



Trinity United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

8 & 11 p.m.

Please complete a purple 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.)

O Tannenbaum (Eithun)
Appalachian Carol (IJames)
Christmas Blessing (Stopford)

Trinity Ringers
Catherine Dunn, clarinet
Catherine & Nadine Wethington

Welcome

Clergy

*Call to Worship

Eileen Gilmer

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

Gilmer

Anthem

Nativity Carol (Rutter) Chancel Choir (8 p.m.), Ensemble (11 p.m.)

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Gilmer

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

A. Hough

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

Candlelight Carol (Rutter) Chancel Choir (8 p.m.), Ensemble (11 p.m.)

Sermon

"I Bring You Good News"

Neil Hough

Christmas Offering

O Holy Night (Adam)

Catherine Wethington, Ensemble

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Clergy

Sharing the Light of Christ

John 1:1-14

Clergy

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

In dulci jubilo (Bach)

Jerry Rich

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

Chancel Choir: John Dunn, Anne Hough, Neil Hough, Philip Keirstead, Spencer Miller, Maggie Rabe, Bryan Wethington, Catherine Wethington, Nadine Wethington, Joey Wilson

Trinity Ringers: Howard Chatham, Steve Bishop, Anne Hough, Neil Hough, Philip Keirstead, Joey Wilson

Ensemble: Philip Keirstead, Maggie Rabe, Bryan Wethington, Catherine Wethington, Nadine Wethington, Joey Wilson
On Christmas Day, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, Jan. 1, there will only be one service at 10:30 a.m.

Worship on Sunday, Dec. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 1 will be at 10:30 a.m. only.

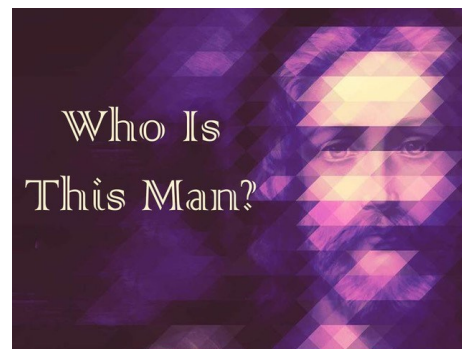
If you can't be here in-person, worship is live streamed on Sundays from the Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity. The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook. Sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon). Tune in Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7 a.m.

Children's Ministry

Children's Worship and Club 56 (for children ages 4—6th grade) is available during the 10:30 a.m. service and will resume Jan. 8.

New Sermon Series starts January 8: *Who is this Man?*

For Christians, following Jesus is the highest priority. But what does it mean to follow Jesus in 2023? Even though two billion people claim to be his followers and more than 70,000 books have been written about him, many of us still wonder: **Who is this Man?** This series will survey the first book written about Jesus, *The Gospel According to Mark* in order to answer 2 questions: Who is this man Jesus? What does his life mean for our lives today? These sermons are for anyone who would like to know more about Jesus Christ.



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