

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mother Church of Savannah Methodism



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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MORNING WORSHIP

December 7, 2025 . 11:00 AM

Prelude

Dr. Jared Register

Welcome

Please register your attendance on a pew card or use this QR code.



Chiming of the Hour

† At the sound of the chimes, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Choral Introit

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leisel, Dave & Danielle Weatherford

Leader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story,
the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth.
We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.” (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace,
believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.

Leader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world
seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

(Light the first candle of the Advent wreath)

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, our Advent Light.

*Processional Hymn (No. 196)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

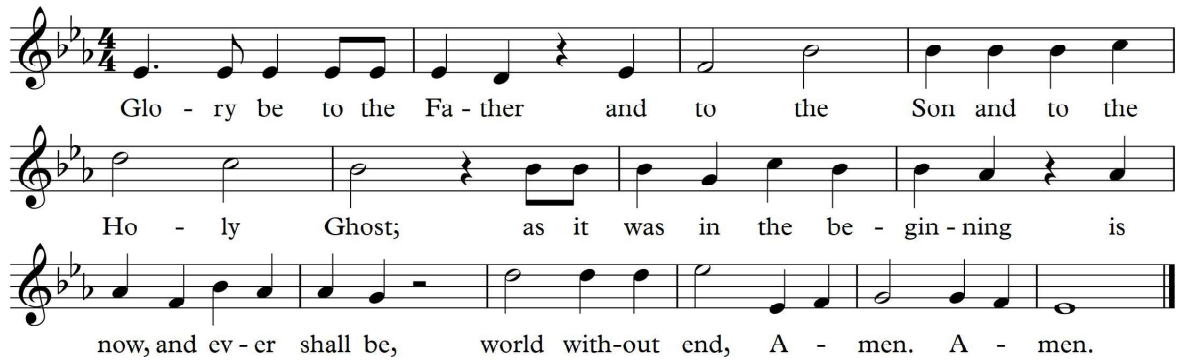
Tune: HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a King,
from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now they gra - cious king - dom bring.
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Invitation to the Table (Bulletin page 5)

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

Confession & Pardon (Bulletin page 5)



