

**Trinity United Church
of Christ**
“First Sunday of Advent”
Holy Communion
December 1, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Miracles, Signs and Wonders!

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

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 “Hope is the thing with feathers.”
~Emily Dickinson~

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, Joy and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community** Jackie Kulp

One: November ends. December begins.

All: **We find our beginning and our ending in God.**

One: Month after month, our God attends us and supports us.

All: **For God’s company, we offer thanks and praise.**

One: Let us worship the God who gives us Jesus Christ:

All: **God who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning
and the end, the Living One and our Redeemer, now
and forever.**

***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: “We Gather Together” (#421 NCH)**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Hope
Belva LaMotte and Bonnie Greenholtz

One: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’” (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

All: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

One: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Choral Response

**Advent song- "Christ, Be Our Light", Bernadette Farrell
(verse 1)**

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 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Jackie Kulp
How can we thank God enough for you?

Second Reading Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36
Pastor Katie
Be alert

The Message **A New day** *Pastor Katie*

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response 'We Three Kings' (verse 1)
(#172 Chalice)**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Joyous God, This day and always, we celebrate the gifts of our hands and hearts. We share our talents and time, knowing our energy builds the world with love. We share our treasures, knowing that all gifts we entrust to your Church will build your Realm. With joy, we devote our first fruits to loving you and your children. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

***Hymn of Preparation:**

"Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken" (#346 NCH)

The Story

The Blessing

The Meal

The Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(words by Maren Tirabassi)**

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/wp-content/uploads/caregiversunday10.pdf> <https://www.ucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Advent-1C-December-1.docx>, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/come-let-us-adore-him-advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2024>

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Leadership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Dec 8= Peace

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Message – Fire and Soap

2025 BUDGET MEETING

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, 12/8/24**, immediately following the church service to discuss and vote on the 2025 financial budget.

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

Attendance: 30

Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

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



The Worship Committee would like to say “Thank you” to the following elves who helped decorate the sanctuary and social hall last Sunday. Everyone did an amazing job and we were done in record time.

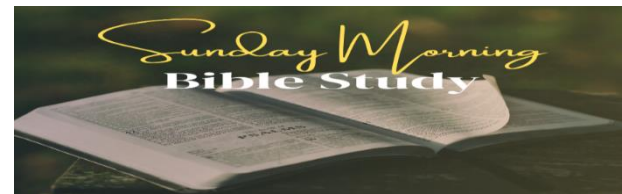
Leslie Brooks, Ben and Annika Hamilton, Ashby Haines and Tiffany, Karen & David Haines, Moriah Marr, Jackie Nave Kulp, Gordon Persinger, Karen Price, Wayne Sanders, Amy & Nate Schultz, Elwin Wagner, John and Cannon Warfield.

The Worship Committee: MB Brainerd, Hannah Matthews, Pastor Katie, Deb Persinger, Sandy Sanders



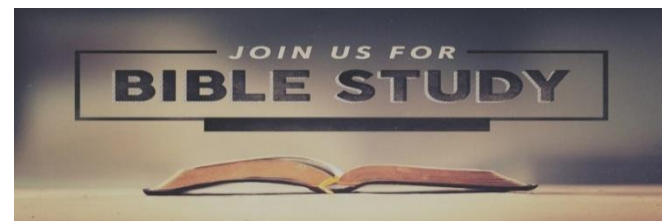
TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

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
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**

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

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



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.



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.

Dec. 24 – Lessons & Carols

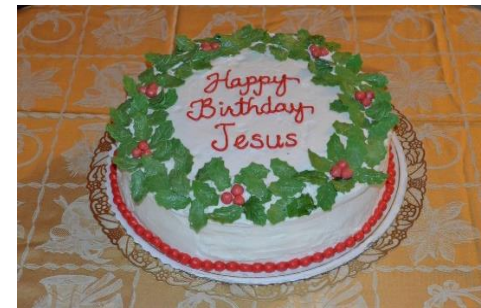
Christmas Eve Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 29

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Christmas Carol hymn sing



"We will be having fellowship to celebrate the birth of Jesus, after the candlelight evening service on Tuesday December 24th"



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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