



Christmas Eve

— a savior is born —

Trinity United Church of Christ
The Worship of God at 11 O'clock in the Evening
December 24th, 2020

Welcome to Trinity on this Christmas Eve!

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whoever will come ---*

*This church opens wide her doors
And offers her welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Christmas Offering – as you leave the sanctuary this evening if you wish to give a gift to the Christ child and for the ministry of God's people in this place, you may place it in the offering plate that is held by one of the deacons. If you are a guest or friend, please know that this is our gift to you and we rejoice that you are with us on this Christmas Eve.

The Organ – For Christmas the Trinity Church rejoices to receive a beautiful Designer Series RL-66 Allen Organ. We are most grateful to Karl, Sr. and Dean Brick [and their assistants] for restoring the pipe façade of the organ chamber. We give thanks to Jason Clark, who engineered and built the audio framework to hold the audio system of the new organ. He worked five evenings to complete this building project. Nothing is going come loose from that framework. Thank you to the congregation for their many generous gifts to the organ fund. This evening we will hear a small sample of new sounds and new ways the instrument will lead us in worship. You may hear bells, angels "humming 'ah,'" and much more.

PRAISE

Music of Gathering at 10:40 p.m.

Festive Organ Music

Call to Worship

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations. Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!

***The Carol**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace – Immanuel, God with us, whose light shines in the Christ candle this Christmas.

THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music

Trinity Bells

O Night Divine – arr. Eithun

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶ I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem,
Which shall never hold their peace day nor night:

⁹Ye that make mention of the LORD,
Keep not silence, ⁷ And give him no rest,
Till he establish, and till he make
Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

⁸ The LORD hath sworn by his right hand,
and by the arm of his strength,

Surely I will no more give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies;

And the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

⁹ But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD;
And they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates;
^xprepare ye the way of the people;
Cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones;
Lift up a standard for the people.

¹¹ Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world,
Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh;
Behold, his reward *is* with him,
And his work before him.

¹² And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD:
And thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

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Trinity Bells

Carol of the Bells – arr. Larson

Epistle Lesson

Titus 3:4-7

⁴ But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, ⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by ^ythe washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; ⁶ Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; ⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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Trinity Bells

Glory to the Newborn King – arr. Edwards

*Christmas Gospel

St. Luke 2:1-15

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ² (*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of

Syria.)³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ **Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
Good will toward men.**

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Beth-lehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Ministry of Music **Trinity Bells**
We Three Kings – arr. Dobriski

A Christmas Story **“PD”**
Don't Miss the Circus!

The Collects of Christmas
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. . .

Lighting of the Candles
Tonight we use LED Candles.

You may light your candle when Pastor turns his candle on.

Christmas Carol ***Silent Night***
Stille Nacht

***Christmas Blessing**

***Christmas Carol**
Angles We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly
singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their
joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis,
Deo.**

**See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of
heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing
our Savior's birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis,
Deo.**

***Going Forth**

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Gold Paraments signify virtue and the Glory of God. The pulpit fall has the victorious lamb as picture in Revelation 21, the Bible bookmark has the resurrection butterfly, and the communion table notes that Jesus is the “King of Kings!” Pastor’s Stole has the Christmas Rose on one side that represent Jesus “the Light of the World” and on the other side is the Glastonbury Thorn that blooms on Christmas Day and the Lord’s Nativity.

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**The Consistory Makes the following
announcement:**

Following worship on Christmas Eve the Trinity Church building will be closed through January 18, 2021. This decision was not taken lightly, rather in response to the rising COVID-19 cases in our community. It was thought best to make sure that we were helping to “flatten the curve” rather than taking a risk of being a

“super spreader” of the virus. Pastor Dave will be providing a family worship booklet that will arrive later this week in the mail.

Thank you Trinity Handbells for leading us in worship with melodies that warm our hearts and bring comfort and joy. You are a blessing to us always!

Those Remembered in prayer:

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Evelyn Hillegass, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Charlie Will.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Hunter Cornell, Lester Coslic, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, Shellby Custer, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Lee LaBute, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob & Bonnie Murphy, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Morgan Twombly, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will.

Lester Coslic is now at the Crichton Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown. For those of you who would like to send him a card the address is 320 Main St., Johnstown PA 15901. Please send the cards directly to him.

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins Hearing Amplifiers
Recycling Boxes for Bulletins
These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Terry Luteri, Russ Hillegas

The Bulletins are in memory of her grandparents, Dan and Anna May Weighley, and her uncle, Jamie Weighley by Craig, Amanda, Knox and Tatum Stiffler.

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Berlin, Pennsylvania

A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and

Assisted by

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Poinsettias are given:

- In memory of Marlin, Linda & Doug McClintock by Debbie Boyer
- In memory of daughters, Joyce Custer & Jane Countryman Emerick by parents Don & Nancy Custer
- In memory of Frank & Ruth Ream & Frank Jr. by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco
- In memory of John & Dorothy Slifco by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco
- To the Glory of God & in honor of our church family and Pastor Dave by Anonymous
- In honor of our children & grandchildren by Lewis & Barbara Berkley
- In memory of our parents Chalmers & Elizabeth Means, Sherman & Anna Berkley by Lewis & Barbara Berkley
- In memory of Carl Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family
- In memory of parents Charles & Mary Smith by Nancy Bittner & Family
- In memory of parents Phillip Henry & Mary Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family
- In memory of Frank Ream by Nancy Bittner
- To the Glory of God & In memory of loved ones by Nancy Bittner
- In memory of loved ones whom have passed by Carl & Karol Saylor
- In memory of Frank, Helen & Brad Boburchock by Jim & Diane Walker
- In memory of Rick Walker by Jim, Diane, Greg, Sue, Tanner & Keegan Walker
- To the Glory of God by Robert & Carol Brown
- In honor of Dorothy Doyle, our grandchildren & great grandchildren by Terry & Deb Luteri
- In memory of Thomas Doyle, Mr. & Mrs. John Luteri, Mr. & Mrs. Glen McKenzie & John R. Luteri by Terry & Deb Luteri
- In memory of our parents, Betty Jean and JB McCullar & Ann and Wayne Darr by Jim & Jean Ann Darr
- To the Glory of God & to our Children & Grandchildren, Christie, Kyle, Bradley, Corey, Maelyn & Mason by Jim & Jean Ann Darr

JESUS CHRIST

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ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye,
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing, all
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus,

O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold Him,
ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n! Word of the Fa - ther,

born the King of an - gels!
glo - ry in the high - est! O come, let us a - dore Him; O come, let us
now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

a - dore Him; O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

WORDS: John Francis Wade, 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

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MUSIC: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight.
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;
Stil - le Nacht, hei - li-ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht

round yon vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ry streams from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia,
 ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King;
nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar. Hold - er Kna - be im lock - i - gen Haar,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.
schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh', schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh!"

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young (st. 1, 3), 1863; tr. Anonymous (st. 2, 4)
 MUSIC: Franz Grüber, 1818

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God's Peaceable Kingdom

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The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion...together,
 and a little child shall lead them.

(Isa. 11:6)