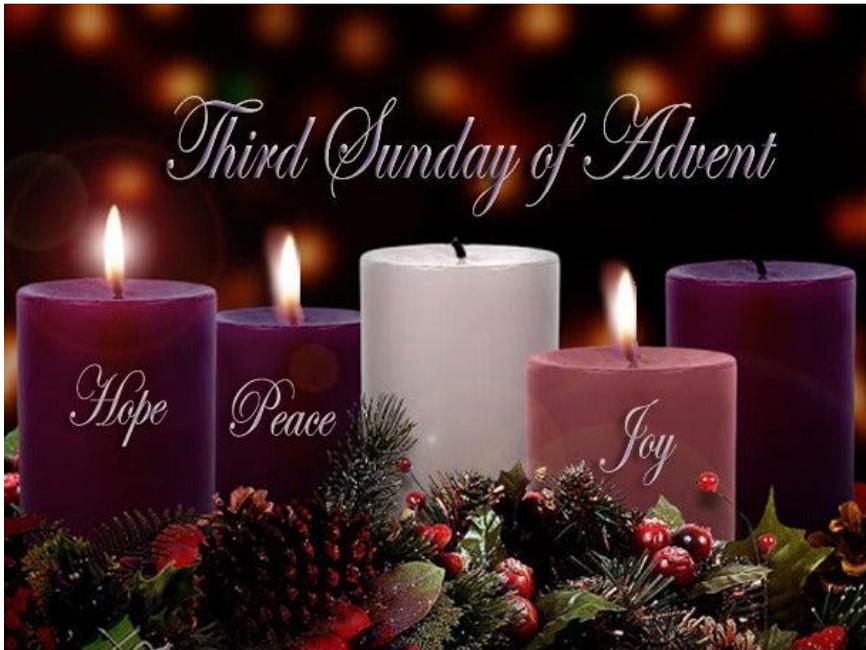


WELCOME

We're glad you're here!



Trinity United Presbyterian Church

Primary Vision Goals

Worship Service Proclaim Discipleship Community

GATHERING

“GATHERING MUSIC” | *An Advent Improvisation* – Badynd Woodford

MUSIC SETTING the TONE for WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* – arr. Paul Fey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Vlosich

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: “Week 3 - Joy Candle”

*CALL to WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Pam Barnhart

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new Creation.

P: The old life is gone ; a new life has begun.

L: Receive God’s grace and be at peace.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*HYMN – # 17 “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**God of our future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives.
Too Often we accept lies as truth, abuse the earth, ignore those who suffer,
and turn away from your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us
wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when
Christ comes to judge the world.**

Please pause in silence as we think through what we all just said aloud... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Born Thy people to believe, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us
forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*MOMENT with CHILDREN

with Nancy Vernon



Children are now dismissed to Junior Church.

Participating children exit the rear of the sanctuary with their instructors.

Anthem – “Behold That Star”

Traditional Spiritual

Duet by Helen Krichbaum & Paul Hartley

THE WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:16-20 pg. 858 in Pew Bible

SECOND LESSON

New Testament: Luke 3:7-18 pg. 935 in Pew Bible

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “What should we do?”

Elder Nancy Vernon

Hymn – # 8 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates ”

THE LORDS 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.

RESPONDING and SENDING

FELLOWSHIP of GIVING

Offertory | “*Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming*” -- arr. Paul Fey

*Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our lives. It is the will of God that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be tasks and strives for a better world. Amen.

*HYMN #359

“More Love to Thee, O Christ ”

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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*MUSIC SENDING US OUT to SERVE CHRIST

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on *Once In Royal David’s City* – Badynd Woodford

(*All who are able, please stand.)

TODAY’S GREETERS ARE: Jim Williams and Greg Fike

Highlights

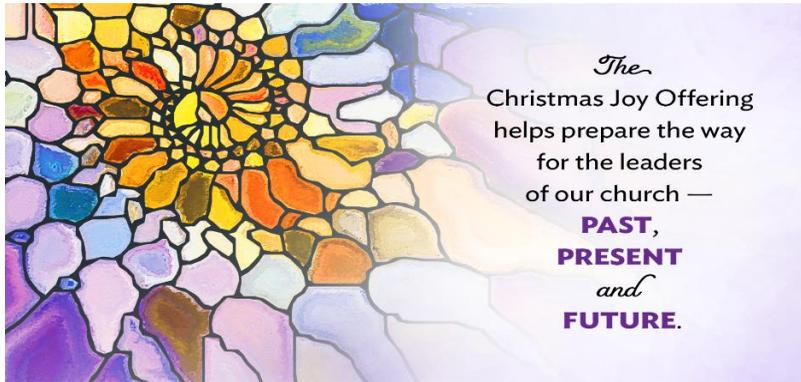


Coffee & Cookie Fellowship following the service in the chapel. Sign up sheet for Dec. & Jan. is in the chapel. Hosted today by Church Family



Mintas Music Student Christmas Recital. Students of all ages have the opportunity to perform. We will have different styles and genres of music. Hope all of you can join us!

