



Trinity United Methodist Church

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December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent / Lessons & Carols

8:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code on page 12 with your phone's camera and click the link to register your attendance today. Don't forget to include **each** family member present.

Prelude	<i>O Come Emmanuel</i> (Larson)	Philip Keirstead and Joey Wilson
Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
Justice and peace shall be brought to all God's people. No more shall fear and doubt claim us. God is fulfilling the ancient promise of a Savior. Our hearts rejoice at this good news of God's love. Amen.		
* Gathering Hymn	<i>Once In Royal David's City</i> Stanza 1 solo, Stanzas 2-4 congregation	p. 2, UMH 250
Lighting of the Advent Candle	<i>Light the Advent Candle</i> (vs 2) Light the Advent candle two; Think of humble shepherds; who Filled with wonder at the sight, of the child of Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.	Anderson family FWS 2090
Children's Message		Laurie Strollo
Bidding Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Taehwan Roh
The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.	Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7 <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> (stanzas 1-3)	Taehwan Roh p. 3 / UMH 234
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.	Micah 5:2-5a <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (stanzas 1-2)	Melanie Sletten p. 4 / UMH 230
Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God's Son.	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>There Is No Rose</i> (Caracciolo)	Jim Wilson Ensemble
Against a background of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Myn Lyking</i> (Terry)	Connie Jeremiah Ensemble
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.	Luke 2:8-16 <i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i> (stanzas 1-2)	Barry Beach p. 5 / UMH 220
The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.	Matthew 2:1-11 <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> (Darke)	Amy Miller Ensemble (8:30)
John unfolds the great mystery of incarnation.	John 1:1-14 <i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	Howard Chatham p. 6 / UMH 240
Offering		Neil Hough

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This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at <http://umtrinity.org/give> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.

Offertory	<i>What Child Is This?</i> (Norian)	Jerry Rich
* Closing Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	p. 7, UMH 246
* Benediction		Neil Hough
* Closing Music	<i>Noël</i> (Daquin)	Jerry Rich

* Please stand as you are able.

stanzas 1 solo, 2-4 congregation

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day, like us he grew;
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall.
he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heaven a - bove;

Ma - ry, lov - ing moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
With the poor, the scorned, the low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he feel - eth for our sadness, and he shar - eth in our gladness.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

United Methodist Hymnal 250
WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Lk. 2:7)
MUSIC (IRBY 87.87.77): Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 1. A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes; ve -
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O
 *4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.
 ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

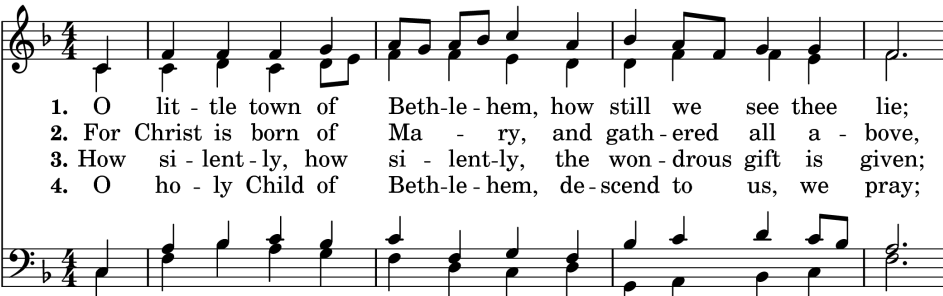
Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lor - um.
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

O Little Town of Bethlehem




1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth-le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.
 so God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless-ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn-ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en-ters in.
 O come to us, a - bid with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shepherds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - plations, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

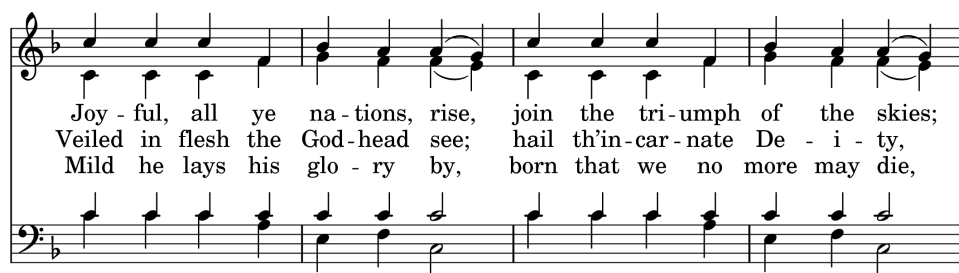
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



