

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

**Prelude:** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arranged by Craig Curry

### 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 worshipping community.

### Chiming of the Hour

### Call to Worship

Special Selection from Trinity UMC Choir

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

### A Time for Prayer:

**Scripture to encouragement:** 1 Chronicles 16:11

<sup>11</sup>Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

**Pastoral Prayer:** Pastor Tim

**Opening Hymn:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel **No. 131**

### Light the Advent Candle

Light the Advent candle one  
Now the waiting has begun  
We have started on our way  
Time to think of Christmas Day

**First Sunday of Advent: "Hope"** by Nicole and Tim

### Up to Restoration

**Reader One:** "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

**Reader Two:** We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

**Reader One:** "Many people shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of

Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths.'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV)

**Reader Two:** We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored—our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

### 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.

**Children's Moment:** Led by Cindy A.

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

**Scripture about God's love for children:** Matthew 19:14

<sup>14</sup>"Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children."

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Thank you for your generosity!)

**"God loves a cheerful Giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

**Ushers:** Men's Team (Dennis A., Chris S., Gary H., and Phil R.)

### Offertory Prayer

**Offertory Music:** Hope of Israel by Chris Tomlin

**Doxology:** **No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**Anthem:** The Holy City by Stephen Adams arranged by Clair W. Johnson

**Sermon:** "Welcome to the Lord's House" Psalm 122

**Response to Worship:** The Apostles' Creed **No. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

**Closing Hymn:** Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

**No. 381**

### Benediction

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

**Postlude:** Panis Angelicus by Ce'sar Franck, arranged by Clair W. Johnson

**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 our the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Psalm 122:8

## Announcements

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

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

**New Member Class** is Sunday, December 4th.

**Trinity Book Club** is on Monday at 6 pm. The book discussion is based on the text "Enemies of the Heart" by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

**Church Christmas Float**—We are in the process of creating a Christmas float for the BSG Christmas parade scheduled for Thursday, December 1st at 6pm. If you want to volunteer in any way, please talk to Beth Hagan.

**New Member and Baptism Classes**—If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, our classes have started and we will meet again on December 4th. The new membership class is being held in the Wicker Room/Library (the room off of the Fellowship Hall). If you would like to be baptized, we can start a class for you so please contact either Rob or Tim to set this up.

**Trinity Security Team Meeting**—Our next meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 6 pm. If you want to be on the Trinity security team or just interested in their progress, you are welcome to come.

**Advent 2022**—Advent is the period of preparation for Christmas, which begins on December 25th. The Sundays leading up to December 24th are the Sundays of Advent with the final day being December 24th.

To help you reflect and celebrate Advent, you should notice a wreath surrounded by four exterior candles and on central candle. The four exterior candles represent the hallmarks of a renewed creation: joy, hope, peace, and love. The central candle represents the presence of Christ. Each Sunday, one more of the exterior candles is lit. Finally, the Christ candle is lit as a reminder of Christ's ongoing presence.

Each week, we light a new candle in the Advent wreath as well as the candles from the preceding week. The candles represent Hope (white), Love (white), Joy (pink), and Peace (white). The white candle represents Christ and will be lit on Christmas Eve.

**Hanging of the Greens**—We will be decorating the church this afternoon! There will be a light lunch available for all who volunteer their time and services.

**Christmas Cantata**—Please mark your calendars that our cantata is Sunday, December 4th and will be performed during our worship service. This year's performance is "An Appalachian Christmas." The music was arranged by Calli Shell and the story was written by our music director, Rick Galyean. There is still time for you to participate in the choir and if you desire to do so, come to practice on Wednesday at 7 pm.

**Communion Sunday**—For the month of December, we will offer communion to you on Sunday December 11th.

**Christmas in the Gap**—We are happy to announce that Christmas in the Gap is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th at the Big Stone Gap Welcome Center. Dennis Ashley (SON's Ministry) will be there to serve the people in our community with gifts and food. If you want to donate, participate, or have questions, please contact Dennis.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**—Our annual Christmas Eve service will be Saturday, December 24th at 6 pm.

**Blessing Box**—If you want to bring food or other items for the blessing box, you can place your donated items in the labeled plastic bin located in the church fellowship hall.

