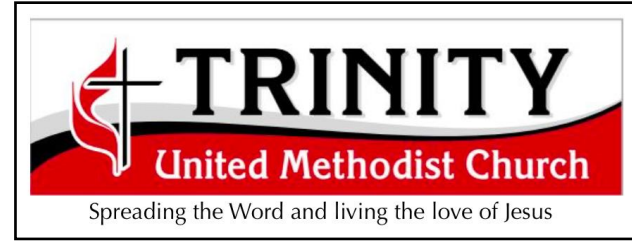


As Isaiah proclaimed this prophecy that the Lord's house - the Mountain of God would one day be filled with streams of people seeking to "walk in the ways of the Lord" surely he saw in his mind's eye a beautiful vision of the house of the Lord filled with people worshipping God. When you picture people coming home to the Lord what picture comes to your mind?



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Welcome to Trinity Church! We are so glad you are here today. If you are new here please be sure to fill out a 'new here card' and place it in the offering plate. You are also invited to visit the welcome center to receive your first time visitor gift. If you have a prayer request that you would like included on our email prayer chain, you can submit your prayer request via email to [bgtrinity@yahoo.com](mailto:bgtrinity@yahoo.com) or fill out a prayer request card today and hand it to an usher.



11/27/2022  
The First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

*Paulistana No. 1*  
Eva Panagou, Organist

Claudio Santoro

### Welcome and Announcements

*\*Lighting of the Advent Candle*

Sally Snider

*Leader: The day is near. And so, we wait. We wait with hope, for the brokenhearted to be healed, for the downtrodden to be lifted.*

**People: We wait for the coming of the Christ child.**

*Leader: In this meantime, we will sing into the silence.*

**People: We will light a candle against the darkness.**

*(Lighting of the Advent Candle)*

*Pastor: Holy God of Hope, give us ears to hear and hearts to trust the promises you offer to us in this season of Advent. As we worship together, we offer ourselves to you and we open ourselves to your abundant grace. Amen.*

**\*Opening Hymn UMH #196 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Gail Houtz

*(Children are invited to the front for a time of teaching)*

Junior Worship Dismissal - All children aged four and over may go to Jr. Worship with our Jr. Worship leader.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Andrea Curry

Pastoral Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever, Amen.***

## Offering

The ushers will pass the offering plates through the aisles, and you may place your offering in as the plate passes by, you may also place your "New Here" card in the offering plate if you are visiting with us for the first time. You may also give your offering electronically at [bgtrinity.org](http://bgtrinity.org) by clicking on the [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) link.

Offertory

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
Jonathan Kroeger, vocalist  
Eva Panagou, piano

William B. Bradbury

\*Doxology Hymn #123 v. 1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5 (CEB)

Sally Snider

2 This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 In the days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
will be the highest of the mountains.  
It will be lifted above the hills;  
peoples will stream to it.

3 Many nations will go and say,  
"Come, let's go up to the Lord's Mountain,  
to the house of Jacob's God  
so that he may teach us his ways  
and we may walk in God's paths."

Instruction will come from Zion;  
the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

4 God will judge between the nations,  
and settle disputes of mighty nations.

Then they will beat their swords into iron plows  
and their spears into pruning tools.

Nation will not take up sword against nation;  
they will no longer learn how to make war.

5 Come, house of Jacob,  
let's walk by the Lord's light.

**Message "Come... to the house of the Lord!" -Rev. Andrea Curry**

**Special Music**

"Die Seele ruht in Jesus Handen"  
Eva Panagou, Organist

J.S. Bach/H. Bauer

## Junior Worship Sharing

\*Closing Hymn UMH #202

**People, Look East**

Postlude

Notturmo

Bella Bartok

\*Indicates - please rise in body or spirit

***Assisting in our worship service today***

Gail Houtz - Director of Education and Outreach  
Sally Snider - Liturgist  
Ashley Lewis- Pianist  
Eva Panagou - Organist  
Jonathan Kroeger - Vocalist  
John Rutter and Jerry Milnor - Ushers  
Allie and Katie Parish - Acolyte



**11/27/2022:**

**Advent Begins!**

Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship 10:00am  
UMSO BTS Union 309 5:30pm  
Youth Group 6:00pm

**11/28/2022:**

Connections at BG Manor - 3:00pm

**12/1/2022:**

Sew Knit Crochet Group - 1:00pm  
Bell Choir Practice: 5:30pm  
Chancel Choir practice: 6:30pm  
Al-Anon - 7:00pm

**12/4/2022:**

Sunday School 9:00am  
***Worship 10:00am - Children's Program, with music from our bell and chancel choirs, and special musical guests the AcousChicks from BGSU!***



**Prayer Concerns**

**Congregational Concerns:**

Carol Wickard is recovering from a recent knee surgery at Wood Haven.

