

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2025

No. 48

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

CHAPEL SERVICE

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

PRELUDE

Douglas Chaplow

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | PEACE

Remember Christ's call to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, comes to reconcile us to God and to one another, showing us how to live in harmony. God of peace, as this candle shines, may your peace take root in our hearts. Help us to work for healing in our relationships, our communities, and our world.

Come, Lord Jesus, our Peace. Shine your light in our hearts.

Sing refrain: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

† CONFESSION AND PARDON

See Inside

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. E. Wayne Curry

CHURCH NOTICES / OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #94

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
"Peace is Possible"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION*

Insert

The Great Thanksgiving

AGNUS DEI The Breaking of Bread

Hymnal #30

COMMUNION HYMNS

"One Holy Night in Bethlehem"

TFWS #2097

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Hymnal #221

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal #204

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

† POSTLUDE

Douglas Chaplow

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

† WORSHIP SONG

"Away in a Manger"

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The Hamm Family

† WORSHIP SONG

"Glory in the Highest"

† PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Highlands (Song of Ascent)"

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"Gratitude"

† WORSHIP SONG

"Raise a Hallelujah"

† BENEDICTION

During the worship songs, you are invited to utilize the Prayer Station by the stained-glass window and light a candle as you pray.

**All are invited to leave an offering for the Benevolence Fund when receiving Holy Communion.*



LITURGICAL SERVICE
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski

The vision of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a diverse Christian community that leads as a shining beacon of God's love, actively engaging as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.

PRELUDE Fantasia super 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland', BWV 659a Douglas Chaplow

INTROIT "Joy to the World" arr. Aaron Weitekamp
Brass Quintet

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | HOPE Ben and Pat Gilliland

As we light the second candle, the candle of peace, we remember Christ's call to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, comes to reconcile us to God and to one another, showing us how to live in harmony. God of peace, as this candle shines, may your peace take root in our hearts. Help us to work for healing in our relationships, our communities, and our world.

Come, Lord Jesus, our Peace. Shine your light in our hearts.

Sing refrain: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Blessed Be the God of Israel" Hymnal #209

† CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of splendor, we come to worship today longing to feel the peace of your presence, yet grief and sorrow often weigh us down. We yearn for signs of hope, but fear and sorrow cloud our vision and too often we rely on our own strength and lose sight of your steadfast love. Forgive us, O God, for doubting your presence. Steady us when we falter and strengthen us when we are weak. Help us to live fully in your light, trusting in your promises of joy and renewal.

All pray in silence.

In Christ, grief will flee away, and we are made whole.

In the name of Emmanuel, God with us, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

† PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to Kids' Praise in Room 205.

ANTHEM "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Crucifer | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | John Koehler, Karen Russell, Melanie Etters, Rev. Patty Daniels, Rebecca Plagens, Rob Wicker, James Hunt | **Altar Guild** | Mary Ann Moore, Beverly Burleson, Donna Frinks, Earline Adkison, Jimmy Richerson, Corbin Moore, Cynthia Smith, Linda Campbell, Ann Melder, Marilyn Dean, Meg Hilaman, Julie Pararo, Cindy Campbell, Renee White, Georgia Jordan, Suzette Crosby, Diane Jacobs, Valerie Dowell | **Club Car Drivers** | Edward Young, Ben Gilleland, Jimmy Henderson

PRAYER RESPONSE "Adoremus Te Jesu Christe" Berthier/Taizé
Chancel Choir

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS / CHURCH NOTICES

OFFERTORY "The First Noel/O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Jeff Anderson
Brass Quintet

†DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Matthew 3:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY "Peace is Possible" Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal #895

AGNUS DEI The Breaking of Bread Hymnal #30

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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†BLESSING Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

†CHORAL BENEDICTION "A Claire Benediction" John Rutter
Chancel Choir

†POSTLUDE "Noël VI" Douglas Chaplow

Please remain seated for the postlude

*We offer special thanks to Bryan Goff, Joe McGlothlin, Ben Gilleland,
Chris Cloud, and Steve Crosby, today's Brass Quintet musicians.*



Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor

Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Associate Pastor

Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Minister of Pastoral Care

Alex Taylor, Contemporary Worship Music Leader | Warren May, Interim Director of Traditional Music

Douglas Chaplow, Organist

WELCOME

Welcome to worship today! We're glad you are here. Please sign the pew pad to register your attendance. If you're visiting, fill out a Connect Card, and on your way out, be sure to see one of our ushers for a small gift as a thank you for joining us!

PRAYER CONCERNS

May we pray for you? A prayer card can be found in the pews. Prayer requests are listed by **name** only. Please lift up in prayer...

Angela Gray	Anita Wedemeyer
Aghita Folsom	Matt and Belinda Thompson
Vivian Bevis Smelley	Gary Henderson
Bill and Amy Gill	Aida Jacobs
Martha Anne Proctor	Don and Pam Crosby

MONTHLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous hearts as we continue to support those in need throughout our community. Please be sure to take a tag from one of our Angel trees and return your gift by tomorrow, December 8.

CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITAL

This afternoon, enjoy a recital of Christmas music performed by Trinity's Organist, Douglas Chaplow, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The event is free and open to the public.

TSO PRESENTS HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Come see Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra's production of Handel's *Messiah* on December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. TRINITY MEMBERS RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT ON TICKETS! Use the discount code TUMC when purchasing your tickets at TallahasseeSymphony.org.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES CHRISTMAS TEA

Prayers and Squares will be meeting for Christmas Tea on December 20 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Duclos. Beginning in January, the group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

SCAN THE QR CODES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT TRINITY.



Sunday School



Service



Fellowship



Giving

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 7

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Service
8:30 a.m.	Yates Heritage Center Open
9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Service
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Liturgical Service
4:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
5:00 p.m.	UMYF
5:00 p.m.	Steel Pans
6:15 p.m.	Jubilation Bells

Monday, December 8

9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Snack Pack Distribution
6:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 a.m.	Men's Daybreak
9:40 a.m.	BFC Staying Strong
11:00 a.m.	BFC Variety Mix
12:10 p.m.	Flex on the Floor
1:00 p.m.	Heavenly Chimes
6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10

3:30 p.m.	NETKids
4:15 p.m.	Richard Andrews' Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:15 p.m.	Parenting Village
6:15 p.m.	Trinity Ringers
6:30 p.m.	Praise Band
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 11

Church office closes at 11:00 a.m. for a holiday lunch and will remain closed until Friday.

10:30 a.m.	Mats for Friends
11:00 a.m.	Snack Pack Distribution
11:00 a.m.	BFC Variety Mix
12:10 p.m.	BFC Staying Strong

Friday, December 12

10:00 a.m.	Friday Study Group
7:30 p.m.	TSO Presents Handel's <i>Messiah</i>

Our Vision

The vision of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a diverse Christian community that leads as a shining beacon of God's love, actively engaging as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.

Our Mission

Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.

A Sung Communion Liturgy for Advent

(Tune: GREENSLEEVES)

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. Sing unto God your praises.

We gather in this holy place. We gather at God's table.

Lift, lift your hearts up high! Sing praise to God, and glorify!

Praise, praise, the Prince of Peace, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

God called to us from age to age through messengers and prophets,

When we would not our hearts give way, the Word-made-flesh God sent us.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

O Holy God of power and might! ***Hosanna in excelsis!***

Blessed be the one who in your name comes! ***Hosanna in the highest!***

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

The Word-made-flesh, Emmanuel; God, come to live among us!

He preached good news: the kingdom come! A light shone in the darkness.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through! The Cross be borne for me for you.

Hail! Hail, the Word made flesh; the Babe, the Son of Mary.

And on the night he was betrayed, Christ took the bread and broke it.

Thanking God, he shared this gift. "Remember, when you eat it!"

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through! The Cross be borne for me, for you.

Hail! Hail, the Word made flesh; the Babe, the Son of Mary.

He took the cup and raised it up. "My life I pour out for you.

From sin, set free! Remember me! We covenant anew."

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through! The Cross be borne for me, for you.

Hail! Hail, the Word made flesh; the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Pour out your Spirit, Holy God, upon these gifts, and bless them.

Make them for us the Bread of Life, the Cup of our Salvation!

Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby:

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Prayer after Communion:

Thank God for Holy Mystery; Body of Christ; the gift of life!

As we depart, let us take heart: God's light will lead us always!

Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby:

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!



Trinity United Methodist Church
Poinsettia and Wreath Order Form

2025



Traditionally our church has been decorated during the Advent Season with flowers and wreaths in memory or honor of loved ones.

Poinsettias | Poinsettias can be ordered for \$30 each. They will adorn the sanctuary for all Christmas Eve worship services and may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service you attend or donated for the church's outreach. Please indicate your preference below.

Sanctuary Wreaths | There will be (10) ten wreaths for the sanctuary windows (\$100 each) and (2) two altar wreaths (\$120 each) available in honor or in memory of a loved one that will remain in the sanctuary throughout the season and will not be available for take-home. **These orders will be received at the Church Office only on a first come, first served basis and must be reserved.** Contact (850) 222-1120 to make your reservation.

Please fill in the information below and include your payment to Trinity (memo: poinsettia). Please use an offering envelope for the form and payment if you want to place it in the offering plate. If you prefer, you may mail them to: Trinity UMC, PO Box 1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Order forms must be received in the church office by December 17, 2025.

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please circle "in honor" or "in memory" and print names clearly.

I would like a poinsettia in honor / in memory of:

1. Name _____

I would like a poinsettia in honor / in memory of:

2. Name _____

I would like a poinsettia in honor / in memory of:

3. Name _____

Please select one of the following options:

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia(s) on Christmas Eve.

_____ I would like to donate my poinsettia(s) for outreach.