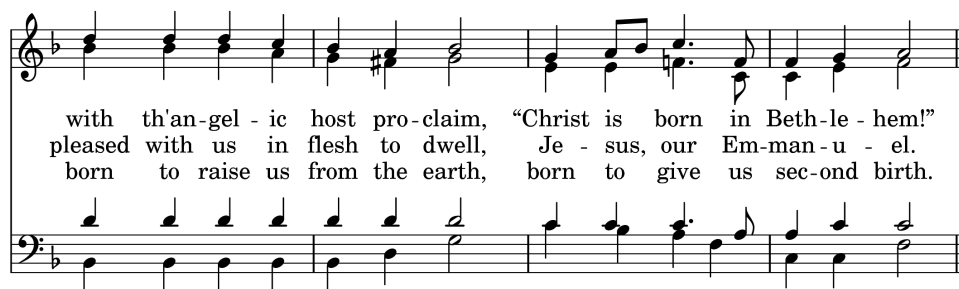
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



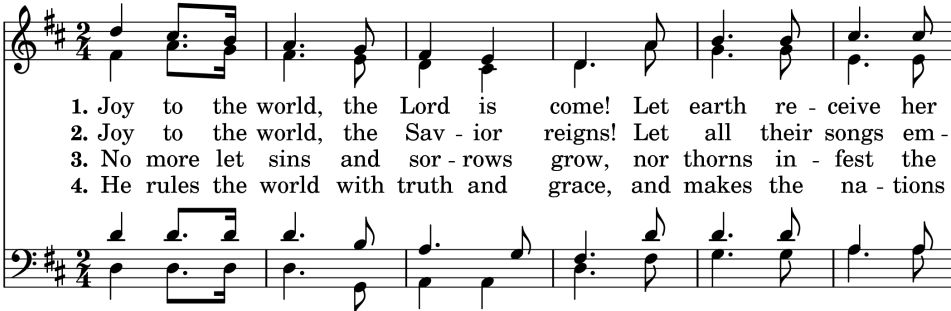
with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

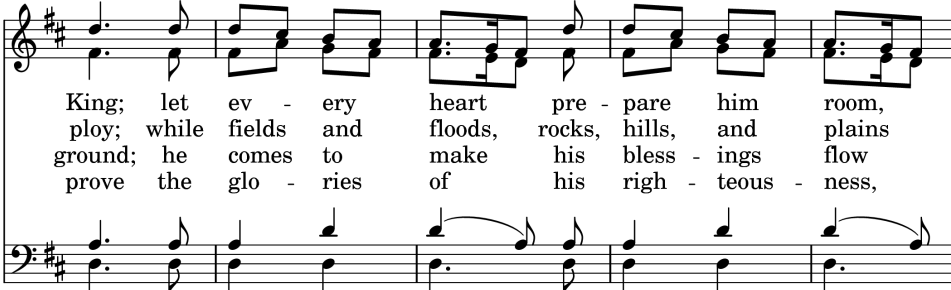


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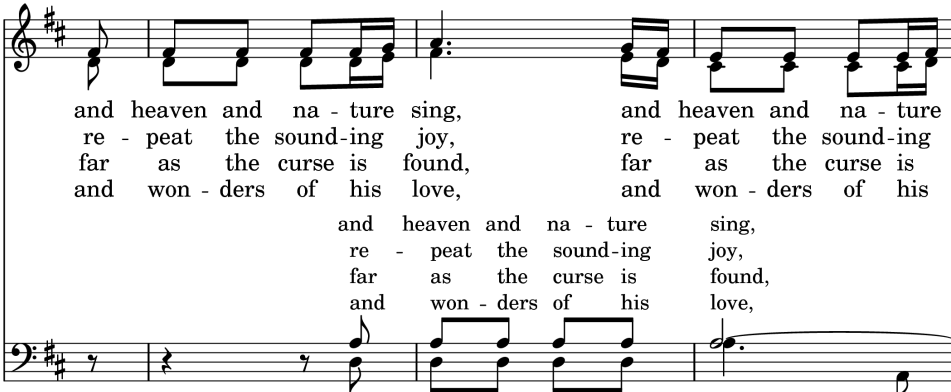
Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



and
 re -
 far
 and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound-ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Grow — Pray — Study

Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

Monday, December 11 — Jeremiah 23:1-8

Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation. During the weeks leading up to Christmas we often read promises made by Old Testament prophets. We are reminded that God is a promise-keeper, and that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of our deepest desires. At Christmas, we affirm that the child born in Bethlehem is not only our Lord and Savior, he is also God's righteous King. We trust that he will *"deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land"* (Jeremiah 23:5).

- How does Jesus fulfill your deepest desires? How is Jesus executing justice and righteousness in your life?
- Prayer: *God of Heaven and Earth, thank you for filling me with hope. Help me look forward to all that you have promised to do in my life and in the world around me. Amen.*

Tuesday, December 12 — Zechariah 9:9-17

Writers of the New Testament's Gospels believed that the promises of Zechariah (the prophet, not the father of John the Baptist — see Luke 1:5-25, 39-40, 57-80) were fulfilled in Jesus. Both Matthew and John refer to Zechariah in their description of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the day we call Palm Sunday. Zechariah promises that God's King will be both triumphant and humble: *"Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey"* (Zechariah 9:9).

