

**Today's liturgical color is white which symbolizes days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ.**

**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:** Angels We Have Heard on High arranged by Greg Howlett

#### 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—** O Come, All Ye Faithful No. 234

**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.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Joy To The World No. 246

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 148

**Lector Reader:** Natalie S.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from heaven! Praise God on the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!

<sup>3</sup>Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God!

<sup>4</sup>You highest heaven, praise God! Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

<sup>5</sup>Let all of these praise the LORD's name because God gave the command and they were created!

<sup>6</sup>God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that will not be broken.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!

<sup>8</sup>Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind that does what God says!

<sup>9</sup>Do the same, you mountains, every single hill, fruit trees, and every single cedar!

<sup>10</sup>Do the same, you animals—wild or tame— you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!

<sup>11</sup>Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person, you princes and every single ruler on earth!

<sup>12</sup>Do the same, you young men—young women too!— you who are old together with you who are young!

<sup>13</sup>Let all of these praise the LORD's name because only God's name is high over all. Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>God raised the strength of his people, the praise of all his faithful ones—that's the Israelites, the people who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Nicole R.

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

#### THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Ushers:** Susie W, Susan H, Steve P, Chris S

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Pastor Tim

**OFFERTORY MUSIC :** Fantasia on a Christmas Carol by Rick Graham

**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: Congregational Sing—Call Out  
A Christmas Carol Sing –a– long**

**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.

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

**CLOSING HYMN:** The First Noel No. 245

#### BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE:** Carol of the Bells arranged by Lisa Donovan Lukas

**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>\$5,539.00</b>
<b>YEARLY BUDGET TO DATE</b>	<b>\$77,644.25</b>
<b>YEARLY OFFERINGS TO DATE</b>	<b>\$75,080.64</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 @ 10 am**

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

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

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

**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.** All are welcome to attend.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN: 2nd Monday @ 6 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, the 47th Annual Festival: Nine Lessons and Carols, will be January 12, 2025, at 5 pm. You don't wanna miss it!**

**If you would like to be included in any of our volunteer activities for Sunday worship, please let Amy know and we will gladly add you to the volunteer roster!** The opportunities include offering stewards, greeters, children's moment, lector readers or nursery volunteers. If you have signed up for one of these but find you can no longer fulfill the obligation, let us know that and we will remove you from the rotations.

### \*Offering stewards for January

**Jan 5:** Dennis A, Gary H, Rob M, Billy W  
**Jan 12:** Cathy G, Amy G, Patty R, Cecilia R  
**Jan 19:** Paul C, John H, Steve P, Phil R  
**Jan 26:** Pat B, Beth H, Erin H, Lana P

### \*Children's Moment for January

**Jan 5:** Kim P  
**Jan 12:** Beth H  
**Jan 19:** Mary Beth A  
**Jan 26:** Diane B

### \*Greeters for January

**Jan 5:** Margaret B, Dottie B  
**Jan 12:** Donna M, Joyce P  
**Jan 19:** Amy G, Susie W  
**Jan 26:** Donny J, Patty R

### \*Lector Readers for January

**Jan 5:** Rob M: Psalm 72:1-7  
**Jan 12:** Caitlyn S: Psalm 29  
**Jan 19:** Phil R: Psalm 36:5-10  
**Jan 26:** Alberta M: Psalm 19

### Nursery Volunteers for January

**Dec 29:** Amy G, Nicole R  
**Jan 5:** Amy G, Donna M  
**Jan 12:** Paula B, Nicole R  
**Jan 19:** Cathy G, Amy G  
**Jan 26:** Donna M, Nicole R

### \*Communion Stewards for Jan 5

Cindy A, Dennis A, Paula B, Beth H

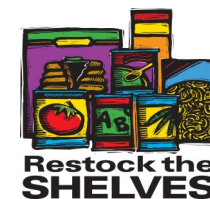
### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 4  
In-Person Worship: 53  
Facebook Live: 28  
Visitors: 9  
Candlelight Service: filled the sanctuary!  
Heritage Hall : cancelled

### 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 January is breakfast cereal-small bulk bag (7-9 servings)

**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 29 , 2024



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