



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
“Third Sunday
of Advent”
December 15, 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 “Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.” ~ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin ~

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** Moriah Marr
One: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God’s works.
All: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.
One: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,
**All: for great is the Holy One in our midst,
blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.**

***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: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”
(#4 NCH) (verses 1, 3, & 4) played by MB Brainerd**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Joy

The Matthews Hamilton Family

One: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God’s coming kingdom, we must not forget that God’s salvation has come and is coming. “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God’s salvation is already present among us.

**All: Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world,
we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one
another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt
in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose
salvation fills us to overflowing that God’s love might flow
through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace,
and joy.**

One: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

Light two purple and one pink candle of the Advent wreath.

Choral Response

Advent song- "Christ, Be Our Light", Bernadette Farrell
(verse 3)

Special Music 'Tis the Season arranged by Doris Gazda
played by Marissa Schultz (viola) & MB Brainerd (violin)

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 Philippians 4:4-7 Moriah Marr
Rejoice!

Second Reading Luke 3:7-18 Pastor Lucy
John the Baptist preaches

The Message **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!**
by Barbara Robinson retold by Lucy Brady

*Hymn of Grace- "What Child Is This?" (#148 NCH)

Invitation to Generosity

Blessing of Food Bags

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

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: We offer to you, O God, our gifts. May they be used to make a difference in the lives of people where hope is scarce. May our gifts be a reminder, to those who receive them, of your love. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
(#102 Living Church)

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/2021/10/Advent-3-C-December-12.rtf>,
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/come-let-us-adore-him-advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2024>

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Leadership

Lucy Brady
Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Moriah Marr
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
MB Brainerd

Guest Pastor
Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

***Please join us for Fellowship following
Worship today!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Dec. 22= Love

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Message – Mary Knew

Next Sunday we will collect the Christmas Fund Offering.

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 – January 8 @ 6 pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

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

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: \$1,723.37

Attendance: 33

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

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:

Lucy Brady

Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks

Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

John Hansen

Janet Kelly

Ash Van Nuys

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Freeman Palmer, CAC Conference Minister

Kathy Peters and family

Mary and George Pietsch

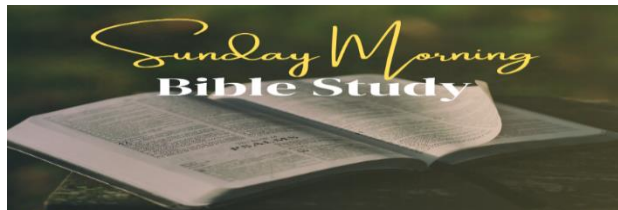
Ken Plummer

Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
Mary Shaffer
Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Rev. Debra Wilcox
Family of Judi Wilcox
Shirley Wood



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



Trinity UCC Christmas Giving Tree

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

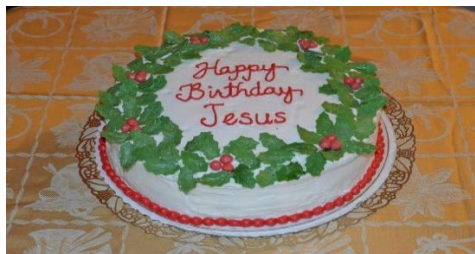
Christmas Eve Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

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"

2nd Annual Epiphany Saturday

January 4, 2024 10am – 2pm

Decorating Star Cookies, Nature Walk, Chalking the Doors, Face Painting & Intergenerational Games, Lunch, Meditation & Prayer, Trinity History

("Snow cancellation date" – Jan 11)

New Members Welcomed

Trinity will welcome new members to the church on Sunday **January 5**. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UCC.



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

Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information

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Consistory President – Elwin Wagner

Vice President – Sandy Sanders

Secretary – Leslie Brooks

Treasurer – Sue Myers

