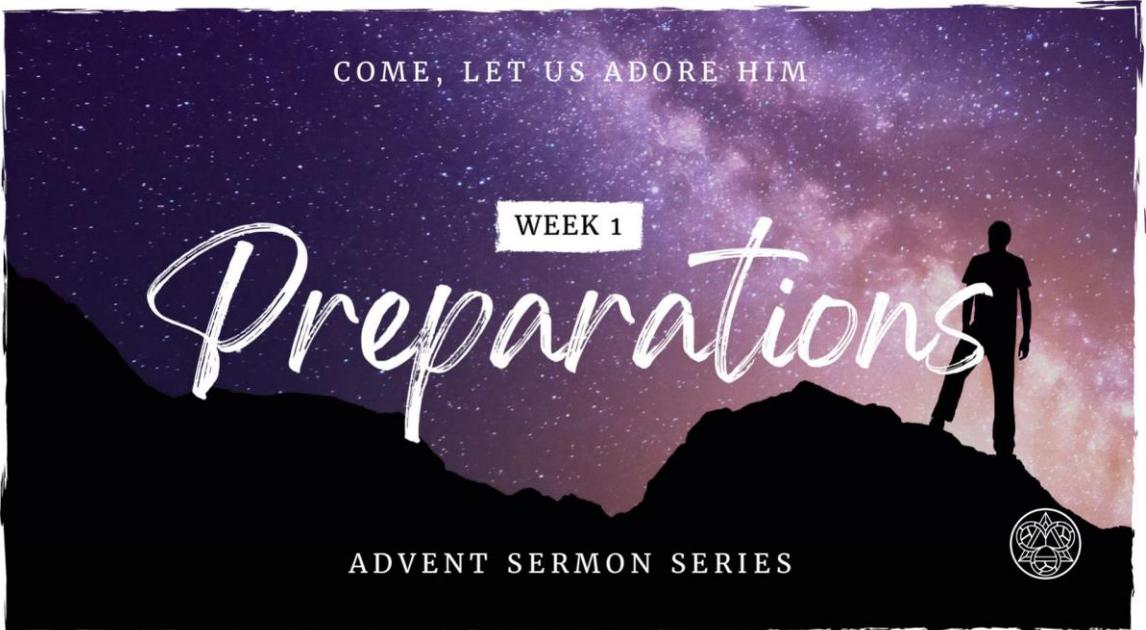




TRINITY
United Methodist Church

December 1, 2024



Rev. Brian D. Siegle, *Pastor*
Rev. Daniel W. Guenther, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Judy C. Oguich, *Minister of Congregational Care*
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Welcome to Trinity!

We pray that you experience the love, joy, and peace of Christ this morning.

We invite you to check out the website (trinityumc.net) to learn more about Trinity and to find out how to get involved.

At Trinity, our mission is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have – we are here for you. May God’s love refresh and inspire you today and always.

Please sign the pad in the Guest Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member we would like to know that you worshipped with us this morning, and which of our services you attended.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC...

Please contact Rev. Daniel Guenther at dguenther@trinityumc.net.

Kids in Worship

Trinity welcomes all kids in Worship. Worship Bags are available in the Welcome Center to help them engage with the service. *We ask that you return the Worship Bags to the Welcome Center after the service.*

After the Kids Moment at each service, preschoolers and elementary aged kids may attend Kids Worship in the Chapel. They return to the Sanctuary during the offering.

Technicians

Betsy Estes (9 AM)

Sasha and Polina Runyan (11 AM)

Acolytes (11:00 AM)

Candlelighters – Caroline Beck, Charlie Duerson

Crucifer – Ginny Kirkpatrick

I Believe

This year Trinity is using Society of St. Andrew’s Advent devotional (I Believe) in paper and digital format. Pick up a paper copy in the Narthex or download a digital copy at: https://endhunger.org/docs_church/advent/Advent-Booklet.pdf.

“I was hungry and you fed me.” Matthew 25:35

Prayer... To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, contact Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net or 288-6056 ext. 206). Over 50 persons have committed to praying for our community.

Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a green Pastoral Care Card or the white Trinity Care Team Card (*located in the Guest Book*) and drop it in the offering plate.

