

*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.*

**\*\*DISCLAIMER:** *Trinity UMC utilizes videography to live stream all sanctuary worship services to social media. Service will be available for replay and images, likenesses, and audio may be captured to be used as thumbnails on each TUMC ran website. If you have any concerns, please notify the church office staff.\*\**

**PRELUDE:** God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen 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—** Emmanuel, Emmanuel No. 204  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel

**WELCOME** from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

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

#### A TIME FOR PRAYER:

##### 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 three  
Think of heav'nly harmony  
Angels singing "Peace on earth"  
At the blessed Savior's birth.**

#### Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

**Readers:** Rich Family

**Reader One:** No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kingdom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah

12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

**Congregation:** Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

**Reader Two:** We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

*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.**

**OPENING HYMN:** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear No. 218

**RECOGNITION OF JONAH GERHARD ROBINSON'S BAPTISM THAT TOOK PLACE ON NOV 30. Congregational Pledge** No.40, 8

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** No. 881

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Mary Beth A.

**\*\*THE NURSERY IS NOW OPEN\*\***

#### THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Ushers:** Dennis A, John H, Daniel W, Billy W

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Pastor Tim

**OFFERTORY MUSIC :** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arranged by Michael Scott

**DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Ten Thousand Joys Calli Shell and Bob Horne

**SERMON:** "Can You Feel the Warmth?" Luke 3:7-18

**RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE: ALTAR CALL –** At this time if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

**CLOSING HYMN:** Angels From the Realms of Glory No. 220

#### BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE:** Gaudete Traditional

**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.

Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
<b>*NEW FISCAL YEAR JULY TO JUNE*</b>	
<b>TUMC 24/25 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$161,500.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY GOAL</b>	<b>\$3,105.77</b>
<b>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</b>	<b>\$4,195.00</b>
<b>YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE</b>	<b>\$71,432.71</b>
<b>YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE</b>	<b>\$64,744.47</b>

#### METHODS OF GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of our church:

- bring an offering to the Sunday worship and put in the collection plate
- use the drop box at the back of the church
- mail a check to the church
- set up recurring payments with your bank
- online donation via website Subsplash—use the following address on your computer, tablet or phone:  
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/FJ4VNG>  
this secure website allows you to make a donation/offering in any amount, in any frequency (weekly, monthly, etc), and to select a specific purpose/fund for your donation. You can complete one of the cards located in the pews and put in offering plate to alert the office that you have made an online donation OR you can scan the QR Code below. With any of the electronic methods, you will need to establish an account prior to your first gift. Afterwards, you can simply sign in to your account.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT. (Online Giving Scan)



Wanna check out our Facebook page-scan here!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: EVERY Sunday at 10am**

**HERITAGE HALL WORSHIP: EVERY Wednesday at 1:30-3:30 pm**, all are welcome to attend

**MINDFUL MOVING GROUP: Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm**; walking &/or moving to music w/Donna Mahan’s direction. All are welcome to attend.

**CHOIR PRACTICE: EVERY Wednesday at 7pm**

**BIBLE LESSON-MEOC Participants:** Every 3rd Wednesday @ 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

**WOMEN OF TRINITY: 1st Sunday @ 5 pm– Jan 5th;** All women are welcome to attend.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING: 2nd Sunday following worship service- Jan 12.** This month’s meeting is moved out a week. All are welcome to attend.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN: 2nd Monday @ pm – Jan 13.** Meeting is held at Country Kitchen. All men are welcome to attend.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Our Epiphany Service will be January 12, 2025, at 5 pm.** You don’t wanna miss it!

**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 Ian Maxie (custodian)

Jonah Gerhard Robinson was baptized Nov 30 @ 12 noon in Des Plaines, Illinois! Today we will welcome him into our congregation as a baptized member.



**\*Offering stewards for December**

Dec 22: Pat B, Joyce P, Lana P, Sandra R  
Dec 29: Cathy G, Susan H, Steve P, Chris S

**\*Children’s Moment for December**

Dec 22: Diane B  
Dec 29: Nicole R

**\*Greeters for December**

Dec 22: Tiffany A, Donnie J  
Dec 29: Amy G, Donna M

**\*Advent/Lector Readers for December**

Dec 22: Advent 4-Galyean family  
Dec 24: Advent 5-Tipton family  
Dec 29: Phil R—Psalm 148

**Nursery Volunteers for December**

Dec 15: Paula B , Nicole R  
Dec 22: Judy H, Donna M  
Dec 29: Amy G, Cathy G

**\*Communion Stewards for Dec 24**

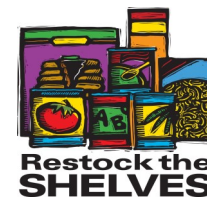
Tim R

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School: 5  
In-Person Worship: 55  
Facebook Live: 17  
Visitors: 0  
Christmas Cantata: FILLED THE CHURCH!  
Methodist Men: 6  
Heritage Hall: 31

**UPS BACKPACK 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



**DISASTER RELIEF ROOM:** We have a designated room upstairs to house hygiene, home and some clothing for local disaster (fire, etc) victims. If you have any extra items to add to this room, please see Dennis or Cindy.

**The Trinity Companion**

**December 15 , 2024**



**Trinity United Methodist Church**

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**Worship begins at 11:00 am**

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