

THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES

FINDING FAITH IN THE STORY OF **THE GRINCH**



December 4, 2022

“Looking the Part”

Matthew 3:1-12

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All Are Welcome!

*"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.*

*He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

*The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.*

*The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.*

*They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

*On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious."*

Isaiah 11:1-10

+Stand as you're able.

PRELUDE

Tim Eaton

WELCOME & GREETING

Pastor Shauna

CENTERING ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel*** (#211 vs. 3 & 4)

Tim Eaton

+CALL TO WORSHIP & CANDLE LIGHTING

Paul Voorhees

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope.
Let us light it again to show that our hope continues. (*Light the first candle.*)

John the Baptist called on the people of his day to prepare the path for the coming of
the Messiah. He called them to repent, turn around, change their ways.
To live in peace with others, we need to repent and change directions.

We light this second candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
He shows us how to share God's peace with others. (*Light the second candle.*)

The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us be peacemakers. Let us say it together:

People: **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is sadness, joy; And where there is darkness, light.
Grant that we may seek not so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

+OPENING PRAISE ***Prince of Peace (You are Holy)***

Tim Eaton

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pat Moore

OFFERTORY

Light of the World

Tim Eaton

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Paul Voorhees

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in peace.

A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear. A peace growing from our trust in your loving power. Receive these generous offerings, and use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen

SCRIPTURE—

Paul Voorhees

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Looking the Part"

Pastor Shauna

HOLY COMMUNION

+CLOSING SONG

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Tim Eaton

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE

Tim Eaton

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

TECH TEAM

Josh Dwyer

MUSIC

Tim Eaton and the Band

Terry Moore

LITURGIST

Paul Voorhees

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

Cyndy Weiner

Pete Scotti