**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE, OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

**SONG: “***Magnificat”*

Verse 1

***My soul will magnify the Lord***

***I rejoice in God my Saviour***

***In the wonder of His favour***

***For He has done great things for me***

***He was mindful of His servant***

***Every age shall call me blessed***

***The Hope of Abraham come***

***In the giving of a Son***

***For He who promised is mighty***

***In remembering His mercy***

Verse 2

***My soul will magnify the Lord***

***For His grace to those who fear Him***

***Through every generation***

***The proud He scatters to the wind***

***As the ruler’s strength is broken***

***And the rich are left with nothing***

***The humble lifted high***

***And the hungry satisﬁed***

***Our Portion and our Treasure***

***Our Hope and Help forever***

Ending

***My soul will magnify the Lord***

***I rejoice in God my Saviour***

***In the wonder of His favour***

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**SONG: *“****Breathe of Heaven (Mary’s Song),”* Amy Grant

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**\*HYMN:** #354*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* vs. 1-3 (red hymnal)

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith, just as Mary and Joseph did. We confess our sinfulness and our separation from you. Help us as persons and as a congregation to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *“A Hallelujah Christmas,”*by Cloverton

**ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20** Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you\* in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

as on a day of festival.\* I will remove disaster from you,\*  so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**LUKE 1:39-45** In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed that there would be\* a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** #216 *“Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming”* (insert)

**JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**OFFERING**:

Thank you for [supporting our ministries!](https://trumbullcongregationalchurch.breezechms.com/give/online)

Offerings are gratefully received in the box in the back of the sanctuary, via QR code, or by US post.



**SENT TO SERVE**

**SONG:** #109 “*With Joy Draw Water”*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you for worshiping with us at TCC!

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*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](mailto:tim.hare@trumbullcc.org).

~Rose Heiser, Angela Hare’s mother, struggling with health concerns

~Stephanie Marko, Jo Ann Hunt’s friend, who lost her son (48 years old) to heart failure

~Karolina Szabo’s sister, Irma, experiencing health concerns.

~Charlotte Coe and family, Jo Ann Hunt's friend with dementia and cancer

~The parents of Paul Nestro, experiencing health concerns

~Maria Coffin, prayers for healing and peace as she goes through chemotherapy

~Nancy and Mike Szwejkowski, both dealing with health concerns.

~Ian and Jacqueline Sugrue-Tait and Griffin, their youngest, who struggles with significant health

issues

~Rev. John Russell, former TCC Pastor, experiencing health concern

~George Fitch, Grandfather of Jennifer Avery, experiencing health concerns

~Marlene, Amy Ronge’s friend, healing prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment

~The Consolati family, grieving the death of Michelle’s mother, Gail Winick

~Eric Farrell, recovering from surgery



**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

***\*\*GIFTS FOR NOURISH:* We have the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for 2 nOURish Bridgeport families. Pick up a tag on the tree in the RR to participate. (Gifts must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 22.)**

***\*\*COME CAROLING WITH US!*  Join us at 3pm onTODAY at TCC as we head out to spread some Christmas cheer at the homes of some of our senior members. We’ll plan to finish up at 4:30ish and convene at the home of Chip & Alice Warren for fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome, but if you are planning to join us an rsvp to Pastor Tim would be helpful! (If you are able to bring a dish to share at the Warrens please do!)**

***\*\*COFFEE HOUR:*  Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Round Room. Please sign up online to host a Sunday. It’s easy, and the fellowship time makes a big difference to our time together. Instructions are on the Signup Genius.**

***\*\*SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES:***

***Sunday, Dec. 22: Pageant Sunday! Our children will lead us in a festive pageant full of faith, carols, humor, and a little sass. Please join us at 10am. This is a great Sunday to share TCC with friends and relatives!***

***Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve! Join us at 5pm for this family-friendly service as we celebrate the birth of Christ through proclamation, song, prayer and candlelight.***

***Sunday, Dec. 29: Worship will begin with a carol-sing, an opportunity to call out your favorite Christmas hymns and sing a verse or two. Rev. Eric Fjeldal will be our guest preacher while Pastor Tim is on vacation.***

***Sunday, Jan. 5: This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season and often focuses on the celebration of Epiphany and the arrival of the magi who follow a star to the stable where Jesus is born. Rev. Caroly Gibson will lead worship while Pastor Tim is on vacation.***

***\*\*UNDECORATING:* Please stick around after worship on Sunday, Jan. 5 to help take the Christmas decorations down and prepare the sanctuary for the season after Epiphany.**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please feel free to reach out to Lisa – Mondays, Wednesday & Thursdays from 9am-12pm at 203-268-2433 or at [office@trumbullcc.org](mailto:office@trumbullcc.org).