

**With COVID cases on the rise in Massachusetts, now is the time to be vigilant.** That means keeping your mask over your nose and mouth, maintaining at least a 6 ft. distance between you and those around you, and leaving the sanctuary promptly after the postlude as directed by the ushers. If you wish to stay and talk with others, you are welcome to do that outside. If you would like to speak with one of our pastors or staff members, please make an appointment. Thank you for doing your part. This is important as we endeavor to provide an in-person worship option that is as safe as possible during this time.

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**Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service. We also thank:**

**Advent Display:** Ken Guerin

**Altar Guild:** Ginger Elliott and Lee Vaughn

**Attendance Taker:** Nicole Baker-Cooley

**Bulletin Cover:** Graphic art by Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Coordinators for Online Worship:** Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

**Liturgist:** Andrew Bakowski

**Ushers: Head Usher,** Margo Sweetland, **Asst.** Sheila Womble, **Ushers:** Bob & Carol Hager, Kathy Hathaway, Ray Miller, and <https://reopen.church/r/zRq6ZVu8>Nate Olin

**Videographer:** Nic Odell

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#### **Reminders:**

For Christmas Eve, we are planning to have three worship services/experiences:

4:30 p.m. Outdoor Children/Family Sensory Christmas Experience

6:30 p.m. Indoor "Traditional" Christmas Service

8:30 p.m. Indoor Lessons and Carols Christmas Service

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we will continue to follow the guidelines of no more than 75 people in the sanctuary and no more than 30 people in the overflow room (Asbury Hall), these numbers include those of us who will take part in leading the worship services. If you plan to attend one of the two (2) indoor worship services, we are asking everyone to register through this link: <https://reopen.church/r/zRq6ZVu8>. If you do not have internet access, please call the office, and we would be happy to register you.

If for some reason, later on, you decide to change your/their mind(s) about coming, please make sure to change your registration. We will only be able to admit those who have registered. If you plan to come to the outdoor children's service, you do not need to register ahead of time.



**Celebrate** God's love  
**Nurture** relationships with God and one another  
**Serve** our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

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*Associate Pastor, Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore*

*Senior Pastor, Rev. René Perez*



*Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 13, 2020

✱ See words to the right

(A Time of Gathering: 10:20 a.m.)

**Organ Prelude:** “Canticum Novum, In Dulci Jubilo” G. Martin

**Introduction & Prayer Updates**

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

**Prelude:** “Gloria Hodie” Turner/McChesney  
Trinity Handbell Choir

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit:** "The Prince of Peace" B. Cutter  
Devon and Borys Bakum

**Liturgy for Lighting the Advent Candles:** ✱ Words & Music by G. Elderkin/J. Raney

**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 who 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.**

**Missions' Moment**

**Special Music:** “Angels Carol” J. Rutter

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 (NRSV)

**Sermon:** “Sent to Deliver Hope”

**Closing Response:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" J. Longhurst

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “I Saw Three Ships” D. Wagner

# WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation's Part**

**Liturgy for Lighting the Advent Candles:**

*(A Gospel Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony, Hope Publishing)*

*Musical Introduction*

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

*Advent Litany*

Advent is a time to prepare

**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

Advent is a time to prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

Advent is a time to prepare to share the joy of Christ

**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

Advent is a time to embrace the promise of Christ

**Prepare for Jesus, the Light of the World.**

*Candle Lighting*

This morning we light three candles. The first candle reminds us that Advent is a time to wait. The second candle reminds us that Advent is also a time to watch. The third candle teaches us that Advent is a time to prepare. We prepare ourselves in heart, soul, and mind to welcome Jesus, the Light of the World.

*Musical Response*

*Unison Prayer*

**God in heaven, help us to be people who wait on you, watch for you, and with the help of your spirit, prepare for you. Continue to shine your light in our lives as we look at all you have done, all you are doing, and all that you will do. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

A Messenger has been sent to us, proclaiming that there is One who is Coming who is the Way and will lead us through the darkness. Know that this is a great gift from God, who has always and will always love us. AMEN.