

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:** Wesley Brass

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME**

**Light the Advent Candle**

Light the Advent candle four

Think of joy forevermore

Christ child in a stable born

Gift of love that Christmas morn

**Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love**

**Reader:** Margie Lyke

**Light the fourth 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.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Diane B.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 1:1-14 New International Version

**Lector:** Rob M.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

**Thanks be to God**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS PLATES LOCATED AT THE EXITS TODAY**

**SERMON/HOMILY:** His Heart Grew Three Sizes

**PRAYER**

**CANTATA – see insert**

**CLOSING HYMN: Joy to the World**

**No. 246**

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

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Wesley Brass

**Here's a snapshot of our current budget numbers:**

<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>TUMC 25 CY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$161,500.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY GOAL</b>	<b>\$3,105.77</b>
<b>SEMI/ANNUAL OFFERINGS</b>	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING	\$3,545.00
YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE	\$155,288.50
YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE	\$151,246.66

**POINSETTIAS**

*In memory of Bill & Irene Parsons and Maurice Lay and in honor of Patsy Lay ~ Steve & Kim Parsons*

*In memory of Michael Ferrell ~ Angela Roman*

*In memory of David Tipton ~ Angela Tipton*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** EVERY Wednesday evening @ 7 pm

**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.

**Kathleen's Meals is SCHEDULED FOR Jan 20**, please reach out to Amanda Salyer if you are able to assist with deliveries.

### EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Our **4-week Advent Bible Study**-the final bible study session will be TODAY following worship with lunch provided.

**Mark your calendars – we will have a Blue Christmas Service TONIGHT @ 6pm.** This service provides an opportunity for the difficulties of life to be acknowledged alongside the celebrations and Good News of Christmas.

**Today is the final day to 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. You can take your poinsettia home after the Candlelight Service on Wednesday.

**Mark your calendars – if you are on any of our committees** (new list bulletin insert); **please plan to attend Committee Training on Jan 17, 9am-1pm** with lunch provided.

**Mark your calendars –** beginning in January, we will have a **weekly prayer meeting on Sundays at 5pm.** Please plan to attend and be blessed!

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 0

In-Person Worship: 6

Facebook Live: 35

Visitors: 0

# The Trinity Companion

December 21, 2025

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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