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone,” *1 Timothy 2:1*

Known Member Prayer Concerns

Carol Crowder
Ken Cardoza

Robin Brewster
Mike Fanelli

Bridgette Crable

Pat Cerny

The family of Ann Staples

The family of Jean Rhines (mother of Virginia Rhines)

Community Prayer Concern

Trinity members' loved ones: Miller Jenkins, Erik DeVriendt

First Responders and Active Service Men and Women

Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters

Victims of war and violence

All Students, Teachers, School Staff, School Administrators, and Bus Drivers

Entrance

✝ Chiming the Hour

Welcome

✝ Prelude

Comfort Ye My People (from Messiah)
Dr. Daniel E. Parks, soloist

Handel

*Call to Worship

written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024

Children of God, pay attention!

The days are coming when God's peace will reign

and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

The days are surely coming!

Children of God, prepare your hearts!

The days are coming and are already here when God will come near

and show us how to recognize God's reign among us.

The days are surely coming and are already here!

Children of God, be alert and listen!

God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now.

Will you join in?

The days are surely coming and are already here!

We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen,

and to follow God's call to build the kin-dom of earth

as it is in heaven. Amen.

⚙ *Song

Here I Am to Worship

✝ *Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads

UMH 213

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Daniel Guenther

*Written by Marilyn E. Thornton in The Africana Worship Book,
Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 162.*

God of our Expectation,

We praise you for surely-coming days

when you will execute Shalom: love, peace, health,

and well-being for the people who walked in darkness.

We await with assurance the surely-coming days

when AIDS is cured, when every gun

is beaten into tools for rebuilding,

when every child has the opportunity to develop God-given gifts,

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Judy Oguich

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog,
"Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission.
<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession>.*

Holy God, we confess that we are busy with many preparations.

We are busy with parties, with feasts, with giving.

We are busy cleaning house and wrapping presents.

We are busy with the stuff of the holiday.

**And we confess that our busyness may be misplaced,
that we spend more time preparing for things
than preparing for You.**

Draw us back to the center, which is You.

Remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too.

**Enable us to let go of that which does not matter,
and to see what does matter.**

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

☼ Offertory

God With Us

✠ Offertory

Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming

Michael Praetorius

*Doxology

UMH 95

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

UMH 895

Sending Forth

☼ *Song

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Love Divine)

✠ *Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

*Benediction

✠ *Postlude

** Please stand as you are able*

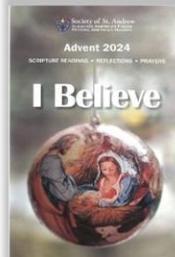
Events and Meetings This Week

TODAY:	9 AM	Modern Worship Service
	10 AM	Discipleship / Sunday School Classes
	11 AM	Traditional Worship Service
Monday	11:45 AM	Monday Morning Prayer Group (Chapel)
	7 PM	Dillard Bible Study Group (ZOOM)
Tuesday	11:30 AM	United Women in Faith Circle 6 Gathering <i>at the Hermitage Country Club</i>
	3:30 PM	Young at Heart Committee (Room 323)
	6-8 PM	Pickleball (Trinity Hall)
Wednesday	3 PM	Care Committee Meeting (Room 323)
	3 PM	Chair Yoga (Welcome Center)
	6 PM	3M Study Group (Room 317)
	6:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7 PM	Lessons and Carols Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	8:15 PM	Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday	11 AM	United Women in Faith Circle 4 Gathering <i>at the Hermitage Country Club</i>
	3 PM	Service for Ann Staples (Sanctuary)
	6 PM	United Women in Faith Circle 10 Gathering <i>at the home of Carolyn Simpson</i>
Friday	9 AM – 2 PM	Friday Food Collection (Trinity Hall)
	7 – 9 PM	Dress Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)



CHRISTMAS PARTY!
December 8
6-8pm in the Student Center

Tacky Sweaters, Secret Santa, and More!



2024 Advent Devotional
Books Now Available

Also available by daily email
to sign up use the QR code!



Upcoming Events

12/8 4 PM A Service of Lessons and Carols and Reception



12/10 3:30 PM Celebration at Cedarfield
 6 PM Pub Theology Christmas Carol Sing-Along
 @ WayGone Brewery, 10610 Patterson Avenue



12/11 10 AM Young at Heart trip departs to Riverside Theater
 in Fredericksburg for a matinee performance of
 “Christmas Spectacular: Home for the Holidays”

12/12 9-11 AM United Women in Faith Service Day (Trinity Hall)

12/15 6 PM Covered Dish Dinner / Create and Celebrate Crafts

12/22 6 PM Community Christmas Party – Dinner and Games

12/24 4 PM Christmas Eve Instant Kids Pageant

6 PM Christmas Eve Modern Worship Service
Communion and Candlelighting; also Online

8 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
Communion and Candlelighting; also Online

11 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
Communion and Candlelighting; also Online