**TUMC Youth Fundraiser**—The TUMC Youth will be selling Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter and Chocolate Covered Coconut Trees for a fundraiser. The trees are \$5.00 each and payment is due with the order (see bulletin insert to order). Please see Christy Smith if you have any questions. Trees will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 18 (alternate arrangements can be made as needed). The trees will be made on Sunday, December 11 following the worship service, if you wish to assist with making them.

### Offering Stewards for the month of December

4—Alberta M., Lana P., Donna M., and Pat B.  
11—John H., Fred H., Spencer Q., and Rueben A.  
18—Mary Beth A., Patty R., Lana P., and Angie T.  
25—Paul C., Dennis A., Daniel W., and Gary H.

### Children's Moment for the month of December

4—Tim R.  
11—Diane B.  
18—Kim P.  
25—Cindy A.

### (Revised) Communion Steward for Sunday, December 11th

Diane B., Amy G., Patty R., and Angie T.

### UPS Back Pack Program

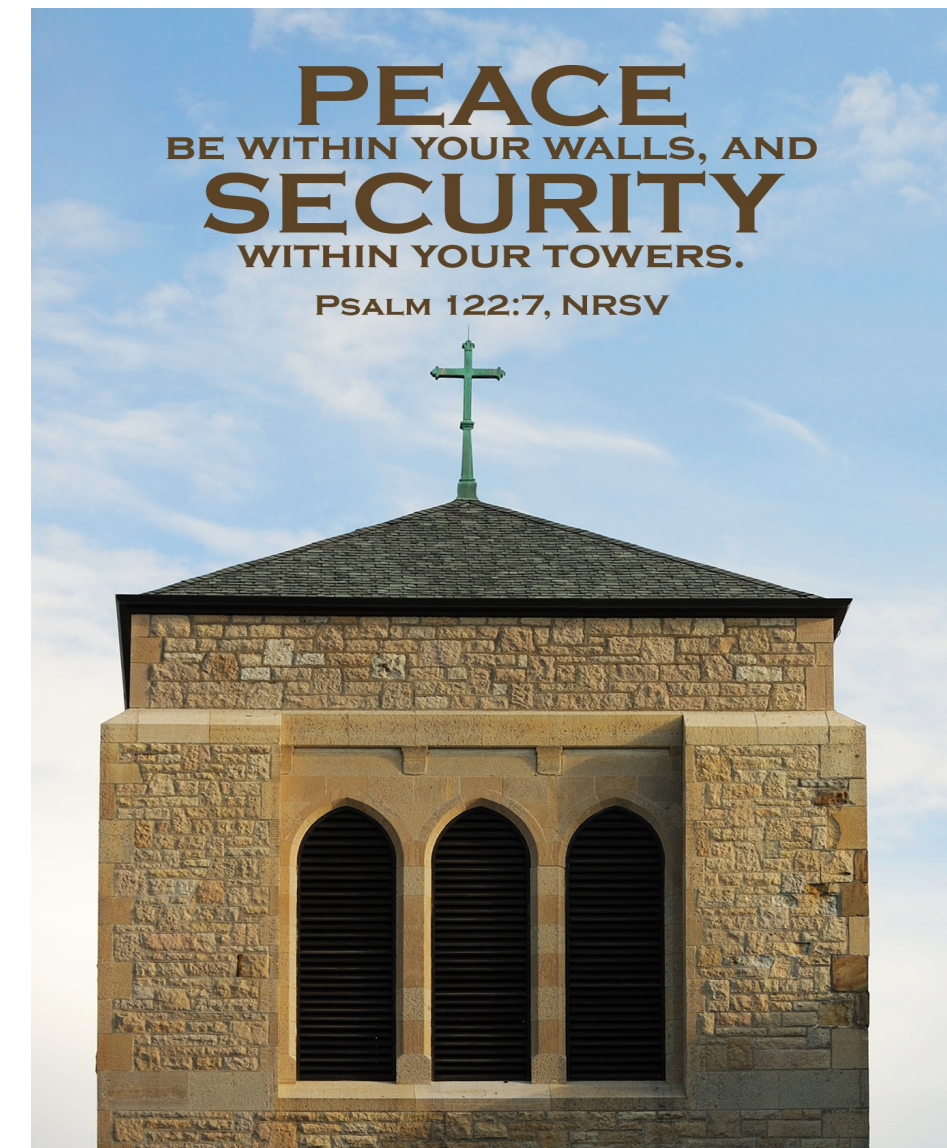
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of November, the requested item is Breakfast Bars.

The requested flavors are Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry.



## The Trinity Companion

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