*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Morning Prayer

Dr. Gosden

Old Testament Reading

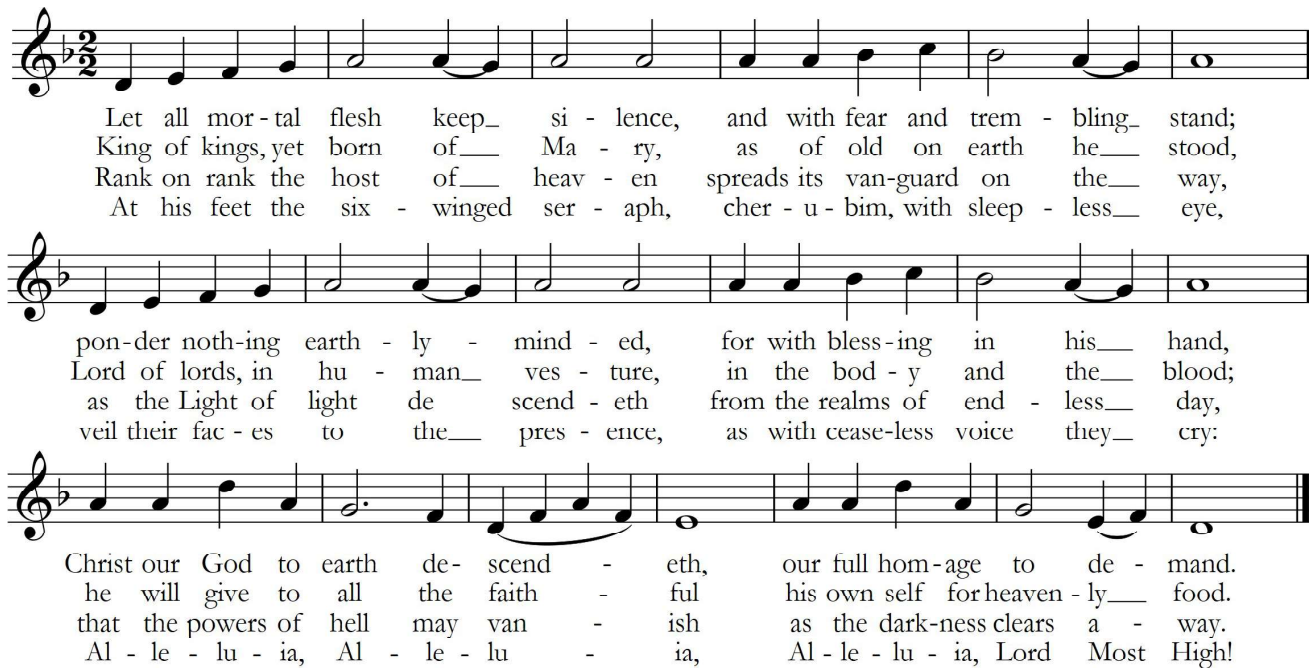
Isaiah 11 : 1 - 10

Bee Smith

*Hymn (No. 626)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Tune: PICARDY



Gospel Reading

Matthew 3 : 1 - 12

Bee Smith

Choral Anthem

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

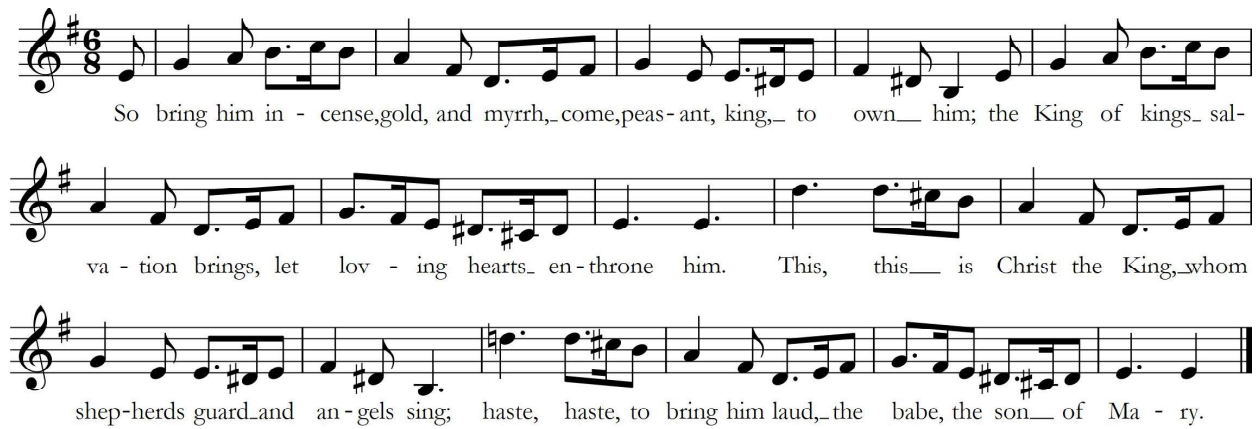
Dr. Gosden

Offertory

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So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, - come, peas - ant, king, - to own - him; the King of kings - sal -
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts - en - throne him. This, this - is Christ the King, - whom
shep - herds guard - and an - gels sing; haste, haste, to bring him laud, - the babe, the son - of Ma - ry.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Bulletin page 5*)

Dr. Gosden

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed by all*)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by the name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