Jon Treece is in the hospital with health issues.

Marilyn White is recovering from recent health issues at Wood Haven

Members of our congregation who are homebound or in nursing care facilities who cannot be with us on Sunday mornings.

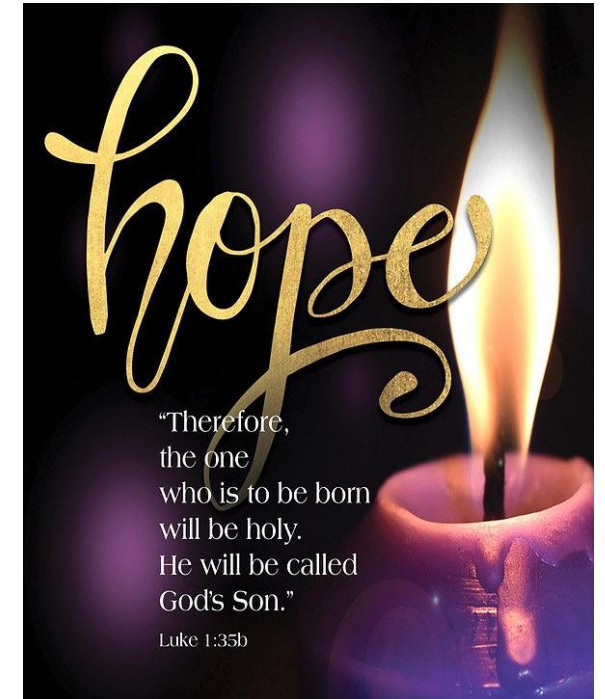
The people on Bobby's prayer list.

**World Concerns:**

For those affected by the shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs. For those who lost loved ones, for those who were injured and for all those who feared for their lives because of yet another hatred motivated mass shooting.

For those recovering from natural disasters, from recent hurricanes, to wildfires, and floods many people across the world have lost loved ones, homes, and communities. Especially the earthquake in Indonesia that killed over 160 people.

For peace and safety in Ukraine. For an end to the war.



## Relay News ...

Once again the Relay For Life of Wood County is raising funds for the American Cancer Society with the **25 Days to Christmas** fundraiser. Ticket prices are \$5 for 1 ticket or \$20 for five tickets. To make a donation and receive tickets for the drawings see Bev Robie.



Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society. Bev will also accept cash donations or credit card donations using the ACS App. Tickets will be available until November 27<sup>th</sup> to ensure you are in all the drawings. The drawings will begin on December 1st and continue daily through December 25<sup>th</sup>. The drawings will be broadcast live at the Relay For Life of Wood County Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rflswc>); make sure you "LIKE" it so you can see who our daily winners are.

Thank you for your continued support of Team Trinity and the American Cancer Society.



**I'll be home for Christmas – Pictures** needed for our Trinity family collage! Bring in your family pictures from years past or send them in via email to Pastor Andrea so that we can compile them into a special family collage for our Advent season.



There will be a mitten tree in the sanctuary near the info station. When you bring in your mitten, glove and hat donations please use them to decorate this tree.



December 11, 2022 we are having our Annual Cookie Exchange! Sign up to participate at the info station. Then bake 10 dozen cookies of any sort and come on the 11<sup>th</sup> after worship and exchange holiday cookies with others from the congregation.



### Trinity's Annual Live Nativity – December 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-7:00pm

Come see the story of the night that Jesus was born come to life right in front of you as actors portray townspeople in the Bethlehem village. The villagers will share the story of what life was like in the time when Jesus was born. Live camels, llamas, donkeys, and horses complete this amazing experience that takes you back to that awesome night when our Lord was born as you come to the stable to see for yourself the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths. This family friendly event is free for our beloved Bowling Green community. Hot Cocoa will be provided, and a reading of the scripture of Jesus' birth is available on your car radio as you approach our church. Tune to channel 95.3. **Sign up to volunteer for the Live Nativity at the info station today! We will need many volunteers to help fill the roles for the nativity and much help to make this annual event a success!**