

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Director of Music Ministry, Becky Rosendahl Isaacson

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Senior Pastor, Rev. René Perez

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

We also thank:

Advent Display: Ken Guerin

Hands of Display: Pastor Erin, Anna-Lee Thompson, Alyssa Guerin, Ella Butcher, and Tracy Woodfield

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminders:

Christmas Eve Services Livestream Only at 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. No In-Person Worship.

Visit <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/worship/on-line-worship/> for more information.

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/>

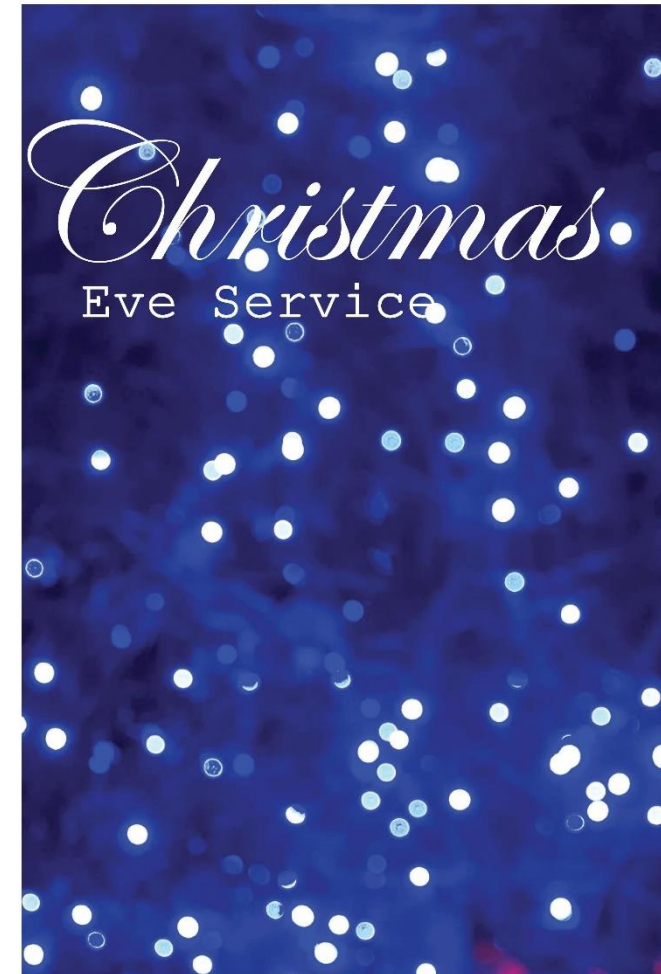
For a new video each day.

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 December 25 through January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor René at the parsonage: 413-733-1567.



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

Christmas Eve On-Line Service ~ December 24, 2020 6:30 p.m.

** See words to the right

Prelude: “God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen” M. Helman
Trinity Handbell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Carol: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Liturgy for Lighting the Christ Candle:** Words & Music by G. Elderkin/J. Raney

Dance Movement Choir: “Candlelight Carol” J. Rutter

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Carol: “Away in the Manger”
Ella Butcher

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

Special Music: “Mary, Did You Know?” R. Emerson
Teri LaFleur

Sermon: “God’s Amazing Hope”

Offertory Prayer: “Christmas Is Not Your Birthday” Offering

Musical Response: “O Holy Night” A. Adams
Gavin Mackie

Benediction

Postlude: “Silent Night” S. Eithun

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”

Responsive Litany

Advent is a time to celebrate

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We celebrate that joy that is in Christ Jesus.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We proclaim a victory that is stronger than any defeat.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We proclaim a peace that is stronger than any conflict.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We proclaim a freedom that is stronger than any bondage.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Candle Lighting

Tonight we light all of the candles and as we light the last candle – the Christ Candle – we are reminded that we are to celebrate the message of Christmas by proclaiming what Christ has done, we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Musical Response

Closing Prayer

God in heaven, we thank you for guiding us through our Advent journey. Through waiting, watching, preparing, and praising, we are now ready to celebrate. Help us receive the glory of Christmas as we rejoice in the fact that you have come to us through the gift of Christ, the Redeemer and Savior of the world. Amen.

Musical Response: “Joy to the World”
Rev. Newcomb-Moore and Teri LaFleur