

☼ **Modern Worship** 9:00 AM
 ✚ **Traditional Worship** 11:00 AM

ENTRANCE

✚ Chiming the Hour

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, "Rejoice!"
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, "Rejoice!"

☼*Song *Advent Medley:*
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus; Joyful, Joyful

✚*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211
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Lighting the Advent Wreath—Joy
 Steve, Joey, Kaleigh, and Meghan McPhail (9:00)
 Joseph, Mary-Holland, Drew, and Amelia Thompson (11:00)

...declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail.
We wait as people who experience hardship and pain yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

*Sung Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (refrain)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Passing the Peace

☼*Song *Come, Lord Jesus*
 ✚*Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH 216
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*Opening Prayer
O God, Most High,
whether we find ourselves sowing in tears
or in starry-eyed expectation this season,
help us to place our faith in your goodness
and perfect wisdom,
revealed to us in the Advent of Christ Jesus,
our Lord, that we may find true and lasting joy
in the light of his holy love. Amen.

✚*Gloria Patri UMH 70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture *Psalm 126 NRSV* Abbie Duenckel (9:00)
Sarah Shutt (11:00)

Kids Moment

Sermon *Faithfulness and Joy* Rev. Aaron Miller

✚ Holy Baptism Rowan James Silber
Parents, Ryan and Mary Tyler Silber

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

THANKSGIVING

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *God With Us* (9:00)
My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord (11:00)

☼*Doxology
 ✚*Doxology *Christmas Doxology* O TANNENBAUM

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
in every generation.
Praise God, all creatures here below,
who gives to us salvation.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Let all creation praise the Lord
with love and adoration.

SENDING FORTH

☼*Song *Love Came Down at Christmas*
 ✚*Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221
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*Benediction

✚*Postlude * Please stand as you are able

Worship has ended -- now Service begins.

Kids in Worship

As a church, we value kids participating in worship!
 In the Welcome Center are Worship Bags and other materials to help your kids engage in the Worship service.
 Please return the Worship Bag to the Welcome Center at the end of the service.

Acolytes

Candlelighters: Charlie Duerson, Caroline Verdery
 Crucifer: Sydney Duerson

Our Advent/Christmas Offering is designated to support United Methodist Family Services (UMFS).

You may designate "UMFS" on your check (payable to Trinity UMC); or put your donation in a "Christmas" offering envelope (located in the pews). All "undesignated" offerings received at the Christmas Eve evening services (4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM) will be given to UMFS.

Our Trinity Foundation has generously approved a \$7,500 matching grant for this special offering.

Trinity has historically been one of UMFS's largest supporters, and we hope to continue that tradition this year.

Prayer Chain Ministry... To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, call Judy Oguich (**288-6056 ext. 206**). We have over 50 persons who have committed themselves to praying for our community.

Prayer Concerns - Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a green Pastoral Care Card or the white Trinity Care Team Card (located in the Guest Book) and drop it in the offering plate.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone,"
1 Timothy 2:1

Known Member Prayer Concerns

Nancy Johann Wayne Bullis Nancy Foley
 John Bartholomew Ann Sangston

The family of Donald Brown (father of Debbie Mancini)

The family of Bill Boice

The family of Karen Schmid

Community Prayer Concerns

Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters

Victims of war and violence