

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 20, 2020
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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 211

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READINGS—

The Ewing Family – Allison, 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 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* 218

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)
(see insert for scripture)

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 Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)
(see insert for scripture)

SERMON “The Son of the Most High”

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 *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* 184

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Those serving in worship today:

Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Reader: Jerry Bower

Today’s Selected Hymns:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (211)

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

5 O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode. Refrain

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light. Refrain

7 O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace. Refrain

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (218)

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Of the Father's Love Begotten (184)

1 Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds
began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending
he
of the things that are, that have been
and that future years shall see, evermore and
evermore.

2 O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts,
his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our
God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring, evermore and
evermore.

3 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy
Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and
unwearied praises be:
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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Today's Selected Scriptures:

Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)

Mary's Song

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,^(BE)

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord's servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Prayer: O God, thank you for sending your Son to be born in a humble manger at Bethlehem. Thank you for sending One who can show us the way to life eternal. Amen

This Week's Events:

Sunday 20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Tuesday 22 Tuesday Morning Grp 10:00 AM
@Peace-UMC **CANCELLED**

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 27 **First Sunday after Christmas Day**
Tuesday 29 Tuesday Morning Grp 10:00 AM
@Peace-UMC **CANCELLED**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Oakley Schneider	12/20	Tom Richardson	12/29
Joan Bethke	12/22	Carrie Richardson	12/29
Jerod McCollum	12/22	Dennis Tracy	12/31
Sally (Hodge) McCollum	12/24	Destiny Shannon	12/31
Nicholas Bastian	12/24	Ayden Ewing	12/31
Tammy (Goodyear) Fritz	12/25	James Steinmetz	12/31
Paul Turgasen	12/26	Lee Steinmetz	12/31



Memorial Announcement...

In Memory of Ray J. Marshall, Jr.
July 31, 1926 – December 10, 2020

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Farber Funeral Home, Reedsburg, WI*, Website:
<https://tinyurl.com/yyuwkfly>

A private, family service will be held.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to Ray's
Daughter & Son-in-Law at the Following:

Dianne & Kurt Monson & Family
24230 Highway ZZ
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.6247

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS....



Have been ordered for our Sunday services on December 20th, and the 24th our Christmas Eve candlelight service and December 27th.

Many thanks to all our member sponsors that purchase a plant in someone's honor or memory.

The **POINSETTIAS** may be taken home following the December 27th service or left for the remainder of the season.