



Jesus our brother, kind and good

Trinity United Methodist Church
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship 2022

Prelude

Wexford Carol (Rutter)

Dereck Scott, trumpet

Welcome and Greeting

Clergy

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Thomas family

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: This evening, we are gathered to recall the hope we have in Christ. We light again the candles of hope, peace, love and joy.

(light 1st candle)

We speak of hope because God keeps his promises to us.

(light 2nd candle)

We work for peace because Jesus is the Prince of Peace and calls each of us to follow him.

(light 3rd candle)

We show love because God first loved us.

(light 4th candle)

We share joy because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence of God.

(light the Christ candle)

Now we light the last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but we will have the true light of life.

All: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

HYMN

Light the Advent Candle (stanza 5)

Light the Christmas candles, now:

Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;

Birthday candles for the King,

Let the alleluias ring.

Candle, candle, burning bright,

Shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright,

Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Prayer

Clergy

Leader: God of darkness and silence, you will pierce the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word in the flesh.

All: May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us.

Leader: People throughout the world are celebrating Christ's birth.

All: Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all darkness.

Leader: Your Word becomes flesh, bringing light to all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

All: Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Leader: Your good news is proclaimed to all.

All: May we remain faithful to the mystery of your Word and embody your love to the world around us. Amen.

The Angel Appears to Mary and Joseph

Jack Newcomb

People were longing for a Savior, someone who would make everything right between them and God once and for all. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he told her that she would become the mother of a very special child. Mary would give birth to the Son of God, whose kingdom would have no end. This child was the one about whom the prophets had spoken. The one to bring God's peace, justice, hope, and love into the world. The angel of the Lord also appeared to Joseph to share the good news of this child.

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Mary and Joseph come forward)

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

The Birth of the Messiah

Trent Hooton

During that time, the emperor issued a law that everyone must return to their hometown to be counted in a census. Joseph and Mary traveled to Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem. While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay, but there was no room for them in the inns. So Mary had her baby, wrapped him in cloth to keep him warm, and laid him in a manger.

Hymn

Away in a Manger
(Baby Jesus and stars come forward)

Away in a manger,
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

The Animals Gather at the Manger

Landon Frantz

The animals in the stable that night gathered round to see the newborn baby. They beheld his peace and joy shown through his presence. Even as part of God's good creation, they had no way of knowing exactly what they were witnessing—the first minutes of earthly life for the Christ Child. Each took his or her turn caring for that precious child who would bring peace and love to the world.

Carol

The Friendly Beasts

Jesus our brother kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude.
The friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus our brother kind and good.

(Donkeys come forward during this verse)

"I," said the donkey all shaggy and brown,
"I carried his mother up hill and down.
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey all shaggy and brown.

(Cows come forward during this verse)

"I," said the cow all white and red,
"I gave him my manger for a bed.
I gave him my hay to pillow his head."
"I," said the cow all white and red.

(Curly horn sheep come forward during this verse)

"I," said the sheep with the curly horn,
"I gave him my wool for a blanket warm.
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with the curly horn.

(Doves come forward during this verse)

"I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"I cooed him to sleep so he would not cry.
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I."
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.

So all the beasts by some good spell,
In the stable rude were glad to tell
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,
The gifts they gave Emmanuel.

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds

Caroline Speidel

In the fields nearby, shepherds were watching their flocks. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the shepherds were afraid. But the angel shared with them the good news. A child had been born in Bethlehem. This child is the Messiah, the Lord. He will save all people from their sins. As a sign that this is true, the angel assured the shepherds that they would find a baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

Hymn

The First Noel

(Shepherds and sheep come forward)

The First Noel, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

The Heavenly Host

Anna Speidel

Suddenly, a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God saying, "Glory to God! Peace on earth! Goodwill toward men!" When the angels left them and went 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."

Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
(Angels come forward)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

The Wise Men

Olivia Liu

Some time later, wise men saw a star rising in the east and followed it to Bethlehem. There, they found the child. And they bowed down to worship him, presenting Christ with the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Together with the angels, they joined in glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen.

Hymn

We Three Kings
(Wise men, camels and gifts come forward)

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Offering

Neil Hough

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem

* Lighting of the Candles

Clergy

At this time, you are invited to turn on your candle.

* Hymn

Silent Night

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.

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.

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!

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!

* Sending Forth

Grant, Lord, that what we say with our lips we believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude

Ding, Dong! Merrily on High (James)

Dereck Scott, trumpet

*Please stand as you are able.

If you bought poinsettias, please take them home following the service.



Poinsettias are Given by
David & Betty-Jo Booth
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Case family

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Kathy & Wayne Detwiler, Sr.
Faust family
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Children & Youth at Trinity

All activities resume January 8.

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.

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 or Catherine at 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.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Next meeting: Jan. 8: 4:30 - 6 p.m.

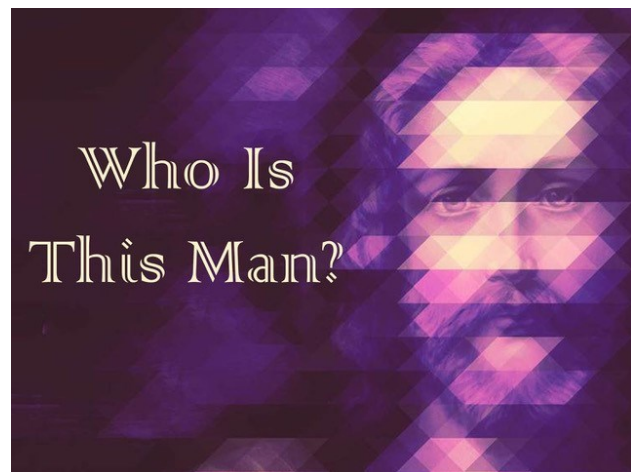
Register at <http://bit.ly/youthreg22> or scan the QR code.

For more information about volunteering with youth or joining youth group, contact Catherine Wethington (umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).



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.



Merry CHRISTMAS



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Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.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.

Attendance QR Code

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

