



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code on page 3 with your phone's camera to register your attendance today.

Prelude	<i>My Heart Rejoices</i> (Post)	Jerry Rich
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Eileen Gilmer
Sing to the Lord a new song. <b>We sing of light in our darkness.</b> Sing to the Lord a new song. <b>We rejoice in our salvation.</b> Sing to the Lord a new song. <b>The Lord is here, alleluia!</b> Sing to the Lord. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	p. 3 / UMH 224
Children's Message		Neil Hough
Christmas Prayers and Lord's Prayer		Gilmer
Offering	This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at <a href="http://umtrinity.org/give">http://umtrinity.org/give</a> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.	
Anthem	<i>Gesù Bambino</i> (Yon)	Philip Keirstead
Scripture	John 1:1-14	Eileen Gilmer
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.		
Message	<i>God with Skin On</i>	Neil Hough
* Closing Hymn	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	p. 3 / UMH 251
* Benediction		Hough
Closing Music	<i>Menuet from Royal Fireworks</i> (Handel)	Rich
* Please stand as you are able.		

# Grow — Pray — Study

Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

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## **Monday, December 26 — Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

Jesus' birth is God's answer to Israel's prayer for salvation. The Old Testament prophets looked forward to the day of salvation, when God's King would reign on earth and the "people who walked in darkness" would see "a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). In the poetry of Isaiah's prophecy, we discover that — among other things — the coming child would be the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

- When you think about the world today, how might Jesus be the Prince of Peace for you and for others?
- Prayer: *Prince of Peace, we celebrate your presence in our world today. Heal the pain we experience and bring reconciliation to broken lives, communities, and nations. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, December 27 — Micah 5:2-5a**

According to Micah, God's Messiah would come from Bethlehem, a small town that is a few miles south of Jerusalem. It was King David's birthplace and it would also be the birthplace of the ultimate King of Kings. Like David, God's King would shepherd his people and feed his flock.

- As you celebrate Christmas, how do you worship a King who is also a humble shepherd? Based on what you know about Jesus, how does he serve as your King and your Shepherd? Are you a citizen of his Kingdom and a member of his flock?
- Prayer: *Good Shepherd, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we accept you as our Shepherd and our King. Guide us and protect us. Keep us safe within your care. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, December 28 — Luke 1:26-38**

In Luke's account of the annunciation (the angel's announcement to Mary of the coming birth of Jesus), Mary not only learns that her baby will be King in the lineage of David, but will truly be the Son of God. This is an extraordinary claim, that God would take human form. It is made even more extraordinary when we discover — as the Gospel account of Jesus' life unfolds — that the Son of God would eventually be crucified on the cross.

- How has this gift of God's love changed your life?
- Prayer: *God of Love, we celebrate that Jesus is your Son and that he has come to show us the way to eternal and abundant life with you. Help us be his disciples. Amen.*

## **Thursday, December 29 — Luke 2:1-7**

Luke's introduction to the birth of Jesus helps us understand the kind of world into which Jesus was born. He was born to an ordinary Jewish family in a land that was governed by the Roman Empire. The circumstances of Jesus' birth were humble. He was welcomed, not by kings and queens, but by night-shift shepherds and star-gazers (Magi) from a distant land (Luke 2:15-16, Matthew 2:7-11).

- What does Luke's account of Jesus' birth tell you about God? What difference does the Christmas story make in your life? How has the birth of Jesus changed your life?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, through the Christmas story, we discover the paradox of your power: a tiny baby, born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, has changed the world. Amen.*

## **Friday, December 30 — Luke 2:8-20**

When the angel visits the night-shift shepherds keeping watch over their flocks, the message is both simple and profound, "*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.*" (Luke 2:10-11).

- The birth of Jesus is "Good News" for many reasons, but according to the angel, it is Good News because Jesus has come save us. Give thanks to God for the gift of salvation.
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin and death and to offer us the gift of abundant life. Amen.*

## **Saturday, December 31 — John 1:1-14**

The Gospel of John does not describe the details of Jesus' birth. Instead, John tells us that Jesus is the eternal Word of God in the flesh and that he is the Light that shines in the darkness of the world. Jesus makes God known to the world, illuminating the darkness of ignorance and sin and death.

