

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.

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PRELUDE: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr Craig Curry

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear No. 218

Light the Advent Candle

Light the Advent candle three

Think of heav'nly harmony

Angels singing "Peace on earth"

At the blessed Savior's birth.

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

Readers: Nancy Allman

Light the third (pink/rose) candle 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.

A TIME FOR PRAYER (please use prayer request cards found in the narthex or in the pews and place into the offering plates-look for latest prayer requests & blessings listed on hallway [leaving sanctuary] bulletin board)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Diane B.

****Children's Sunday School is now open****

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ushers: Chris S., Steve P., David T., Billy W.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice) arr Greg Howlett

DOXOLOGY

No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: Habakkuk 3:17-19 The Passion Translation

Lector: Angela R.

Even if my fig trees do not blossom and my vines grow no grapes, if my olive crop fails and my fields produce no harvest, and even if all my sheep die and I'm left with no cattle in my barn, I still have YAHWEH, and I will rejoice in him. Yes, I will dance with joy no matter what, for I have a Savior-God! YAHWEH is the Lord of my strength; he makes my feet sure-footed as a deer bounding upon the high places.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC: O Come, All Ye Faithful

SERMON: It Came Anyway

THE APOSTLES' CREED

No. 881

CLOSING HYMN: There's A Song in the Air

No. 249

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*noted within the bulletin)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Joy Has Dawned Brian Buda

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
TUMC 25 CY BUDGET	\$161,500.00
WEEKLY GOAL	\$3,105.77
SEMI/ANNUAL OFFERINGS	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$2,312.07
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$152,182.73
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$147,701.66

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: EVERY Sunday @ 10 am

CHOIR PRACTICE: EVERY Wednesday evening @ 7 pm

Kathleen's Meals is SCHEDULED FOR Dec 16, please reach out to Amanda Salyer if you are able to assist with deliveries.

WOMEN OF TRINITY: Our next meeting is Jan 4. All women are welcome to attend.

ADMIN BOARD MTG: Next meeting is Jan 11 immediately following the worship service. All are invited to attend.

METHODIST MEN: Next meeting is Jan 12, 6 pm at Country Kitchen. All men are welcome to attend.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Our 4-week Advent Bible Study continues on Tuesday, Dec 16 @ 6pm and the final bible study session will be on Sunday Dec 21 following worship with lunch provided.

Mark your calendars – there will be a Ministerial Advent Service on Dec 18 @ 6:30pm at the Cornerstone House of Prayer. Pastor Nathan will be participating; all are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendars – THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS BEING MOVED to Dec 21 during worship service with special guests – Wesley Brass

Mark your calendars – we will have a Blue Christmas Service the evening of Sunday, Dec 21 @ 6pm – see bulletin insert.

Mark your calendars – we will have the Candlelight Service on Dec 24 @ 6pm. Please plan to attend and be blessed!

You can still purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. They are \$25 for the smaller plants or \$75 for the larger ones; checks should be made payable to TUMC General Fund and can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the office.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 7

In-Person Worship: 46

Facebook Live: 18

Visitors: 1

The Trinity Companion

December 14, 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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