



TRINITY
United Methodist Church

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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

_ (9 AM)

_ (11 AM)

Acolytes (11:00 AM)

Candlelighters – Ashby Belding, Hunter Saunders Crucifer – Meghan McPhail

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

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Mike Fanelli

Bridgette Crable

Pat Cerny

The family of Jean Rhines (mother of Virginia Rhines)

The family of Robin Brewster

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

Rev. Brian Siegle

‡Prelude

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. William

*Call to Worship

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

Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.

*Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past,
urging us to prepare and refine our hearts*

for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation:

that passion for God's Word would burn within us,

cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

May God ignite our passion for God's Word

that has come among us as we listen, prepare,

and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.

⊗*Song

Shout to the North

‡*Hymn

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

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*Opening Prayer

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**Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day,
for we need you.**

We cannot save ourselves.

Though we may be frantic with activity,

our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give.

Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice.

Today we would be still enough to feel your touch.

**Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give,
wait as well as act,**

and listen as well as speak.

Our whole world needs your peace.

*Opening Prayer *(continued)*

**Let us come before you and learn your ways,
laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry.
Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Peace

Hector, Holly, Luca, and Parker Cantua (9:00)

Grant and Kathryn Antaramian (11:00)

... and he will purify the descendants of Levi

and refine them like gold and silver,

until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

**In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo,
we choose to live with a passion for God's peace,
to listen to those who call us to righteousness,
and to submit ourselves to God's grace,
that we might be refined and purified
until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.**

*We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment
to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts,
our families, our communities, and throughout the earth
until God's kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.*

Sung Response

Light the Advent Candle (verse 2)

TFWS 2090

†*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vss. 3-4)

UMH 211

Proclamation and Response

*Scripture

Luke 3:1-6

Hilary Coakley (9:00)

Tom Crew (11:00)

†*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Kids Moment

Jen Williams

Sermon

Passion

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Prayer of Confession

Written by Rev. Gord Waldie on his blog, Worship Offerings.

<http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/prayer-for-grace-malachi-3-1-4.html>.

*God of Grace, you blow the breath of life into our lungs,
you have formed us in your image.*

(continued)

Prayer of Confession *(continued)*

**And yet we acknowledge that sometimes
we are not who you would have us be.**

*You challenge us to embrace the refining fire of your love,
to meet you on the threshing floor of life, to be washed as with fuller's soap.*

**But in our heart of hearts we would rather
keep those things that would be removed in such an encounter.**

*Through your Grace, life-giving God, accept us as we are,
unrefined, unwashed, the chaff mixed in with the grain.
And help us to move into a new way of being.*

[...time of silence...]

Listen! For this is Good News!

God's Grace is wider than our wildest imaginings.

*God's Grace embraces us as we are and where we are
and draws us out to be the people we were created to be.*

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

⊛*Offertory

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

✠*Offertory

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

*Doxology

UMH 95

Sending Forth

⊛*Song

In Christ Alone

✠*Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

*Benediction

✠*Postlude

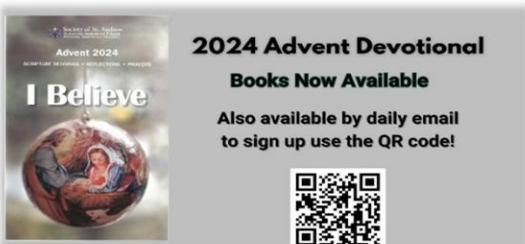
** Please stand as you are able*

Events and Meetings This Week

TODAY:	9 AM	Modern Worship Service
	10 AM	Discipleship / Sunday School Classes Family Christmas Event (Room 300)
	11 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	4 PM	Lessons and Carols Service (Sanctuary) followed by a Reception (Trinity Hall)
	6 PM	Student Christmas Party (Student Center)
	7 PM	Staff Parish Meeting (Room 323)



Monday	11:45 AM 7 PM	Monday Morning Prayer Group (Chapel) Dillard Bible Study Group (ZOOM)
Tuesday	3:30 PM 6-8 PM 6-8 PM	Celebration at Cedarfield Pickleball (Trinity Hall) Pub Theology Carol Sing @ WayGone Brewery
Wednesday	10 AM 3 PM 6 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Young at Heart Trip Departs for Riverside Theater Chair Yoga (Welcome Center) 3M Study Group (Room 317) Praise Team Rehearsal (Choir Room) Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday	11 AM 6 PM	United Women in Faith Service Day (Trinity Hall) Pastor Daniel's Bible Study (Room 323)
Friday	9 AM – 2 PM	Friday Food Collection (Trinity Hall)



Upcoming Events

- 12/15 6 PM Covered Dish Dinner / Create and Celebrate Crafts
A covered-dish dinner will take place at 6 PM, followed by the crafts (4 for adults and 4 for children). Bring your favorite dish to share!
To be sure we have enough craft materials for all, please register - www.trinityumc.net/special-events



- 12/22 6 PM Community Christmas Party – Dinner and Games
Trinity will host guests from Home Again for a Christmas celebration and we invite you to join us!
We are collecting supplies to be given to Home Again a list of items can be found on our website: www.trinityumc.net/special-events
Volunteers are also needed to assist with activities and to help with clean up after.
We ask that you sign up if you plan to attend www.trinityumc.net/special-events

- 12/24 4 PM Christmas Eve Instant Kids Pageant



Show up a little before 4 PM and your kids can dress up as an angel, shepherd or an animal! Kids remain seated with their parents until their character is called forward to join the pageant scene.

- 6 PM Christmas Eve Modern Worship Service
 8 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
 11 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service