Making a Trinity Connection

Embrace Joy — This year Trinity is using Society of St. Andrew's devotional in paper and digital format. Pick up a paper copy in the Narthex or download a digital copy at: https://trinityumc.net/christmas2025. "I was hungry and you fed me." Matthew 25:35

Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28: Church Offices closed.

Sunday, November 30: **Caroling and Cookies.** Gather at Trinity at 2:45 pm to receive routes and coordinate carpools before leaving at 3 PM to spread some cheer to some of our members! We will return at 4:30 PM for hot chocolate and cookies in the Welcome Center. Please register to help us plan – www.trinityumc.net/christmas2025.

Sunday, December 7: **Create and Celebrate.** Join us for evening of crafting at 3 PM- create new decorations for your home. Crafts for all ages! Children are welcome to attend in their pajamas. We will gather in Trinity from 5-6 PM for a pizza dinner. Bring your favorite dessert to share! Please register to help us plan – www.trinityumc.net/christmas2025.

Wednesday, December 9: Pub Theology Bluegrass Christmas Caroling. Join us at WayGone Brewery @ 5:45 PM for this fun event.

Wednesday, December 10: Young at Heart Trip to Riverside Theater to see "White Christmas." No more spots are available – they have all been filled!

Thursday, December 11: **United Women in Faith Service Day.** Join us in Trinity Hall from 9-11:30 AM as we create gifts for our homebound members and others.

Sunday, December 14: **Lessons and Carols.** Join us at 3 PM for this spectacular musical experience in the Sanctuary! Join us in the Welcome Center for a light reception afterward.

Sunday, December 21: Christmas Play and Cookies. Join us at 3 PM for a special Christmas play. You are invited to bring cookies to share!

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

4 PM: Christmas Eve Instant Kids Pageant

6 PM: Christmas Eve Modern Worship Service with Candlelight and Communion

8 PM: Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service with Candlelight and Communion

11 PM: Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service with Candlelight and Communion

Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26: Church Offices closed.

Sunday, December 28: One Combined Worship Service at 10 AM. No Sunday School. Join us for a Carol Sing and wear a Christmas Sweater

Go online to: www.trinityumc.net/christmas2025 to...

Make your Christmas Flower Tribute by Tuesday, December 2.

Order your Trinity Christmas Ornaments!

Thanksgiving Eve 2025



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THE EVE OF THANKSGIVING

November 26, 2025 7:00 PM

Chiming the Hour

Welcome

Prelude Prelude on "Kremser" by Gregg Sewell

*Call To Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*Hymn

We Gather Together

UMH 131

*Opening Prayer Rev. Judy Oguich
J.M. Todd, England, 20th cent.

Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness.

We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise

that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease.

We bless you for the order and constancy of nature,

for the beauty of earth and sky and sea,

and for the providence that year by year supplies our need.

We thank you for your blessing on the work of those

who plowed the soil and sowed the seed,

and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth.

And with our thanksgiving for these blessings,

accept our praise, O God,

for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord;

to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,

be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn

O God, Beyond All Praising

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Scripture Philippians 4:4-9

*Sung Response Gloria Patri

Message Again I Will Say, Rejoice

Prayer for the Nation

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UMH 70

Rev. Brian Siegle

God of all nations, we thank you for the life and history of our country, for its vast beauty, its wilderness, and wealth of forest, mine and sea.

We praise you for its people, the people whose ancestors have been here for thousands of years, and those who have just arrived.

We thank you for the variety of our traditions and our cultures, the riches of our spiritual and religious heritage, the strength of our democratic institutions.

We pray for our nation, for our citizens, residents, and governments that working together we may face the future with confident hope and faith in your purpose for our world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Close to Thee arr. by Dick Bolks

*Doxology UMH 95

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessing UMH 664

*Benediction

*Postlude Now Thank We All Our God arr. by John A. Behnke

* Congregation Standing

Technician: Sam Duenckel

Acolytes: Clara Vernon, Elise Vernon, Candlelighters; Laurel Vernon, Crucifer

Our Guest Organist this evening is Don Moro.

The recipient of our Thanksgiving Eve offerings will be our local food pantries that we support.