

Trinity United Church of Christ Reign Christ November 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Caregiver Appreciation Sunday

In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

A Season of Peace

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ: We exist to Love people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Meditation of the Day "Do not forget to honor your gifts." ~ 1 Timothy 4:14~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

This is a Safe and Loving Place, a "Sanctuary" for worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that 'No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You are Welcome Here!

Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by Hannah Matthews

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

*Call to Community John Warfield

One: The one who cared about you before you were born, the one who loved you in your mother's womb, and the one who persistently has never let you go is present with us now. Let us worship God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you

Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.

*Opening Hymn: They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?" (#541 NCH)

Opening Prayer

Jackie Nave Kulp

One: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for God of Ruth and Naomi, of hope in bitterness, harvest in hunger, life in death, we offer our prayers of blessing on the feet and lives of women and men taking risks to care for their families and communities.

You, Lord, are born in our resistance to injustice and shoulder with women the burden of poverty. Invite us into solidarity with them and with you, as you lead us to life and justice. Amen.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Ruth 1:8-18 MB Brainerd

Ruth's commitment to Naomi

Second Reading Mark 12:38-44 Pastor Katie

The widow and the judge

The MessageWherever You GoPastor Katie

*Hymn of Grace: "I Need You Every Hour" (#517 NCH)

Invitation to Generosity

The Blessing of Caretaking John & Jackie

*Choral Response "Sanctuary" #482 (Worship & Rejoice) (REPEAT)

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: God of abundance, sometimes we have to learn how to have faith in the in-between. When there doesn't seem to be enough, show us how your people take care of each other. When we fear to share what we have, show us the grace of receiving an unexpected gift. When we hang on tight for later, just in case, show us that you are in this very moment. In these ways, teach us to give, to share, to offer ourselves for your kingdom work. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" #551 NCH (requested by Belva LaMotte)

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wpcontent/uploads/caregiversunday10.pdf https://reworship.blogspot.com/search?q=ruth , Microsoft Word -Offertory Prayers.docx

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Leadership

Katie Penick Hannah Matthews MB Brainerd Deb Persinger Sandy Sanders Hannah Matthews MB Brainerd Pastor Director of Music Lay Reader Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Dec. 1 = Hope

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36 Message – A New day

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program. Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month. See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or wsmdem@comcast.net

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday January Newsletters - Monday, December 16

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – December 4 @ 7pm Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: \$TBA Care Fund/Building: \$TBA Attendance:22

Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz John Hansen Ash Van Nuys Freeman Palmer, CAC Conference Minister Kathy Peters and family Mary and George Pietsch Leah. friend of Donna Alban Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte Ken Plummer Jean Simmons Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price Gina Tollini

Rev. Debra Wilcox Family of Judi Wilcox Shirley Wood

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028



TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS We are taking orders for our newly designed t-shirts! Contact Sandy Sanders to place an order or with any questions @ 443-974-6723 SIZING: Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL Youth Sizes: S M L XL



Adult Sunday School 9:15 a.m. @Trinity and by Zoom

Studies that combine scripture and poetry **November** – "Wendell Berry and the Poetry of Sabbath" **December** - "The Poetry of Advent: An Advent Companion to Mary Oliver's 'Devotions." **Zoom links are available for all Bible Study**



Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am – focus on how Jesus is introduced to us in each gospel In person and zoom



Book Club returns for Advent!

We will read *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* by Will Willimon

From the book cover: "In Advent, we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way!"

Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.

Please pick up the flyers for Decorating for Christmas and Reverse Advent Calendar in the Narthex.

Hurricane Relief – we are continuing to accept donations for Hurricane Relief through the month of November.



Lighting of the Créche

Please join us in person at **6:15pm on Friday, November 29**th **(Black Friday)** for the lighting of our magnificent crèche. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served inside as we open our doors to the community. Bundle up and join us for this special event.



Trinity UCC Christmas Giving Tree

The holiday season is fast approaching; TUCC has plans to assist with help for families again this year. NESAP will be providing us with the needs of at least one family with younger children. Once we receive the information, we will have gift tags available for our congregation beginning **Sunday**, **November 17th** with gift ideas for you to purchase, wrap and bring into church. NESAP recommends the cost of each gift should be around \$30.00. Please return wrapped gifts by **December 15th**. Place the gift tag you removed from the tree on the gift.

TUCC is a small and mighty church, and our congregation always finds a way to help families in need and for that we are blessed and thankful for bringing smiles and comfort to others during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. God Bless and thank you once again for your support. Contact Sandy Sanders with questions 443-974-6723.

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