



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
“First Sunday after
Christmas”
December 29, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

**The Light has Come!
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: “A person’s a person, no matter how small.” ~Dr. Seuss~

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

First candle is lit

L: We light this candle remembering the children who saw a glimpse of God’s sacred presence in our sanctuary

P: **This light beams so that all young people may be able to grow up receiving affection and protection.**

Second candle is lit

L: We light this second candle remembering all those who have experienced grief and loss in our congregation: the death of a loved one, the ending of a significant relationship, the loss of employment.

P: **This light beams for their continuing comfort and support.**

Third candle is lit

L: We light this third candle remembering all those who have shared in ministry in this place: Ministers, lay preachers, musicians and singers, those who offered pastoral care or reminded us of our wider community, those who visited hospitals, nursing homes, cooked meals or offered transport.

P: **This light beams with the compassion of the Christ One in our midst.**

Fourth candle is lit

L: We light this fourth candle remembering all those who have visited our congregation and decided to call this place, 'home'.

P: **This light beams in order that we continue to explore and enjoy everything we have received, as a gift.**

Fifth candle is lit

L: We light this fifth candle mindful of those who have called us to risk the way of Jesus: to create inclusive and safe, open, and honest communities for all.

P: This light beams as a symbol of hope in the midst of both challenge and comfort.

Sixth candle is lit

L: We light this sixth candle for each of us, bearing each other's strengths and weaknesses; anxieties and hopes.

P: This light beams on the pathways we have welcomed and where we didn't want to go. It will continue to shine for each and every one of us on the new pathways we will tread.

***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: "Angels We Have Heard On High"**

#113 LC

***Call to the New Year (based on Revelation 21:1-6)**

L: We are the church that lives into God's future today.

P: A church united across space and time.

L: We have gathered from the East and the West; the North and the South

P: We are called to live by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.

L: The one who is seated on the throne says to us:

"See, I am making all things new!"

P: A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people.

L: God's future is epic, and it's good news.

P: We remember God's future, for this is our story!

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 Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 Moriah Marr

Second Lesson Luke 2:41-52 Pastor Katie

The Message *New Beginnings* Pastor Katie

***Hymn of Grace: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

#126 NCH

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Doxology –(Sung)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we give to you our time, talents and money to build up your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" #154 NCH
(requested by Shana Clark)

WE DEPART IN PEACE

*Benediction

L: And now may the glory and love of God surround you.
P: **May the peace and grace of Christ dwell deep within us all.**
L: May the power and presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you.
P: **Amen.**

Prelude to Service

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources

Sources: adapted from Christmas 1 or 2—December 27 or January 3 - United Church of Christ (ucc.org)

The music in our worship is reproduced via our One License number: A-725765.

Leadership

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

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

January 5 – Epiphany Sunday

Welcome New Members

Installation of 2025 Consistory

Communion

First Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Lesson – Matthew 2:1-12

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 Christmas Eve: \$2,470.00 Attendance: 82
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
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



“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.

Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information

Pastor: the Rev. Katie Penick

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Facebook - www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC

Vice President – Sandy Sanders

Secretary – Leslie Brooks

Treasurer – Sue Myers



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