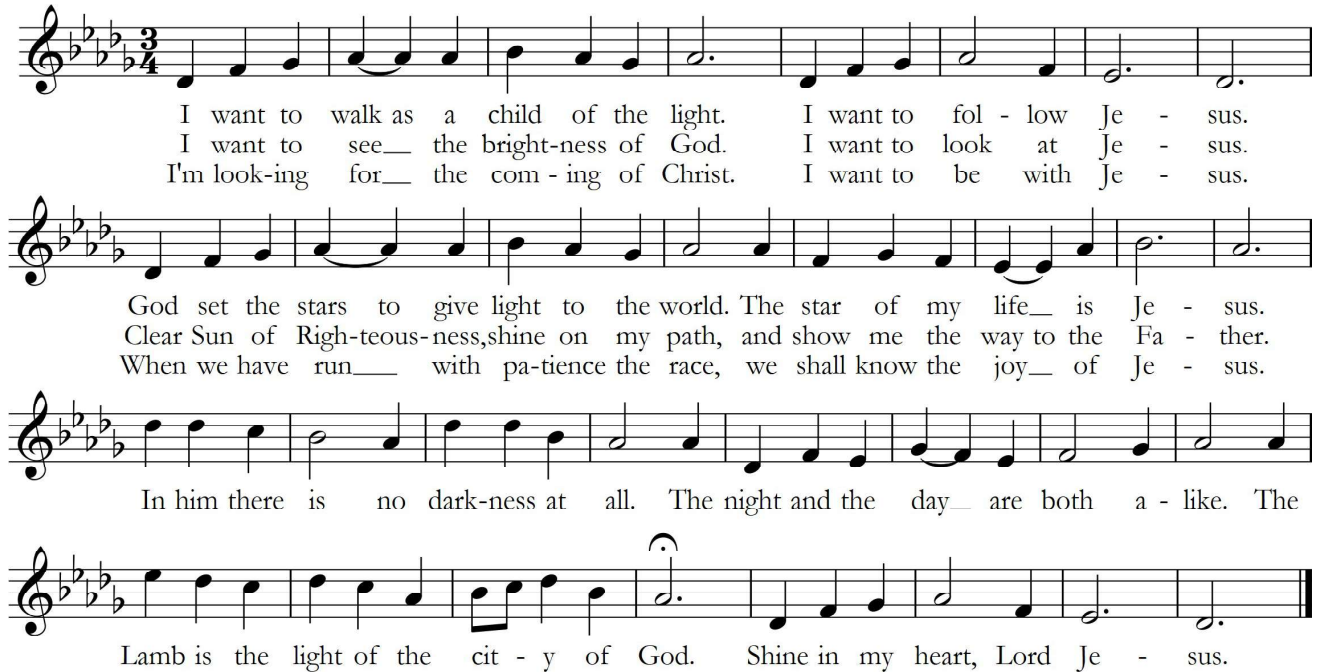
Prayer after Communion

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn (No. 206)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Tune: HOUSTON



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to see - the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.
I'm look-ing for - the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life - is Je - sus.
Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
When we have run - with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy - of Je - sus.
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day - are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

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The Service of Communion for Advent

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession & Pardon

People: *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.*

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.

You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things and the rich you send empty away.

Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.***

Opportunities for Caring & Healing

Prayer List - Frances Richadson, John Naylor, Susan & Don Baldwin, Barry Helmey, Ralph & Vermelle Bailey, Clyde Parker, Addam Wood, JoAnn Nichols, Jeanmarie Collins, Tom Madron, Mike Cutlip, Duane Heefner, Harvey Jones, Linda Wing, Kenny Frye, Gloria Borello, Dan Noble, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo, Kathy Bailey.

From our Albany congregation: Curt Poer, Archer Seely-Wilson, all who are serving in our nation's armed forces.

Care Ministry - A ministry with opportunities to provide care for each other through prayer circle, card writing, home communion, bereavement meals, and financial peace. Contact ccm@trinity1848.org for more information.

Stephen Ministry - A ministry in which trained and supervised lay people provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, email stephen@trinity1848.org, or contact Pastor Ben Gosden.

Recovery is Real - A team of Trinity UMC members who understand addiction and recovery. We can offer an informed, compassionate and confidential response if you or a loved one is struggling. Contact: Carol Pine at 651.291.7236 or pineandpartners@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Serve

Backpack Buddies - Trinity Church serves our partner school (Gadsden Elementary) to supply weekend food for at-risk students. Pre-packaged, ready-to-eat food items or monetary donations are collected year-round for this ministry. Contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org for more information, or to volunteer for weekly deliveries.

Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST) - is an interfaith, interracial coalition of 25+ local congregations advocating for justice in Savannah-Chatham County. For more information, contact Trinity Church/JUST liaison Connie Boole at cboole58@gmail.com or 912.210.1583 for details.

SquareOne - an opportunity to serve our neighbors with Christ's radical hospitality and relationship in the squares of downtown Savannah. For more information contact Cale Hall at cale@trinity1848.org.

