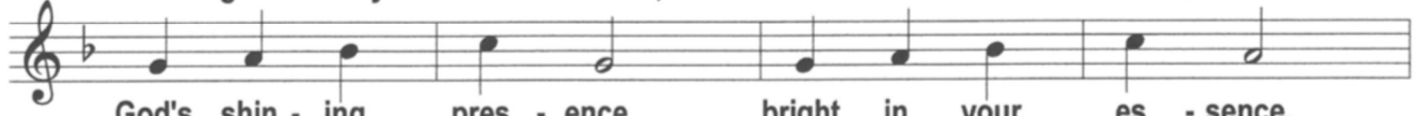


pi - ous face, who laughs and plays the fool.  
thorn - y path, whose cross may be our own.  
o - ver - comes, whose life lights ev - 'ry - thing.

Bring in Your New World



1. Bring in your new world, child of the sun,  
2. Bring in your new world, child of the east,  
3. Bring in your new world, child of all time,  
4. Bring in your new world, child of our earth,



God's shin - ing pres - ence, bright in your es - sence,  
dan - ger - ous lead - er, born to be plead - er,  
peace with - out bor - der, peace the new or - der,  
hold - ing cre - a - tion in your com - pas - sion,



Christ - mas be - gun; bring to our sad world  
proph - et and priest; come come with your judg - ment,  
li - on with lamb; come come in the heal - ing,  
wait - ing your birth; come come lit - tle hu - man,



light and de - light, sing - ing and laugh - ter,  
voice for the poor, born to col - li - sion,  
shar - ing of bread, jus - tice and free - dom,  
cry your first breath, cry out God's kind - ness,



hope as our shel - ter, stars to our night.  
God's right - eous vi - sion here at our door.  
signs of the king - dom, ev - 'ry - one fed.  
light out of blind - ness, life out of death.

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

1. Light dawns on a wea - ry world when  
2. Love grows in a wea - ry world when  
3. Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when

eyes be - gin to see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty.  
hun - gry hearts find bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed.  
crea - tures, once for - lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born.

Light dawns on a wea - ry world; the  
Love grows in a wea - ry world; the  
Hope blooms in a wea - ry world; the

prom - ised day of jus - tice comes. The trees will  
prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
prom - ised green of E - den comes.

clap their hands; the dry lands gush with springs; the hills and  
moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing! We shall go  
out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the  
world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.