- What does it mean to you that God's King will be humble? Why is it important to have a humble King? How do reconcile the contrast between royal power and Christ-like humility?
- Prayer: *Loving God, teach me your ways. Help me understand the importance of humility in my relationships with you and with others. Help me follow Jesus' example. Amen.*

Wednesday, December 13 — Haggai 2:1-9

The Book of Haggai covers three months in Israel's history during the time when the temple in Jerusalem was being rebuilt after the Babylonian exile. It was a time of great hope for God's people. Reading Haggai reminds us that Advent is a season of great hope. Because we know that God is in our midst today, we can look forward to the fulfillment of God's eternal Kingdom and God's glorious future. Because of Christmas, we are people of hope, *"for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts"* (Haggai 2:4).

- For what are you most hopeful today? What helps you trust in God's faithfulness as you watch the future unfold?
- Prayer: *God of Hope, give me confidence and faith to trust in your promises. Remind me that the future rests securely in your hands so that I can serve you fully today. Amen.*

Thursday, December 14 — Isaiah 35:1-6

Fear is a natural, human response in uncertain times. Sometimes, our experiences of fear help us stay out of harm's way. But at other times, fear prevents us from fully experiencing the abundant life that God offers. That's why the Bible says things like, *"Be strong, do not fear!"* (Isaiah 35:4). We need to be reminded that we can trust God's promises. As you read and hear the Christmas story in the weeks ahead, pay attention to how many times someone (mostly angels) says, *"do not be afraid"* (Luke 2:10).

- When you experience fear and doubt about your life and the world around you, remember the words of Isaiah. Trust that God is God: *"Be strong, do not fear!"*
- Prayer: *Merciful God, forgive me for letting fear and doubt keep me from experiencing the fullness of abundant life with you. Help me be strong and trust in you. Amen.*

Friday, December 15 — Luke 1:26-38

As we get closer to Christmas, our sense of anticipation builds. Like Mary, we have questions about God's plan and wonder how a tiny baby born to a poor young woman more than two thousand years ago can make any difference in the world. Just as God asked Mary to trust God's plan for her life, God asks us to trust God's plan for our lives and for the world in which we live. We know how Mary responded. We also know that God wants us to respond in the same way.

- God longs to hear us say these powerful words, *"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38). Can you pray those words today?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, here I am. I am your servant. I surrender myself completely to you today. Show me your will for my life. Let it be with me according to your word. Amen.*

Saturday, December 16 — Mark 1:1-15

Just as the Holy Spirit was active in Mary's life (Luke 1:35), it was also active in Jesus' life (Mark 1:10, 12), and we believe that the very same Spirit is active in our lives (see Acts 2). As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, we can trust that God's Spirit will continue to guide us and transform our lives. We too can have the assurance that we are children of God. We too can bear the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of God during the Advent and Christmas season.

- In what ways will you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life in the week ahead?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, have mercy on me today. Fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I will experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas once again. Amen.*



Advent & Christmas

Worship at Trinity

Sundays of Advent

Dec. 10 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols
Dec. 17 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Children's Presentation
Dec. 24 10:30 a.m. only

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

5 p.m. Family Service
8 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
11 p.m. Candlelight & Communion

A CELTIC SERVICE OF

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and
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December 17

5 p.m.

on Youtube

Heart to Heart Tree: Sponsor a Child



A tree in the Narthex is adorned with bell ornaments, each featuring the biography of a child living at Heart to Heart Children's Village in Honduras. Please consider taking an ornament to sponsor a child through prayers, letters, and gifts. Each bell can be untied to reveal the child's photo and biography. This opportunity is available throughout the Advent season.

Sponsor Activities

- Pray for child/youth during the season of Advent.
- Write a letter to the child. (Tell them a little about you and your family. Ask them to write back about themselves.) A collection box will be available at church.
- Provide financial support, allowing for a small gift for the child and supporting H2H ministry in 2024



Trinity Moms' Group
Invites All Women to a

Christmas Cookie Exchange

 December 14, 6:30 p.m.
 Newcomb Residence
 RSVP to m_newcomb@yahoo.com



Nursery on Sundays

The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

This Week on Zoom

Password 1205

Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m., on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - jaswilson@sloft.com

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 8087 9762
Tuesdays are hybrid (in-person & on Zoom).
Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Meeting ID: 886 5257 6837

Prayer Group

Wednesday at 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

Advent Study Starts December 5 and 6

Join Pastor Neil for a three-week Advent study called, *What Child Is This?* When we tell the Christmas Story, we often combine details found in individual Gospels and create a single story about the birth of Jesus. During the study, we are looking at what Matthew, Luke, and John tell us about Jesus coming into the world and considering the message they each want us to hear. The class meets Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the library and on Zoom and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom.



