

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* 238

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READINGS—

Allison, Ayden and Austin Ewing

ARE WE THERE YET? *Love*

Reader One: We light this candle. It seems a simple thing, lighting a candle, a quiet thing that I do alone, to provide something bright in the midst of all my darkness. But it doesn't make that much difference. It doesn't change the power of the night to bring doubt and fear and separation. It doesn't make the world a better place, lighting a candle. Does it?

Reader Two: We light these candles. Because we have seen a light and we believe increasing that light does make a difference in the world around us. We light these candles because we want to be people of the light, who know a God who loved the world so much, this God chose to be born in a manger in the midst of the darkness. We light these candles as a sign of the light of the world that is coming into our darkness, and we sing with joy.

Reader One: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth let there be Love.

(Light ALL 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 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 240

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

* HYMN *Joy to the World* 246

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96 and Titus 2:11-14

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE *"The Light of God"*

CANDLE LIGHTING

At this time the candles will be lit. To prevent from being burned by wax, please do not tip your candle once it has been lit.

Note: Verse 1 will be a solo vocal sung by Allison Ewing

Verse 2 – 4 congregation will join in singing

*HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night* 239

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Verse 4

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light'
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ, the Savior is born.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* **Our offering tonight will go to the Free Clinic Ministries.**

* **May the Lord bless you for coming tonight and celebrating the birth of the New Born King with us. May the Lord protect you and your family as you travel this Christmas Season.**

* **Our thanks to everyone who took part in our worship service tonight. God Bless!**

Serving tonight:

Advent Wreath Lighting: Allison, Ayden and Austin Ewing

Pianist: Sharon Moore

Scripture Readers: Russ & Barb Shannon, Jerry Bower

Special Vocal: Allison Ewing



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OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96 and
Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Psalm 96

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved
he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Titus 1:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers
salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to
ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-
controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,
¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of
the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all
wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are
his very own, eager to do what is good.

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a
census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

² (This was the first census that took place while
Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went
to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in
Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,
because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He
went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be
married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they
were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and
she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him
in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was
no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields
nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An
angel^(E) of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of
the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring
you good news that will cause great joy for all the
people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been
born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a
sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and
lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host
appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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