Dec. 26, 2021

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

Song: “Cherry Tree Carol”

Song: “Grown Up Christmas List”

Carol: “Sing We Now of Christmas,” vs 1

***Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here. Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.***

***Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!***

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from sin and aimlessness, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom we offer our praise and thanks, now and forever. Amen**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PSALM 148

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

 praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels;

 praise him, all his host!

3 Praise him, sun and moon;

 praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,

 and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,

 for he commanded and they were created.

6 He established them for ever and ever;

 he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,

 you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost,

 stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills,

 fruit trees and all cedars!

10 Wild animals and all cattle,

 creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,

 princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike,

 old and young together!

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,

 for his name alone is exalted;

 his glory is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,

 praise for all his faithful,

 for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

LUKE 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, ‘Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.’ 49He said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ 50But they did not understand what he said to them. 51Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

CAROL SING

 Red Hymnal #372 - #411

 Black Hymnal #124 - #166

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH WITH JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lord in your mercy… **Hear our prayers**.

OFFERING

Carol: #132 “Joy to the World” (New Century Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF!**

Many thanks for your generous gifts! Your love and support mean so much to us all and make it a joy to be in ministry with you. Merry Christmas!

PRAYER LIST

*To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.* tim.hare@trumbullcc.org.

Rita & Bob Bennett, Pastor Tim’s Aunt & Uncle, experiencing health concerns

John, Sarah, and Ryan Tyler, grieving the loss of Beth

Family of Stacey Tall, friends of the Hills, grieving the loss of Stacey’s husband

Chip Warren, recovering from surgery

Mitchel Archer, continued recovery and help with new prostheses

Santiago Alfonso, (lives in our parsonage,) recovering from a severe seizure.