



Trinity United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

8 & 11 p.m.

Please complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register your attendance.



Prelude (8 p.m.)

We Three Kings (Lamb)

Trinity Ringers

Prelude (11 p.m.)

Holiday Medley
Mary, Did You Know? (Greene)

The Case Family Brass
Catherine & Nadine Wethington

Welcome

Clergy

*Call to Worship

Taehwan Roh

The time of waiting is over.

Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We listen for the Good News.

"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people."

We remember that Jesus is the light of the world.

"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful (stanzas 1, 3, 4, & 6)

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1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
(Refrain)

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
(Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Anne Hough

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Christmas Prayer

Taehwan Roh

Anthem

All Bells in Paradise (Rutter) Chancel Choir (8 p.m.), Ensemble (11 p.m.)

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Taehwan Roh

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Clergy

* Please stand as you are able.

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| <p>1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.</p> <p>2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p> | <p>3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.</p> <p>4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.</p> |
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Scripture

Luke 2:8-20

Taehwan Roh

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Anthem

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head (arr. Chilcott)

Ensemble

Sermon

The Waiting is Over

Neil Hough

Christmas Offering

O Holy Night (Adam)

Catherine Wethington

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Clergy

Sharing the Light of Christ

John 1:1-14

Anne Hough

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin
mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

*Benediction

Hough

*Postlude (8 p.m.)

Gavotte from Suite 3 (Bach)

Jerry Rich

*Postlude (11 p.m.)

Allegro from Sonata in D (Purcell)

Diana Wensley, trumpet

We thank all of our musicians for leading tonight's worship.

Chancel Choir: John Dunn, Anne Hough, Neil Hough, Philip Keirstead, Maggie Rabe, Bryan Wethington, Catherine Wethington, Nadine Wethington, Joey Wilson (Jeanette Benson, Scott Kerr)

Trinity Ringers: Howard Chatham, Steve Bishop, Anne Hough, Neil Hough, Philip Keirstead, Taewhan Roh, Bryan Wethington, Joey Wilson (Michelle Zenk)

Ensemble: Philip Keirstead, Maggie Rabe, Bryan Wethington, Catherine Wethington, Nadine Wethington, Joey Wilson

David Case Family

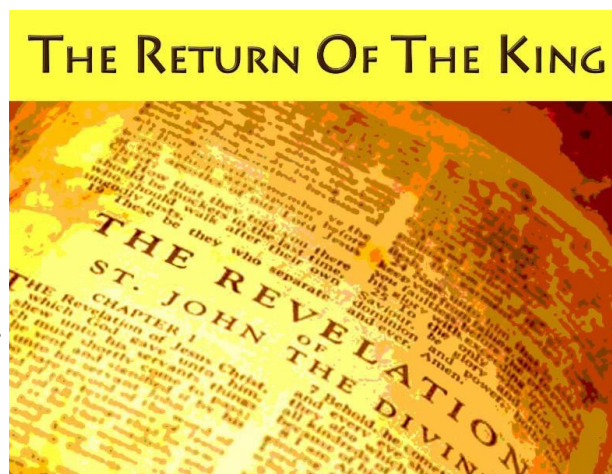
Worship with us! Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

If you can't be here in-person, our Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed on Youtube: youtube.com/UMTrinity.

Children's Worship and Club 56 (for children ages 4 - 6th grade) is available during the 10:30 a.m. service.

New Sermon Series Coming January 7!

Revelation: few books of the Bible create more interest, inspire more curiosity, and invoke more fear than this book. But what is the meaning of Revelation? How are we to read it? And how does its message speak to us today? Join us as we start the New Year together and explore these questions and more in Pastor Neil's new series: **The Return of the King.**

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Poinsettias

Given by
Jeanette Benson
Sam, Alison and Peter Bricker

The Case Family

The Coston Family
The Conroy Family

John David
Pamela and David Danner
The Detwiler Family
Linda Drumheller
Becky Fulton
Brian and Stephanie Grunenfelder
The Hamilton Family
Jennifer, Matt, Vivi and Harper
The Hill Family
Ann and Cornell Hooton
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Connie Jeremiah

The Jue Family
Bruce & Alesha Luxon
Kathy and Matt Maher

The McKean Family
Helen and Glenn Miller

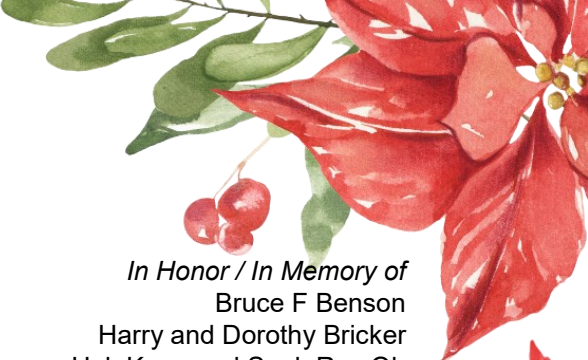
Vicki Paisley
The Prewett Family
Taehwan Roh
Gay Rogers
Robin & Lisa Russell

Laurie Strollo
The Sullivan Family

The Swenson Family
Sharon Todd
Van Todd & Family

Allison and Charlie White

Jim and Cindy Wilson



In Honor / In Memory of
Bruce F Benson
Harry and Dorothy Bricker
Hak Keun and Sook Rye Oh
Eun Kyoung Chung and Chang Bong Shin
Jack and Evelyn Burk
Leonard, Dolores, and Jeanette Bricker
Roy & Josephine Case
Howard & Nancy Leong
Loved ones
Jim and Marlene Conroy
Rosemary Scalpone
Barth and Lucile Walker
Ray & Dorothy Jane David
our parents, Ray and Lorna Beck and George and Hazel Danner
Kathryn Detwiler
Tyler S Drumheller
Edna Brown
Grace and Leo Grunenfelder
Evelyn, Kyle, George & Addie
John & Peggy Sadler
Judy and Jerry Hill
Cassie, Roy, Erma, Donald, Nate and Trent
Lois Howlett
Edward and Stella Impastato
David Jeremiah
Thomas Beem

Our Family
Jim Maher
George and Dorothy Boyer
All of our relatives passed over the years
Ruth E. Bowman
Pasco Bowman, Peggy Miller, and Steve Miller
Melvyn, Lee and Janet
Kaye and Craig Cairney
Jesus Christ
Woody Rogers
Daniel Russell
Mary Lee Russell
Roderick Bergstrom
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Harry Sumner
Jon Sullivan
Nancy Ashbaugh
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our grandparents
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Friends Near and Far

