

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 22, 2019

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to become growing followers of Jesus Christ and to reach out to others in unconditional love because God first loved us.*

\* This mark invites those who are able to please stand.

*Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

\* HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* 206

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READINGS—

*The Ewing Family – Stephanie, Ayden and Austin*

### ARE WE THERE YET? - *Trust*

**Reader One:** One thing we have learned on our Advent journey is that it is better not to go alone. We live in a do-it-yourself culture that celebrates the individual. But faith is not something that we can do on our own. We need companions on the journey; we need others to support us and strengthen us and encourage us. We put our journey in the hands of many people around us; and although it is a risk, we are better for it. We learn to trust that someone has our back, as we make this journey of faith.

**Reader Two:** Matthew reminds us that when God chose to come to earth the first time, God chose to trust in people to help make it happen. God trusted in Mary, and God trusted in Joseph. In turn, we trust in God to be faithful to the promise and to sustain us through many others as we continue our journey of faith.

**Reader One:** We light the candles of peace, hope, joy, and trust, as our circle is complete.

*(Light four candles on the wreath.)*

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**Reader Two:** Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace, hope, joy, and trust.

\* HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 211

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\* HYMN *Jesus! The Name High over All* 193

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

\* PRESENTATION HYMN 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON "God Is With Us"

### A TIME OF PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (together)

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 230

### \* BENECTION

### \* POSTLUDE

**Those serving in worship today:**

*Guest Pianist: Dr. Dale Sinnett*

Reader: Jerry Bower



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*Prayer: Thank you, O God, for the joy in my heart that is deep, deep down in my soul. When tempests rage, there's a joy in the depth of my soul that is undisturbed by the winds blowing around me. For this, I give you all the praise. In Jesus' name. Amen*

### This Week's Events:

Sunday 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
*Guest Pianist: Dr. Dale Sinnett*  
Tuesday 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**  
Trinity UMC @ 7:00 PM  
Peace UMC @ 5:30 PM  
Wednesday 25 **Christmas Day – Office Closed**

### Upcoming Events:

Sunday 29 **First Sunday After Christmas Day**  
Tuesday 31 **New Year's Eve**  
Wednesday 1 **New Year's Day 2020 – Office Closed**



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerod McCollum	12/22	Tom Richardson	12/29
Sally (Hodge) McCollum	12/24	Carrie Richardson	12/29
Nicholas Bastian	12/24	Dennis Tracy	12/31
Tammy (Goodyear) Fritz	12/25	Destiny Shannon	12/31
Paul Turgasen	12/26	Ayden Ewing	12/31

**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY HOST** – many thanks to Kathy Bastian and Chris Storer for hosting our coffee hour this morning!

**MISSION FOCUS FOR DECEMBER – THE SALVATION ARMY!** The *last Sunday offering on December 29th* for missions will support the local Salvation Army, a volunteer organization that provides multiple forms of assistance to meet emergency care needs. Please see the Missions' bulletin board in the narthex for more details and about the Red Kettle Bell Ringing.

Announcements Continued >

**PRAYING FOR CHURCHES AND CLERGY** – please send your prayers and support this week (*December 22nd – December 28th*), to the Stoughton UMC and their clergy Cathy Christman and the 89 members.

**TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S GROUP** – will be starting a new book and video series called “*Discerning the Voice of God*”, by Prisilla Shirer. Come enjoy fellowship and support in our walk with God. Group meets every Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the library.



**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** – Poinsettias have been ordered for our Sunday services on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the 24<sup>th</sup> our Christmas Eve candlelight service. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, please call the church office or use the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please indicate if you would like to donate the plant in someone's honor or memory. The plants this season are \$15 each. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service or left for the remainder of the season.

**LOVE FUND ALERT** - As we enter the end-of-the-year holiday season, the Finance Committee notes that the Pastor’s Love Fund needs contributions, in anticipation of increased requests for help. The Pastor uses the Love Fund to help individuals who have an emergency need for assistance. The Love Fund is one of the ways that Trinity carries out its mission to care for all of God’s people. Please write “Love Fund” on your contribution envelope.



**2020 Trinity Scholarship Now Available.** Memorial Ministry is pleased to announce its application period for the 2020 Trinity scholarship. Applications will be sought from Sunday, December 01, 2019, through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Scholarship recipients are notified after May 12, 2020. Through generous memorial and honor gifts, our scholarship fund has a current balance of **\$8,546.44**. Scholarships are available to all Trinity professing and baptized members and regular attendees (as determined by Memorial Ministry). Scholarship categories include higher and continuing education. Electronic or traditional paper scholarship applications can be obtained in three ways: (1) church office at 647.3203 or [trinityumc@mwt.net](mailto:trinityumc@mwt.net) or <https://trinity.umchurchrc.org/>, (2) Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey at 647.6439 or [pmurphey@mwt.net](mailto:pmurphey@mwt.net), or (3) paper copies

available on the Narthex literature table. Our Trinity scholarship is partially funded in memory of **Marilyn Joan Anderson, Wayne Braithwaite, Jerry Cooper, Alberta Chellevold-Couey, Nancy Edwards, Hilda Heidenreich, Eloise Herbeck, Dean & Roger Jewell, James & Lucille Johnston, Ralph & Helen Monteith, Ruth Moser, & Eleanor Strang.** ALL questions should be directed to Paul Murphey.



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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday – Friday  
9:00AM – Noon



***DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER***

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> / Candlelight Service – Peace @ 5:30 PM  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> / Candlelight Service - Trinity @ 7:00 PM  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> / Office closed

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