

*Peace and Trinity United
Methodist Churches
Christmas Eve*

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**This mark invited those who are able to please stand*
PRELUDE

GREETING

***PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT --**
*** Hymn “What Child Is This?” 219**

***FIRST LESSON --** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

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

People: 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. 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.

***Hymn “There’s a Song In the Air” 249**

CHILDREN’S TIME -- *The children are invited to come forward.*

SPECIAL MUSIC “Light Your Candle,”
Rosanne Knower

SECOND LESSON -- Luke 1:26-35, 38
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child
Lighting the **HOPE** Candle

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” 238 (V. 1-3)

THIRD LESSON -- Luke 2:1-7
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child
Lighting the **FAITH** Candle

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” 230 (V. 1-3)

FOURTH LESSON -- Luke 2:8-16
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah
Lighting the **JOY** Candle

Hymn “Away in a Manger” 217

FIFTH LESSON -- Matthew 2:1-11
Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus
Lighting the **LOVE** Candle

Hymn “We Three Kings” 254

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; 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 “The First Noel” 245 (V. 1-2)

SIXTH LESSON -- John 1:1-14
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth
Lighting the **CHRIST** Candle

Passing the Light of Christ
Special Music -- “Silent Night” Alison Ewing (Vs. 1)

Hymn “Silent Night” (V. 2-3)

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.

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*We depart now in a spirit of quiet reverence...
Merry Christmas! Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All!!*



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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*Peace United Methodist Church
265 N. Church St
Richland Center, WI 53581
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.*

*Trinity United Methodist Church
400 E. Seminary St
Richland Center, WI 53581
Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.*

Please join us next Sunday, December 31st, for the last services of the year at Trinity (9:30) and Peace at (10:45). These are also our last services as two separate churches.

On Sunday, January 7th we begin worshipping together as one congregation. Our service on that day will be at 9:30, with a new worship time for the unified church to be announced soon.

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