

HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Hosts: Faye Parker, Ann Davis, Dorien Morin and Andries Morin
Coffee: Diana Scroggins

Childcare for infants through 5-year-olds (10:30): Marian Shelton

PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK: Cheryl Roach

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 16 (8:30) / 111 (10:30)

SOUTH STRAND HELPING HAND is in need of peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, 1 lb. bags of dried beans, 1 lb. bags of rice, and canned pork and beans. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Session has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, January 6, 2019 for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and to hold the annual corporate meeting.

The church treasurer has forecast the rest of the church's expenses for the year and we need an additional \$13,000 in offerings to break even for 2018. We have two Sundays and two services on Christmas Eve to receive offerings and our finance team will keep us posted on our progress in reaching this target. Any additional offerings you can give at the end of the year will be received with gratitude and joy.

The **ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR** will resume on Tuesday, January 8.

The **ADULT CHANCEL CHOIR** will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

Your **2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are currently available in the narthex. Please do not use them prior to Sunday, January 6.

ALL DONATIONS designated for **2018 giving** must be received in the office by **12:00 PM on Monday, December 31st** in order for Finance to process them. Any donations received after that time will be designated as 2019 giving.

THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 10:30 AM.

We will have **TWO WORSHIP SERVICES** on **Monday, December 24** in celebration of the nativity of Jesus Christ. The first service will be on **CHRISTMAS EVE DAY at 3:00 PM** by intinction in celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the second service will be held on **CHRISTMAS EVE at 7:00 PM** with candlelight. All are welcome.

Our next **ARTS AT THE CHURCH** concert will be held **Sunday, January 13 at 3:00 PM** featuring a piano/organ concert with our very own Dr. Janice James and Dr. Diana Scroggins. The concert is free and open to the public.

The **Mission Committee** is sponsoring a Trinity build day with **Habitat for Humanity**. We need volunteers of all skill levels to help us fill the work site on **Saturday, January 5 from 8 am until 3 pm**. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

December 23-30, 2018

CHURCH PROGRAMS

Y2K Nursery	7:30 AM-5:30 PM
Y2K After School	2:30 PM-5:30 PM
Sun Worship	10:30 AM
Fellowship Time	10:00 AM
Mon Christmas Eve Day worship service	3:00 PM
Christmas Eve worship service	7:00 PM
Tues Merry Christmas!	
Wed Chancel Choir	No meeting
Thrs Mission Sewing	9:30 AM
Sat Senior Yoga	8:45 AM
Next Sun	
Worship	One service at 10:30 AM
Fellowship Time	10:00 AM

SESSION & COMMITTEES

Administration	Lynn Edwards
Arts @ The Church	Diana Scroggins
Building & Grounds	Ben Hartman
	Dennis Watts
Christian Education & Leadership	Marian Shelton
Communication	Lynn Edwards
Endowment	Jerry Kuhn
Fellowship	Judy Oskandy
Finance	Liz Montgomery
Generosity	Dennis Brown
Human Resources	Phyllis Wicker
Mission	Eileen Hileman
	Dennis Watts
New Member Development	Marian Shelton
Treasurer	Jerry Kuhn
Worship & Music	Diana Scroggins

DEACONS

Class of 2018: Debbie Gullledge, Janet Hoffert, Art Junga

Class of 2019: Mary Colton, Ann Davis, Bill Forman, Jannette Forman

Class of 2020: Jean G. Grant Bullen, Steve Nisbet, Bev Sherrill

Deacon on Call for December

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Director of Music
Dr. Diana Scroggins

December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Officer of the Day
Art Junga
Liturgist
Meri Smith
Pastor
Reverend Anthony L. Larson

Musical Accompanist
Dr. Janice James

"Trinity Presbyterian Church is a loving family of faith that believes in Jesus Christ, leading others to Christian fellowship and teaching God's word through worship and service."

All are welcome in worship at Trinity! Visitors, please note that "Worship with Me" materials for children are available at our Welcome Desk. Childcare with Bible Story Time is offered in our nursery for infants through 5-year-old children during our 10:30 service. Our greeters are happy to assist you should you have any questions.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SIGNING OF ATTENDANCE PAD

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose" JOEL RANEY
Janice James / Diana Scroggins

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CHORAL INTRODUCTION

*Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer, Savior of all, hear thy servants when they call.
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and end this gloom of night.
Bring hope to the world, bring peace to the earth,
And fill us with love's pure light.*

RESPONSIVE LITANY

One: During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in our Savior's birth.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

One: Advent calls us to love others with patience and kindness.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

One: Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

One: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.

All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***HYMN #100** "Canticle of the Turning" STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, with strength you scatter the proud, and bring down those who wield power unjustly. You lift up lowly ones, vulnerable and ignored. You fill those who are hungry for food and for justice. You empty those who take more than they need at the expense of others. Forgive us for our complicity in systems of greed, violence, and willful neglect. Forgive us for our complacency towards inequality and suffering. Remember your mercy, we humbly pray, and grant mercy to us. Help us to be your servants, living according to your promises. We pray in the name of the One who has come, and is coming again, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Friends in Christ, the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(As those who have been reconciled to God, please exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors using the words, "the peace of Christ be with you." And the response, "and also with you.")

***SUNG RESPONSE** Hymn 109 (verse 3) MERLE'S TUNE

On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise.

The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.

God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.

O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

WORD FOR ALL AGES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 5:2-5a OT p. 865

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;

it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches;

it sent out its branches to the sea,

and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls,

so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it,

and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts;

look down from heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine,

the stock that your right hand planted.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;

may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-55 NT p. 57

SERMON *The Good News of Salvation* Pastor Tony

ANTHEM "Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree" JOHN PURIFOY

Heather Larson, flute

The tree of life, my soul hath seen laden with fruit and always green.

The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ, the apple tree.

This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell

The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought.

I missed for all but now I see 'tis found in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

With great delight I'll make my stay, there's none shall fright my soul away.

Among the sons of men I see, there's none like Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive.

Which makes my soul in haste to be, with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

I'm wearied with my former toil, here I shall set and rest awhile,

Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

*Affirmation of Faith for Advent

We believe that God has come to us;

that God brought us into being,

that God gave us breath and purpose,

that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,

that we have fallen short of this blessing

that God loves despite our brokenness.

We believe that God has come to us;

that God came to us as a particular human being,

that God was born and became flesh and bone like us,

that Jesus Christ was born for the salvation of the world.

We believe that God will come to us;

that God will have the final word and the Word will be good,

that God has given us the Holy Spirit to guide our work while

we wait,

that we are called to be disciples to every tribe, language,

people, and nation,

that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,

that despite all evidence to the contrary, the Redemption of all

things is at hand,

Alleluia!

***HYMN #101** "No Wind at the Window" CRADLE SONG (Hymn #114)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Time for Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY "What Child Is This?" TRADITIONAL

Jeff Buddington, recorder

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENT BY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #121** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Go in peace, go in hope. Change the world with love.

Treasure each moment, cherish each sunrise, walk in joy and light.

Always thankful for wonders and miracles.

Come and celebrate life!

POSTLUDE