Sunday Breakfast Mission - an opportunity to partner with the Lutheran Church of the Ascension to serve our neighbors with hospitality, relationship and *breakfast*. We assemble and deploy breakfast teams every other month. Watch the bulletin and the weekly newsletter for team sign-ups for the next event.

Altar Flowers - You are invited to sponsor our altar flowers for Sunday worship. Sponsorships are \$75 and can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. Scan this QR code or contact Lacy Wilson at office@trinity1848.org.



United Women in Faith - All women are invited to the mission of Trinity UWF! Potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall following worship. Contact Dewilla Hooper at dewillahooper@yahoo.com for details.

Opportunities to Learn & Grow

TrinityKids - Trinity Kids is our ministry with children. Children aged 0-2 are welcome in our nursery on the 2nd floor. Children aged 2-up are welcome to join our children's Sunday Small Group at 11am featuring curriculum-based music, motion, and learning. Please contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org with any questions or other interest in Trinity Kids.

TrinityKids Choir - 2nd through 8th graders are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held in the 2nd floor music suite on Sunday mornings at 9:45am (*during the school year*). Schedule and opportunities to sing in worship set seasonally. Contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org for more information.

Trinity UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) - 6th thru 12th grade youth are invited to join us in the 3rd Floor Youth Lounge, Sundays at 9:45am, to hang, chat, learn and grow! Contact Youth Coordinator Ava Pickens at ava@trinity1848.org for more info.

Upper Room Small Group - An ongoing study group that meets on Zoom, Sundays at 10am, led by Mark Jackovich. If you would like to join this group, please email Mark at jackovich@bellsouth.net.

Smith Small Group - We meet in-person on Sundays at 9:45am, room #317. We question, discuss and learn from one another as we study topics of faith and discipleship. Contact Linda Smith at lsmith629@comcast.net for more information.

Doin' Justice - An adult discussion class that meets in room #316, to study matters, mission and acts of justice. Our new Fall study begins on August 24 - details on bulletin page 6. Contact Connie Boole (cboole58@gmail.com or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Hilleary (p_hilleary@yahoo.com or 404.449.1170) to connect with this group.

Young-ER Adults - Our newest adult small group, aimed toward the 30-50 crowd, designed to build a community of adults in the middle of life's busy schedule. Find us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in room #315. Contact Amy Utley, amy@trinity1848.org, or Bee Smith for more details.

Opportunities to Connect

Sunday Morning Hospitality - Fellowship, donuts and coffee in the Hospitality Parlor (*behind the Sanctuary*), from 10:00-11:00am. Join us!

Band of Mothers - We are a group of moms, sharing life at all its ages and stages. We meet the 3rd Sunday of each month, room #317, 3:30-5pm. Please text Jessica Hensley with any questions at 912.596.1159.

Telfair Squares - We are a group of active older adults who gather for lunch and a great time of food and fellowship the 4th Thursday of each month. Contact Wayne Ervin at 912.346.5895 or waynedervin67@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP. Christmas gathering: December 9, 11:30am, Carey Hilliard's, 8410 Waters Avenue - Savannah.

Ladies Out to Lunch - Join us every 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30am for food, fun and friendship. RSVP: Mary Ann Traver at 912.604.0956 or cwtmat@coastalnow.net or Judy DeShea at judydeshea@gmail.com. December event: Christmas Tea Party, Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall on December 11.

Advent Week #2

Annual Lessons & Carols Concert

Sunday, December 7 | 6:00 PM

Join us on Sunday, December 7, at 6:00 PM for the annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Experience the beauty of this beloved Advent tradition as musicians and readers guide us through nine scriptural readings that tell the story of Christ's coming. The service will feature traditional readings and inspiring music from our Sanctuary Choir, Hand Bell Choir, with Brass Quintet and Organ. Together, they will lead us in a celebration of the season through scripture and song, bringing the timeless story of Christmas to life. All are welcome to join this evening of peace, reflection, and joy.

Join us in person or online for this evening of Christmas joy in music. For more information on this event or Trinity's Music Ministries, contact Trinity's Director of Music Jared Register at jregistermusic@gmail.com.