Confirmation class for 7th graders, and older youth who have not taken the class, will begin with a kick-off for youth, parents and faith friends on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Anne Hough will

once again be the lead teacher, and the class will meet most Sundays from 4 - 5 p.m. and will run through mid-May. Confirmation Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19. For more details and to register, please visit the youth webpage: umtrinity.org/education/youth. Registration is needed now so we can order Bibles. Scan the QR code for registration.



Advent and Christmas at Trinity - A New Day is Dawning

Advent is a season for anticipation and Christmas is a season for celebration. As we anticipate and celebrate Jesus' birth, we also anticipate and celebrate Jesus coming into our lives. Even on the most difficult days and in the darkest of seasons, this is Good News: *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."* (John 1:5) Join us for worship every week as we discover that, with the coming of Jesus, **A New Day is Dawning.**

Our Prayer List

Alan, Alice, Amanda & David, Amber & Brianna, Andrea, Andrew, Arnold, Audrey, Barry & Diane, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Brian, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Carolina, Caroline, Carrie, Cathy, Chris, Christopher, Claudia, Daniel, Danny, Dave & Gail, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Di Letti family, Donnie, Doris & Joe, Ed, Elaine, Eileen, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Erik, Fran & Tom, Gabe, Gary & Lindie, Glenda, Greg, Gregg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Henry, Holmes family, Hong family, Jack, Jackie, Jan, Janice, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanne, Jeff, Jenna, Jenny & Michael, Jessica, Jimmy, Joan, Joe & Marie, John, Jomer, Josie, Judi, Judy, June, Kathy, Kay & John, Krista, Kobi, Lajoie family, Landaverde family, Laura, Lejoy family, Leslie, Linda, Lindstedt family, Liz & David, Lon, London family, Lori, Luana, Lynne, Mack, Macy, Marcia, Marcienne, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Matt, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Moore family, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Norma, Norman, Pat, Patty, Paul, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter, Peter & Laura, Powers family, Prissila, Rebecca, Sally, Sandra, Sheila, Spencer, Skyard family, Stephanie, Steve, Susan, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wayne, Williams family, and Yancey, travelers, those who mourn, Longfellow Middle School community, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, victims of famine and war, peace and more empathy in the world, protection from gun violence in the world and for its victims and families, those living in war zones, hostages, those living with cancer.

Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to info@umtrinity.org

Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **January 9** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The book list is at <http://umtrinity.org/education/adults> or contact Kathy Maher, kathyngs@gmail.com.

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship Folders are available during worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please return your folder to the used bin so it can be replenished.



Children's Worship (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

Fellowship

Sign up on the white board on the coffee bar to provide snacks during Fellowship following worship services. Contact Alesha Luxon, alesha.luxon@gmail.com.

Martha's Table

Martha's Table is held the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall following both 8:30 & 10:30 services. All are welcome to join this fellowship/volunteer opportunity. We package trail mix at Trinity and then deliver it to Martha's Table ministry, which serves unhoused people in Washington, DC.

We are so appreciative of those who gather to fill the trail mix bags but are also looking for volunteers interested in working with our coordinators to

deliver the packed trail mix to the Martha's Table location. If you are interested in serving as a delivery driver, please sign up online (<http://umtrinity.org/marthat>), on the Fellowship Hall sign-up sheet, or contact William Liu at williamliu@att.net /703-389-2253.

Mission Trip: March 2024

Exciting news! Join our team on a trip to The Leadership Center in rural Honduras from March 2 to March 7, 2024, supporting 55 young women in education and spirituality. You'll join Chris and Dan Moore, who will be serving there for three weeks. For details, contact Chris Moore (christinecmoore@gmail.com, 571-215-2948) or Dan Moore (703-980-5050, danmoore53@gmail.com).

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed each Sunday and for Christmas Eve. If you would like to volunteer please sign up at umtrinity.org/ushers.

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

TODAY: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party

For more, contact Catherine Wethington, umtrinityyouth@gmail.com. Scan the QR code at the right to register for 2023-24 youth activities.



Coming Up

December

10	Lessons & Carols
12	Trustees Meeting
14	Cookie Exchange
16	Christ House
17	Celtic Service
18	Crafts for a Cause
24	No 8:30 a.m. worship
24	Christmas Eve: 5, 8, 11 p.m.
25	Office Closed
26	Office Closed

January

7	Confirmation Kick-off
9	Book Chat
15	Office Closed
20	Christ House

February

23-25	Youth Retreat
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March

2-7	Mission Trip to Honduras
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Attendance: Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.

Don't forget to include the first name of each family member present as well as surname.



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Worship is live streamed on Sundays from the Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity. The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.