



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
“Fourth Sunday
of Advent”
December 22, 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 “Love is not merely the Christian duty;
it is the Christian destiny.” ~ N.T. Wright ~

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** MB Brainerd
One: Seasons come and seasons go,
All: but our God endures forever.
One: Our faith exhibits ebb and flow,
All: but our God endures forever.
One: Our lives may freeze up or may grow,
All: but our God endures forever.
So let our souls magnify the Lord our God this day.

***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: “Love Came Down at Christmas”
(#165 NCH)**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Love
Leslie Brooks and the Schultz Family**

One: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O [fill in name of church or community], from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

All: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

One: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

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

Choral Response

**Advent song- "Christ, Be Our Light", Bernadette Farrell
(verse 4)**

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 Micah 5:2-5 MB Brainerd

A ruler comes from Bethlehem

Second Reading Luke 1:39-55 Pastor Katie

Mary visits Elizabeth

The Message **What Mary Knew** *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace: "Mary, Did You Know?"
(requested by Karen Price)**

Invitation to Generosity

Moment of Generosity Karen Price

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

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(#43 NCH)**

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-4-C-December-19.rtf>, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/come-let-us-adore-him-advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2024>

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Leadership

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Director of Music

MB Brainerd

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Worship Committee

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Christmas Fund Offering today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

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"

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

February Newsletters - Monday, January 27

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: \$1,263.37

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
Sharon Wright, sister of Diane Aberts



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



“the stories of our faith.”

Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am

also

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study

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

Please pick up your 2025 envelopes today!

Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information

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Consistory President – Elwin Wagner

Vice President – Sandy Sanders

Secretary – Leslie Brooks

Treasurer – Sue Myers