Advent Week #3

Pancakes & Pajamas

DECEMBER 14 | 10 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring your children on Sunday, December 14th at 10:00 AM in their Christmas pajamas and enjoy a morning of pancakes, games, crafts and a movie! We will be in the Fellowship Hall this year, playing games, making ornaments, decorating and eating pancakes, and having a great time in our festive pajamas. All ages are welcome to join.

United Women In Faith Meeting

Sunday, December 14, 2025

The Trinity United Women in Faith, or UWF, will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, December 14 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM, immediately following morning worship. All women are invited to join and learn about the many projects we support and how you can be a powerful witness for God.

Speaker: Mary Ann Traver; **Topic:** "The Greatest Gift: How Are You Defining and Living Love?" **Focus:** How do you share hospitality in a hurting world?

Contact Dewilla Hooper at dewillahooper@yahoo.com for info or to RSVP.

Telfair Squares Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Telfair Squares' monthly lunch group meets monthly at different local restaurants, and all are invited to attend their Christmas party at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 9th.

Join us at Carey Hilliard's Restaurant, 8410 Waters Ave, Savannah, GA 31406. For more information on the event or to RSVP, contact Wayne Ervin at waynedervin67@gmail.com or 912-346-5895.

Ladies Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 11, 2025

The Ladies Out To Lunch group will hold a women's Christmas Tea at Trinity UMC's fellowship hall on Thursday, December 11th at 11:30 AM. All ladies are invited to attend. A cookie exchange and White Elephant gift swap are optional. For more information and to RSVP, contact Mary Ann Traver at 912-604-0956 or cwtmat@coastalnow.net or Judy DeShea at judydeshea@gmail.com. **RSVP by December 6th.**

Advent Week #4

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Experience the warmth of community and the joy of Christmas at Trinity Church's annual Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve service. We invite you to our special 7:00 PM Christmas Eve service, where we'll embrace the spirit of the season together. Cherish traditional carols, inspiring messages, and a candlelit atmosphere (with battery-powered candles for the children) that captures the true essence and meaning of Christmas.

Let's come together on December 24th at 7:00 PM for a candlelight and communion service. Share this message and extend the invitation to unite in our joyous celebration of Christ's birth!

Christmas Breakfast

Thursday, December 25 | 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Sign-up links coming soon!

Trinity News, Notes & Reminders

This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, December 7

TrinityKids ~ 9:45am ~ 2nd Floor
TrinityKids Choir rehearsal ~ 9:45am ~ 2nd Floor Choir Suite
Trinity UMYF* ~ 9:45am ~ 3rd Floor Youth Lounge
**UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th grade-12th grade)*
Adult Small Groups ~ 9:45am ~ 3rd Floor
Morning Worship ~ 11am ~ Sanctuary
YouthWrap Fundraiser ~ 9:45am-noon ~ Fellowship Hall
Band of Mothers ~ 4pm ~ the home of Katie Gosden
The Festival of Lessons & Carols ~ 6pm ~ Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 9

Telfair Squares Christmas Luncheon ~ 11:30am
Carey Hilliard's Restaurant - 8410 Waters Avenue, Savannah

Thursday, December 11

Ladies Out to Lunch Christmas Tea ~ 11:30am ~ Fellowship Hall

Beyond This Week at Trinity

TrinityKids Pancakes & Pajamas - Dec 14
United Women in Faith lunch mtg - Dec 14
Youth Christmas Event - Dec 19
Children's Nativity in Worship - Dec 21
Christmas Eve Worship - Dec 24
Christmas Breakfast Mission - Dec 25

*Note: Sunday, December 28
there will be Morning Worship only
(no TrinityKids activities/childcare | no UMYF)*

Last Sunday's Attendance

In-person (Savannah): 127
In-person (Albany): 19
Online: 43

November 2025

Operating
Income \$35,579
Operating
Expenses \$36,144

Backpack Buddies Volunteers this week

Packers - Dawn Wilson Driver - Deb Loughney

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2025 Poinsettia Orders



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Purchase Poinsettias for our sanctuary as a tribute to a friend or loved one. Poinsettias are \$18 each.
Use the form below to order & pay by cash, check or Venmo - handle: @Trinity-Church
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Order total

Orders due by Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Poinsettias will be available to take home following 7pm Christmas Eve Worship.