

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we ask that both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees wear a mask during worship services. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available for you in the narthex. The Church Council is monitoring this situation closely and will inform you of any changes in the future. We appreciate your willingness to provide a safe worship environment for all during this challenging season that we are living in.

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

Lighting of the Candles

Greeting: Luke 2: 10

Do not be afraid;
for see—I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people:
**to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord.**

Announcements

Prayer:

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
Grant to us the precious gift of faith,
that we may know that the Son of God is come,
and may have power to overcome the world,
and gain a blessed immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir: Light the Advent Candle

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Rick and Cathy Galyean

Second Sunday in Advent: Peace (purple)

This year, the Advent Liturgy was written by Derek Weber. Derek will take us through a journey from being at home in Christ.

The Fear of Home

Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 3:1-6

Reader One: For many of us, the call to head home is one of

joy and of hope. We can't wait to reconnect with family, with history and tradition, with a wonderful time of freedom and loving support. We can't wait to go home.

Reader Two: There are those who fear going home, however, and there are times when going home brings back memories that are not so good, not so healing. We are reminded of when we didn't fit in, when we didn't measure up, when we weren't loved like we needed to be loved. Home can be a difficult place for some.

Reader One: The prophet Malachi tells us that even when we are in the hottest of fires, there is a presence who can make us better, who can refine and purify. John the Baptist tells us that the road home is under construction, mountains leveled, and valleys filled in, to make the path that leads us to our true destination, where we can live in peace and unity with all.

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace, as a sign of our assurance that though the road is hard, we believe it is worth the journey. It is time to go home.

Light the first and second candles on the Advent wreath (purple and purple)

Choir: Refrain from "Light the Candle"

Cantata: "The First Noel, Born is the King"

1. Noel: Born Is The King
2. A Distant Voice
3. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
4. Love You Even More (Mary's Song)
5. 'Tis A Wonderful Thing
6. One King
7. O Holy Night
8. Great Mystery/Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)
9. Noel: Born Is The King
10. The First Noel

Offertory: Luke 6:38 (NRSV)

"...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Benediction

Postlude: Macht hoch die Tür (Fling Open the Door) by Johann Freylinghausen; variation by Stefan Diehl

The First Noel, Born is the King

by Jay Rouse

Director

Rick Galyean

Narrator

Ben Mays

Soprano

Paula Barton

Cindy Ashley

Alyssa Shell

Kim Parsons

Alto

Diane Botts

Hannah Ryan

Jenny Collins

Tenor

Bob Horne

Caitlyn Shell

Bass

Paul Clark

Timothy Robinson

Hayden Barker

Pianist

Calli Shell

Percussion

Michael Shell

2nd Sunday
in Advent

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is at 10 am.

Book Study will be in the Fellowship Hall on Monday at 6 pm. The book is "Live Like Jesus" by Putty Putnam.

Bible Study will be in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday at 1 pm.

Apprentice Book Study is Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Church Council Meeting is today following the cantata.

Please take the opportunity to view **Trinity UMC's** display for the "**Greenbelt in Lights.**" The display is adjacent to the parking lot for the town soccer field (Proctor St. S) and is visible from a vehicle for those who may be unable to walk up to it.

TUMC's Youth will begin making the holiday candy trees on Sunday December 12th at 2pm. Please come enjoy Youth Fellowship and share some baking knowledge.....and some of the workload. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Leader Christy Smith.

Staff Appreciation Love Offering: We at Trinity UMC are tremendously blessed to have a wonderful staff who helps us in many ways. As tradition, we are receiving a love offering that will serve as a Christmas bonus for our staff. There will be an offering basket located at the front of the church for you to place your love offering in. After Sunday, December 19th, the offering will be divided equally between the following individuals: Steve (custodian), Calli, Tiffany, Joyce, and Rick.

The Big Stone Gap Parade was WONDERFUL! Thank each of you that helped prepare the float, that made hot chocolate and served, that showed up and watched, for taking part in whatever way big or small. Being present in the community as the living breathing church is extremely important for the outreach goals. Showing the love of Christ in the flesh will be fundamental in growing what is happening inside of the walls of the church. Each of you are greatly appreciated.

Friends in Need had a nice turn out for the health fair on Friday. On top of the monetary blessing, all of the clothing items were donated to Trinity for the rummage sale.

The Trinity UMC family and friends have been celebrating the birthday of Ms. Betty Cline over several days. Friday afternoon a special delivery of beautiful poinsettias were made to the church honoring her life and legacy.

Upcoming Events

- December 05—11 am: The First Noel: Christmas Cantata
12 pm: Church Council (following service)
- December 07—10 am: Tim's Consultation
- December 12— 2 pm: Youth begin making holiday candy
- December 13— 6 pm: Garden Club
- December 24— 6 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

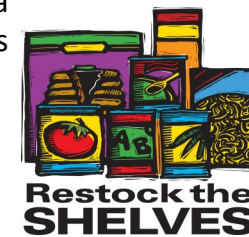
Weekly Events

- Sundays—Adult Sunday School 10:00 am
- Mondays—Book Study 6:00 pm
- Tuesdays—Apprentice Book Study 6:30 pm
- Wednesdays—Bible Study 1:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Fridays—MEOC 9:00 am

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for December is Juice Boxes. The requested flavors are Apple and Grape.

Trinity was able to provide 248 packs of Ramen Noodles in October and 157 Breakfast Fruit Bars in November. Your efforts in continuing this Outreach Mission is truly appreciated.



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