

Servers for Tonight's Service

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7 pm Rick Sedrel

Usher

5 pm Judy Slavik

7 pm Russ Hatfield

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Rev. Tessa Zehring

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Director Of Trinity Learning Center

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Media Director/Worship Leader

Accompanist

Choir Director

Tonight I want to say a special thank you to Jason Hindley and each person who comes week after week to make sure the message of Christ is shared in worship. Thank you for serving and sharing. I would mention all of you but there are too many to share. Thank you!

-Prayers used during the service adapted from The Advent Tree: Meeting Jesus in God's Big Story, by Kara Eidson (Westminster John Knox Press, 2025). Reprinted with permission.

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church



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Christmas Eve 2025

* “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH #234 v. 1&3

* Welcome & Prayer

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* *Call to Worship*

L: Together, we have journeyed across the weeks of Advent to arrive at this place tonight. Together, we have told the stories of our traditions.

P: We shared the creation of the world and remembered the covenant God made with Sarah and Abraham.

L: We have sung the songs and read the scripture that helps us prepare for tonight.

P: Tonight, we arrive at the manger in Bethlehem to continue in this ongoing story of God’s love, grace, and mercy. May we recognize our place in the story.

L: May God continue to write the story of Jesus on our hearts and souls, and through our very lives. Come, let us worship!

P: Come, let us worship! Amen.

* “Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH #238 v. 1&3

1st Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Remembering & Honoring

The Poinsettias

A Time of Confession & Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

“What Child is This”

UMH #219 v. 1

2nd Scripture

Luke 1:46-56

Kid’s Moment

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH #230 v. 1&3

Sermon

“Traditions”

Rev. Tessa Zehring

Offering

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

UMH #229

* “Christ is the World’s Light”

UMH #188 v.1

* Offering Prayer

Pastor Tessa

* *Lighting of the Christ Candle*

L: It is time to again celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord! Long ago, in an Israel occupied by the Roman Empire, the God of Abraham and Sarah decided to do something wonderful.

P : In the town of Bethlehem, God came to dwell among us in infant form, love wrapped in bands of cloth, Jesus Christ, lying in a manger.

L: One small child would come and change the world!

P: He would fulfill the promise to release the captives and bring sight to the blind.

L: He would deliver the oppressed and reveal the kingdom of God to the world.

P: Lord, help us open our hearts as we celebrate the coming of Christ, in the past, present, and future.

All: As we light the Christ candle, may God’s hope, peace, joy, and love abide in our hearts and homes and shine through our words and actions this Christmas. Amen.

Candle Lighting Service

* “Silent Night”

UMH #239

* Benediction

* “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH #251

* Please stand if you are able