

Trinity United Methodist Church

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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.

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.

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 Nate Olin

Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminder:

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. **Virtual On-line Only** "Traditional" Christmas Service

8:30 p.m. **Virtual On-line Only** Lessons and Carols Christmas Service



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ



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.