
Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service.

We also thank:

Advent Display: Ken Guerin

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Reminders:

Christmas is Not Your Birthday (CNYB)

For more information about CNYB visit
<https://www.trinityspringfield.org/ministries/mission-justice/>. To donate online, click [here](#)

12 Days of Boar's Head Starts January 1

Visit <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2021/twelve-days-of-boars-head/>
For a new video each day.

Got prayer requests?

If you have a joy, concern, or prayer request you would like to add to our virtual prayer tree, email prayers@trinityspringfield.org. Those prayer requests will be added to the hidden prayer tree page on Trinity's website. For access, see the Thursday Thoughts email newsletter. Let us keep one another in prayer at this time.

Trinity's Holiday Hours

Trinity Church will be closed through January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor René at the parsonage: 413-733-1567.

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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.



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

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

First Sunday After Christmas Day ~ December 27, 2020

** See words to the right

Prelude: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" L. Line
Chad Thompson, piano; Anna-Lee and Catherine Thompson, handbells

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Were You There on That Christmas Night?" N. Sleeth
Holly Joy Pearson, alto

Call to Worship **

Unison Prayer **

The Lord's Prayer **

Special Music: "Sing Joy!" M. Hayes

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40 (NRSV)

Sermon:

Closing Response: "The Work of Christmas" D. Forrest

Benediction

Postlude: "Joy to the World" Antioch

Call to Worship:

L: The Christmas tree lights have dimmed.

P: The once-wrapped gifts have been shared.

L: But the awesome love of God still shines brightly in our hearts.

P: Our spirits resound with the good news of salvation.

L: God is with us!

P: Thanks be to God! AMEN.

Unison Prayer:

God of mystery and love, help us move from the sweet experience of the birth of the Christ Child into the reality of the powerful witness of Jesus who will be Messiah for us all. Remind us again that this season is not about bows and boxes, feasts and family; it is about preparing us, your people, for a mission and ministry of hope and peace for this aching and angry world. Empower us to be people of great faith, placing our trust in you, believing that peace is not only possible, it truly can happen if we will work with you and with one another. As we have spoken in our hearts and with our voices, our concerns for those near and dear to us, remind us that you hear these prayers and you respond with love to each one. Let us be in prayer with one another, for one another, for our church and our community, for our nation and our world, for all earth's people and creatures, that we may be those who promote peace. Give us courage and strength. Help us reach across areas that divide, offering compassionate assistance wherever it is needed. Bless each one of us in your service, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven

Hallowed by 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

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

For ever and ever. Amen.

** by Nancy C. Townley – she was an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She consulted on visual arts, drama, liturgy and wrote for Worship Connection for several years. Nancy passed away in February 2018.*