

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 December 18, 2022
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 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 213

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READINGS

Melissa Sprecher Family

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.

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 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* 196

* 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 **Isaiah 7:10-16 (NIV)**
Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON **“A Shocking Announcement”**
Lay Speaker: Jerry Bower

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Silent, Individual Prayers

Pastor’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (All) 895

* HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* 240

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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Prayer Savior of the world, thank you for the gift of salvation made possible by your birth and your life poured out on Calvary’s cross. May I live in such a way that your life will not be given in vain. Amen.

This Week’s Events:

Sunday 18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 Wednesday 21 The Chimes Deadline Noon
 Dance Class 4:00 P.M.
 Thursday 22 Revivalist Prayer Group 4:00 P.M.
 at New House/RCF
Saturday 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
at 7:00 P.M. / Peace at 5:30 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 25 **NO Worship Service**
 Monday 26 The office is closed
 Thursday 29 Revivalist Prayer Group 4:00 P.M.
 at Peace



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

Those serving in worship today:

Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Reader: Paul Murphy



Poinsettias

Thanks to the following sponsors who purchased a plant in honor or memory of a loved one for Trinity's Christmas altar floral display

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| Paul & Louise Murphey | In Memory of Art & Vera Boettcher |
| Carl & Joan Bethke | In Honor of Steve Bethke |
| Rosie Steinmetz | In Memory of Judith Hanzel |
| Diane Cox | In Memory of Harold & Ethel Olson |
| Paul & Louise Murphey | In Memory of Bob, Rose & Larry Murphey |
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| Kathy Bastian | In Memory of Charles & Lucille Bastian
James & Lucille Johnston |
| Carl & Joan Bethke | In Memory of Bob & Donna Bethke |
| Cheryl Stanley | In Memory of George Stanley |

Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 A.M.

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TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY HOST

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Many thanks to Joan Bethke for hosting coffee hour this morning!



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