

*Today's liturgical color is blue which symbolizes hope. During the season of Advent, we remember our reason that hope is in our life. We are assured that God keeps his promises and on that first Christmas, He sent his only son Jesus Christ to fulfill His promise of salvation to us.*

*To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.*

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**Prelude:** The Brass Ensemble

### Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshiping community.

### Chiming of the Hour

**Call to Worship:** It's Me, It's Me, O Lord No. 352

### Welcome from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of Glory may come in.** (Psalm 24:7)

### Announcements (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A Time for Prayer:** Pastor Tim

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Light the Advent Candle

**Light the Advent candle two  
Think of humble shepherds, who  
Filled with wonder at the sight  
Of the child on Christmas night.**

### Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

**Readers: Beth, Morgan and Luke Hagan**

**Reader 1:** In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is

paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

**Reader 2:** We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

**Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

**Reader 1:** We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

*Light two candles (purple) of the Advent wreath.*

### Light the Advent Candle Chorus

**Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night:**

**Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.**



### The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

**Ushers:** (Lana P., Pat B., Susan H., Sandra R.)

**Offertory Prayer:** Let us pray,

**God of our future, whose compassion is unlimited, all that we have is yours and to you we shall render account for all you have given us. As we offer you these gifts we enjoy from your bounty, grant that we may live well, love generously, and seek first your kingdom, on earth as in heaven, through Jesus Christ our most kind Judge and Saviour. Amen.**

**Offertory Music:** Ding, Dong, Merrily on High Brass Ensemble

**Doxology** No. 95

Mary, Did You Know..... Mark Lowry & Buddy Green

The Candlelight Carol .....John Rutter

O Holy Night .....arr Jay Rouse

Away in a Manger.....Traditional

Silent Night .....Traditional

Do You Hear What I Hear .....arr Harry Simone

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day ..... arr Jason Bailey

**Response to the Service: Altar Call**—if you desire to come to the front for prayer you are welcome to do so.

**Closing Hymn:** Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 238

### Benediction

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!**

**Postlude:** Caroling, Caroling (Christmas Bells Are Ringing) by Alfred Burt

**Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles:** At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

### \*Offering stewards for December

Dec 17: Chris S., Daniel W., Dennis A., Billy W.

Dec 24: Susie W., Amy G., Joyce P., Erin H.

Dec 31: Paul C., John H., Steve P., Fred H.

### \*Children's Moment for December

Dec 17: Patty R.

Dec 24: Mary Beth A.

Dec 31: Beth H.

### \*Greeters for December

Dec 17: Amy G., Patty R.

Dec 24: Donna M., Amy G.

Dec 31: Alberta M., Patty R.

### \*Advent/Lector Readers for December

Dec 17: Joy—Katie, Laura and Sandra Rich

Dec 24: Love—Alberta Mitchell and Phil Robbins

Dec 24 evening: Jesus Christ Candle—

Dec 31: Paula B.-Psalm 148

### Nursery Volunteers for December

Dec 17: Cathy G., Judy H.

Dec 24: Donna M., Nicole R.

Dec 31: Amy G., Katie Z.

### \*Communion Stewards for December 24th

Amy G., Beth H., Erin H., Patty R.

### UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. The food item requested for December is juice boxes—apple or grape.



**ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS:** Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for December is rulers; there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEETINGS AND SUCH.....**

**Adult Sunday School** is Sunday at 10 am.

**Choir Practice** is Wednesday at 7 pm.

**Methodist Men** meeting is tomorrow, **December 11 @ 6 pm** at the Country Kitchen. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The next **Pop’N for Jesus** is scheduled for **Wed, Jan 31st, 2024**. Interested in helping? **Meet at church or Hardees at 8:30 am!**

Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 1:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend. Pastor Tim is in high demand, they have requested two services each Wednesday in two separate areas of Heritage Hall!

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**EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....**

**Greenbelt display**—we have a Christmas display on the greenbelt —check it out cause it’s **FABULOUS!!**

**Christmas Poinsettias** are available again this year. Blossom Box will be providing the poinsettias—wrapped in gold with a red bow. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, they are \$30 each. Please complete the form w/money & place in the offering plate or in the office.

**Trinity UMC Staff Christmas Bonus**—to show our appreciation to the staff members of Trinity, through the month of December you can give a monetary gift which will be divided between the following staff members: Joyce Palmer (treasurer); Tiffany Stallard Adams (admin/production asst); Amy Garcia (church secretary); Rick Galyean (music director); Calli Shell (pianist); and Steve Guerrant (custodian)

our **CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS TODAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 11 AM!** - **“THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS”** and will be followed by a fellowship meal. **Aahhhhh, sit back, listen and feel blessed!**

**Christmas Eve**—this year we will have two services on Christmas Eve - our 11 am morning worship & our **Candlelight Service at 6 pm**. **Please join us!**

**Thank you to Cindy Ashley** for the refreshed Chrismon ornaments on our Sanctuary tree—they look **AWESOME!**

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Dec 3:**

- Sunday School: 5
- In-Person Worship: 67
- Facebook Live: 20
- Visitors: 6
- Trinity Women Dec 3: 26
- Heritage Hall Dec 6: 25—including 2 professions of faith & 2 baptisms

*The Bells at Christmas Cast*

**Mama** – Kim Parsons  
**Little Girl** – Laura Gilley

**Piano** – Calli Shell

**Sound & Drums** – Michael Shell

**Guitar** – Natalie Shell

**BRASS ENSEMBLE**

Roy Crawford – Horn  
Jason Bailey – Trumpet  
Ron Flanary – Trumpet  
Ian Maxie – Tuba  
Gage Dunson – Tuba  
Rick Galyean - Euphonium

**CHOIR**

**Sopranos**

Paula Barton  
Alice Gibson  
Angela Roman  
Alyssa Shell  
Calli Shell

**Tenor**

Caitlyn Shell  
Bob Horne

**Altos**

Diane Botts  
Amanda Salyer  
Hannah-Rhea Collins

**Bass**

Paul Clark  
Gage Dunson  
Ian Maxie



**The Trinity Companion**

December 10, 2023



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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