- How has the birth of Jesus brought light to the world? How has the birth of Jesus brought light into your life? How are you reflecting God's light in the world around you?
- Prayer: *Light of the World, shine brightly in our lives today. Remove the shadows all around us and be a light to our paths. Guide us in the way of grace and truth. Amen.*

# Merry CHRISTMAS

## Nursery on Sundays

Masks are optional for everyone who is fully vaccinated. The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

## This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

## Prayer Group

Wednesday at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

## This Week at Trinity on TV

Our sermons air on Fairfax Public Access Channel 36 (on Cox and Verizon) on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m.

## Attendance QR Code

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## Our Prayer List

Aidan, Al, Alan, Alex & Sarah, Amanda, Amber & Briana, Andy, Annie Ruth, Barb & JR, Barbara & Barry, Bea, Becky, Bill & Maddie, Boris, Bud, Carol & Rich, Carolyn, Carolyn & Janice, Cathy, Danny, Darlene & Steve, Dave & Carol, Davey, Dobson family, Dylan, Earl & Mary Lou, Elaine, Evey, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Glenn, Green family, Gwyn, Harriet, Ingrid, Jackie, Janelle, Jeremy, Jessica, Jill, Joe & Marie, John, Junil, Karen, Karyn, Katherine, Kathleen, Kathy, Kay & John, Ladye, Linda, Lisa, Liz & David, Lizzie, Luana, Marcia, Marcienne, Marcy, Maria, Marilu, Marilyn, Matt, Meak family, Mendez family, Mickey, Minou, Pauline & Merlin, Peg & Dick, Peggy, Rasmussen family, Robert, Roberto & Erica, Roger, Sandy & Vinnie, Scott, Shadle family, Susan, Tatiana, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Vanna, Vicki, and Yancey, Trinity's children, youth and volunteers, Trinity Pre-school, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by natural disasters, violence and political turmoil around the world.

Today's hymn texts for those worshipping at home.

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
News, news!  
Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
News, news!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
News, news!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save!

## Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens  
there shown a holy light. (Refrain)
2. The shepherds feared and trembled,  
when lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)
3. Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

## Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)

### Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **Jan. 10** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. More at <https://umtrinity.org/education>. Contact Kathy Maher, [kathyngs@gmail.com](mailto:kathyngs@gmail.com), for more.

### Children's Ministries

**Children's Worship Folders** are available during Sunday morning worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please remember to return your folder to the used bin so it can be replenished for next week.

**Children's Worship** (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.



### Crafts for a Cause

We meet every other Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Room 124: Jan. 2. No crafting experience is needed and all are welcome. If you'd like to sign up, please email **Alesha Luxon** at [alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com).

### Fellowship

Fellowship hosts provide snacks during Fellowship following the Sunday morning worship services. Please consider signing up for a week. The sign up is on a white board sitting on top of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Lobby. Contact Alesha Luxon ([alesha.luxon@gmail.com](mailto:alesha.luxon@gmail.com)).

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Next meeting: Jan. 8: 4:30 - 6 p.m. Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington ([umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com)).

## Coming Up

### December

26 Office Closed  
29 Celebration of Life: E.unice Shadle, 12 p.m.

### January

1 Worship at 10:30 a.m. only  
2 Office Closed  
2 Crafts for a Cause  
10 Book Chat  
16 Office Closed  
16 Crafts for a Cause  
19 Lunch and Learn Event for Seniors  
21 Christ House  
29 Celtic Service  
29 Crafts for a Cause



### Confirmation Class

Youth (grades 7-12) are invited to join our 2023 Confirmation Class. It will meet on **Sundays, 4-5 p.m. beginning January 8** and run through the end of May. In order to mature in their own faith journey, the confirmands will explore what the Bible teaches us, what it means to follow Jesus, and how we serve God as members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Pastor Anne Hough will serve as this year's lead teacher. There will be a confirmation Kick Off for confirmands, parents, and faith friends on January 8 at 4 p.m., mark your calendars! Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> or scan the QR code.

Contact Pastor Anne at [eaehough@gmail.com](mailto:eaehough@gmail.com) or Catherine at [umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com) for more information.

**Faith Friends for Confirmation:** Interested in being an adult faith friend for one of our Confirmands? Contact Anne or Catherine for more details.



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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](https://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.