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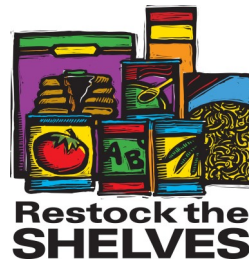


Please Give to Our Staff Appreciation Christmas Fund

The Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee would like to invite you to make a gift to the Staff Appreciation Fund. Each year we take a special offering to be divided among the non-clergy staff of our church: Ashley Turner, Rick Galyean, Joyce Palmer, Steve Guerrant, Calli Shell, David Barker and Jan Tate. Our goal is to collect these gifts by Sunday December 10th, so that an extra check can be included in the December 15th payroll. Please

make checks out to CASH and note in the memo field that the check is for Staff Appreciation or Staff Christmas Gift. You may also enclose cash in an envelope marked with either of these designation. Due to IRS regulations, you will not be able to receive a deduction for the gift you make for this special offering.

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School BackPack Program with a specific kind of food. For the month of December, the food item is **individual servings of breakfast cereal**. You can purchase them as individual cups or in the 6-8 pack of small boxes that will then be taken apart and placed in the backpacks.



Finance Team Meeting

There will be a finance team meeting immediately after the worship service today in the Wicker Room. All member are asked to make every effort to attend this meeting. Members of the finance team are: Phil Robbins, Rev. Terry Goodman, Joyce Palmer, Bill Cole, Alberta Mitchell, Diane Botts, Mary Beth Allen, Ben Allen, Patty Robbins, Donna Mahan, Kathleen Gillespie, Betsy Stickley, Cathy Galyean, Chris Higgins, and Ruben Allman.

December Fellowship Supper

The December Fellowship Supper will be Wednesday December 6 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to come join us for the last Fellowship Supper of the year!



Christmas Cantata

The Promise of a King

Sunday December 10

During the Worship Service

The Choir has been working hard since August and would love to have a large crowd to enjoy the music. Be sure to invite everyone you know to come be touched by this musical performance!

Upcoming Events and Dates

Sunday December 3—After worship—The Great Cookie Caper—bring lots of prewrapped cookies with you to church! See Patty Robbins for more information.

Sunday December 3—6:30 pm—Finance Team Meeting

Wednesday December 6—6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper

Thursday December 7—6:30 pm—N.O.W. Team Meeting

Sunday December 10—12 pm—Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday December 10—7 pm—Administrative Board Meeting

Monday December 11—6:30 pm—Methodist Men Meeting

You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

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The Turners
We miss our church family and
hope to be back for the worship services again soon

The Trinity Companion Sunday December 3, 2017



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Trinity United Methodist Church

203 E 1st St, South
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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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Sunday December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Patty Robbins and Nancy Allman

Announcements: Bill Cole

Opening Prayer: -Bill Cole

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Musical Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Leader: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” (Psalm 122:1, NRSV)

People: Welcome, preacher! Welcome, people! Welcome home! Let us worship joyfully in God’s house. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath—

Advent Liturgists: The Spurlocks

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” stanza 1 No. 211

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God Appear.**

Liturgist: God of justice and peace, healing and comfort, we see all that is wrong and wonder where you are.

Liturgist: We are a broken people, unable to work together for our common good. We cannot see or hear each other even within our own families and communities.

Liturgist: We are a suffering world, our nations are filled with conflict and violence. The fragile earth cries out with longing for redemption.

**All: We, God’s people, long for God’s presence, saying with the prophet:
“If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!” (Isaiah 64:1)**

Light the Candle

All (sung): “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

***Opening Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 196

A Time for Prayer...

Intercession...We seek the mighty God in the most unlikely places as a child in a stable, and in an empty tomb. May God hear these prayers we are about to make which come from the unlikely corners of our lives.

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings

(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving.)

Let us pray...

**Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know
your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we
anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing of Prayer Cloths (see insert)

Gloria Patri No. 70

Children’s Message: Andrew Holyfield

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, Jack Williams, Ruben Allman

Offertory:

***The Doxology:** No. 95

Anthem: “Celebrate the Promise”

The Presentation of God’s Word

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9 David Goodman

L: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord **P: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: “Come Down Home”

Holy Communion

Communion Stewards: John & Beth Hagan; David & Katie Shupe

Communion Ushers: Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, Jack Williams,
Ruben Allman

Invitation to the Table

The Lord requires of us a pure offering, without blemish or spot. We must be right with God and our neighbor to offer ourselves or our gifts to God. Therefore, let us confess our sins against God, and reconcile with our neighbors. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

We have all become like one who is unclean.

And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

A Moment of Silence

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

We are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

And do not remember iniquity forever.

A Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

As far as the East is from the West, so far does our God remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen!

The Passing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

(Please turn to page 13 and join in the liturgy as printed)

The Distribution of the Elements via Intinction and Anointing with Oil

Closing Hymn: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” No. 626

Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Postlude

*** Indicates that you may stand, as you are able**

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I invite you to journey with me this Advent as I talk

about “Coming Home.” I will be using a

framework for worship and preaching

developed by Discipleship Ministries. You are

invited to travel with me on a journey as I talk
about coming home to Christ and his kingdom.

Each week, I hope to unwrap a new present

that that will lead us towards “..making our
hearts, our lives, our families, our communities,

and our world more like the home Christ’s ultimate homecoming will make it to
be.”



Sermon Scriptures and Titles:

Dec 3rd—Isaiah 64:1-9: “Come Down Home”

Dec 10th—Psalm 85:1-2,8-13: “Home is Where We Meet”

Dec 17th — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: “Joy is Our True Home”

Dec 24th — Sunday morning: Luke 1:46-55: “God Makes this World a Home” part 1

Dec 24th — Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-7: “God Makes this World a Home” part 2