December 19th @ 6:00 P.M. @ Trinity United Presbyterian Church



Our Collection of the Christmas Joy Offering will be Dec. 21, 2025 for the 11 am service.



It's that time of year again...

Please turn in your end of the year annual committee reports to the church office by Friday, Dec. 22, 2025.



Please join us for our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Service @ 7:00 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols, Handbell choir and children participation in "Away in a Manger".



Office will be Closed:
Christmas Day December 25th, 26th, & 27th.
New Years Day Jan. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.



Kindred Souls

Kindred Souls meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, for a luncheon, & time of fellowship. This is for single & widowed women. All women are welcome, not just church members.

The next luncheon is Wednesday, December 10th at Nae Nae's Diner (across from post office) 11:30 a.m.

For more information call Carol 724-438-0709

Reservations are appreciated by the day before. Thanks!



Interfaith Caregivers

Loaves N Fishes Ministries - St Vincent - 30 lunches -

A Few Feeding Many - Every Tuesday @ 10:00 am.

Trinity's Blue Bird House: For those less fortunate than us.

The Bird House is filled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

Interfaith Office Hours: Mon - Thurs. 9:00 am -2:00 pm.

If interested in volunteering at the Interfaith Office.

Call Carol at 724-438-0709

Supplies Needed: Small Water Bottles (8-10 oz)

Peanut butter and Jelly



Book Journey

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 11:30 am at The Titlow

The Book is "Comfort & Joy" by Kristan Hannah

If you have questions, please feel free to contact either

Susan Fox @ 724-970-9066, sefox55@gmail.com

OR

Cindy Jones at 724-437-7856, cbjonz1@aol.com

Average Worship Attendance 2024: 36 (based on available numbers 34)
 Average Worship attendance 2025: (YTD) : 45 (based on available numbers)

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School</u>
SUNDAY, Nov 9	60	7
SUNDAY, NOV 16	51	9
SUNDAY, NOV 23	70	8
SUNDAY, NOV 31	46	6
SUNDAY, Dec 07	62	10

This Week

TUESDAY:

12/16 - Loaves & Fishes - at 10:00 am.
 12/16 – Small Group at 5:00 pm.
 12/16 - Dartball - Trinity at Calvary Methodist 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY:

12/18 – Darts & Devotions at 10:00 a.m.
 12/18 – Youth Group Christmas Party @ 5:30 pm.

FRIDAY:

12/19 – Sofia Mintas’ Christmas Recital @ 6:00 pm.

SATURDAY:

12/20 – Christmas Caroling Meet at Church 2:00 pm.

SUNDAY:

12/21 - Adult Sunday Bible Discussion - @ 10:00 a.m.
 12/21 - Sunday - Worship - @ 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Nancy Davis

Upcoming Dates & Events

Dec. 14th 9:00 am - Advent Breakfast
 Dec 14th 5:30 pm – Beesontown Concert “Christmas Oratorio”
 Dec. 19th – Minta’s Christmas Recital 6:00 pm
 Dec. 20th – Family Christmas Caroling 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Meet at the Church
 Dec. 24th @ 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Dec. 25th & 26th - **Church Office will be Closed**
 Jan. 1st & 2nd - **Church Office will be Closed**

A Warm Welcome to Worship

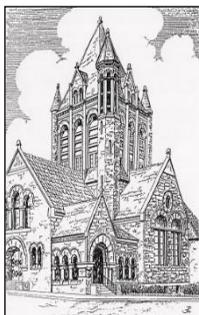
The church is never a place but always a people. Never a sacred building but always a believing assembly. The Lord calls us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace in our Savior. We cordially welcome all who choose to worship with us here at Trinity UPC. Membership is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and who intend to live in fellowship with Him. Joyfully we share the responsibility of loving, serving and giving to make Jesus Christ known and throughout our community and the world.

GIVING

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7. There are also opportunities to give on our website and on our Facebook page.

OUR MISSION

To worship and serve Jesus Christ by proclaiming his Gospel to all persons. As servants of Christ, we will always be a community of love, hope, service and reconciliation.



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If you would like to be placed on the church newsletter and/or email list, contact the church office. For updates, visit and “like” us on Facebook: Trinity United Presbyterian Church, or visit our webpage.

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