

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**December 11, 2022**  
*Third 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 *Joy to the World* 246

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READINGS—**  
*Sunday School Youth*

**ARE WE THERE YET? - JOY**

**Reader One:** Sometimes on our journey, our feet get heavy, our shoulders feel burdened, and our hearts seem slow. Sometimes in the preparation, the busyness overwhelms us, and we get lost in the doing and the planning and the running. And what we lose is a sense of why. Why do we do all of this? Why is this journey necessary? And the answer is simple: for the joy of it. We forget the joy when we get caught up in the to-do lists. We forget the joy when we worry more about how things look than connecting with others.

**Reader Two:** Matthew tells us that when John asked if Jesus was the one to come, Jesus responded by saying look around you. Our call in this Advent journey is to look around us to see the one who comes already at work among us and to celebrate that presence with joy.

**Reader One:** We light the candles of peace and hope and joy to light our way as we journey.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

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

\* HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* 218

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (All)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

\* PRESENTATION HYMN 95

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1:46-55  
 James 5:7-10 (NIV)

**SERMON** "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

\* HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* 238

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**Those Serving in worship today:**

Pianist Sharon Moore  
 Reader: Joan Bethke

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*Prayer: Loving God, open my eyes to see all that You are doing. Strengthen me to be a part of it. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**This Week's Events:**

Sunday	11	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Children's Christmas Program</i>
Tuesday	13	Tuesday Morning Grp 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday	14	Dance Class 4:00 P.M. Church Conference 7:00 P.M.
Thursday	15	Revivalist Prayer Group 4:00 P.M. at Grace Community Church

**Upcoming Events:**

Sunday	18	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
Wednesday	21	Dance Class 4:00 P.M.
Thursday	22	Revivalist Prayer Group 4:00 P.M. at New House - RCF
Saturday	24	Christmas Eve Service 7:00 P.M.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS			
Amelia Shannon	12/18	Paul Turgasen	12/26
Benjamin Otto	12/19	Carrie Richardson	12/29
Oakley Schneider	12/20	Tom Richardson	12/29
Joan Bethke	12/22	Ayden Ewing	12/31
Jerod McCollum	12/22	Destiny Shannon	12/31
Nicholas Bastian	12/24	Lee Steinmetz	12/31
Sally (Hodge) McCollum	12/24	James Steinmetz	12/31
Tammy (Goodyear) Fritz	12/25	Dennis Tracy	12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY	
Fuzz & Nancy McCauley	12/30

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### The 12 Days of Christmas

Clara Shannon	Amelia Shannon
Gabriella Shannon	Tora Perkins
Teige Perkins	Tate Perkins
Ayden Ewing	Austin Ewing



Please make sure to order your Poinsettia plants now. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. They will be on used for the services on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve.

### Candlelight Service



**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight** Worship service will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**We will not have a Worship Service on Christmas Day.**



**Our Church Conference** will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. **All members are invited to attend.**

## Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 A.M.

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Administrative Assistant: Joan Wheeler

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse

Custodian: Bill Twining



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY HOST

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Many thanks to Rosie Steinmetz & the high school students for hosting coffee hour this morning!

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*Joy*

