

*indicates “please rise in body or in spirit”

Assisting in our worship service today:

Rev. Andrea Curry – Lead Pastor

Marie Rittenberry – Director of Discipleship and Outreach

Yejin Lee – Pianist

Britta Williams – Vocalist

Dani Hummel-Sass – Guest Vocalist

Ushers – Acolytes

Susan Montgomery – Liturgist

Jeannie Housholder – Coffee Hour

Susan Montgomery - Greeter

Doug Walter and David Avery – Media

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Spreading the Word and living the love of Jesus



Welcome to Trinity! We are so glad you are here today. If you are new here, please be sure to fill out a ‘1st Time Visitor’ card and place it in the offering plate before you leave. You are also invited to visit the Info Station 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 bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com or fill out a **pink prayer request card** today and hand it to an usher. Your prayer card will be shared during the worship service unless marked “Private”, in which case it will remain private.

December 8, 2024

Prelude

“All Hail, King Jesus with Majesty” arranged by Mark Hayes

Yejin Lee - Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

We Turn Our Hearts to Worship God

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- Susan Montgomery, Liturgist

David Drain: On the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of PEACE. We light it knowing that peace can be hard to maintain, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet, in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. (Light 2 purple candles)

Pastor: God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

Liturgist: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.

***Opening Hymn** **UMH #202 People Look East**

***Passing of the Peace**

Children’s Message – *All children ages four and over may come to the front for a time of teaching.*

Junior Worship – *All children ages four and over may go to Junior Worship with Marie Rittenberry.*

Prayers of the People

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 Our Gifts

Offering

The ushers will pass the offering plates through the aisles to collect our gifts and tithes. You may also give electronically at bgtrinity.org by clicking on the tithe.ly link or using the QR code in the bulletin.

Offertory

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

*Yejin Lee – Pianist
Britta Williams– Vocalist*

***Doxology HWC #154**

What Can I Give Him?

*Prayer of Dedication

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture

Luke 3:1-6 NRSVUE

Susan Montgomery, Liturgist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, **2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, **4** as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Message

Christmas Letters: “Love Incarnate”

-Rev. Andrea Curry

Special Music

“Do You Hear What I Hear” by N Regney and G Shayne

Dani Hummel-Sass – Guest Vocalist

Closing Hymn

UMH #221 In the Bleak Midwinter (vs. 1 & 2)

**Benediction
Postlude**

“I Love You, Lord” by Laurie Klein

Yejin Lee – Pianist

This Week at Trinity!

Sunday 12/8/2024

Coffee Hour 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Live Nativity 5pm to 7pm

Monday 12/9/2024

6:30pm Al-Anon Business Meeting
7:30pm Dart Ball

Tuesday 12/10/2024

Wednesday 12/11/2024

United Women in Faith 10am
Ukulele Group (Newcomers) 12:30pm
Ukulele Group 1:30pm

Thursday 12/12/2024

Bell Choir Practice 5:30pm
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30pm
Al-Anon 7:00pm

Friday 12/13/2024

Saturday 12/14/2024

Sunday 12/15/2024

Coffee Hour 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am



Assisting in Worship Next Week
Sunday, December 15th

Liturgist – Bev Robie
Coffee Hour – Sally Snider
Greeter – Susan Montgomery
Media – Doug Walter and David Avery

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Congregational Concerns:

- For Sally Snider's brother-in-law Steve who underwent brain surgery this past week.
- For George DeMuth who is experiencing health issues.
- For our members who are homebound and in nursing care centers.

World Concerns:

- For an end to wars and conflicts as tensions rise and attacks continue in the Middle East, Ukraine, and various parts of Africa.
- For those experiencing homelessness and hunger in our area and around the world.



Live Nativity – Our Live Nativity is tonight! Please come to volunteer and invite your friends and family to experience this miraculous night. Please plan to meet at church at 3:30pm to help with setup and to get in your stations. If you have any questions, please see Marie Rittenberry. We are looking forward to this special night!

A Special Gift - At Trinity, Christmas is a very special time. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with the Live Nativity, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, our special Christmas Sunday worship service, and all the other activities that take place at the church during this season.



It's also a time when we recognize the service that Pastor Andrea and the staff provide to keep our church operating and a welcoming place for everyone. To show our appreciation, we would like to collect a Love Offering. If you would like to contribute, you may do so with cash, a check, or an online donation. Or you can put your gift in the offering plate or take it to the church office. Please mark your gift/envelope – Love Offering. It would be helpful to have your gift turned in by December 15.

We plan to present this Love Offering to the Pastor and staff at the December 22 church service. We hope that you will be there for the presentation of this special gift from the Trinity congregation.

The Lead Team

Christmas Basket Packing – We are packing Christmas Baskets on Tuesday, December 17th at 6pm. We would love your help! We are also looking for volunteers for Wednesday, December 18th from 9am to 12pm to help load Christmas baskets into cars for the people picking them up. Thank you so much! Please see Sheryl Sabo for more information. Thank you to all who helped make the baskets possible.



Christmas Eve Service – Please join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm. Bring a friend to join you on this holy night as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A Note of Gratitude – Thank you to everyone who helped with the Deck the Halls Sale. Whether you helped set up the items, volunteered during the sale, or helped with the food, you worked tirelessly to ensure everything went well. Thank you for your dedication and spirit of giving.

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