

Welcome to
Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OFFERING: Helping Hands

*INVOCATION IN SONG "Come Emmanuel" (see insert)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM: "O Come Emmanuel" By Elaine Hagenberg

[at this time children who are interested in attending Sunday School may go to the classroom downstairs]

THIS WEEK'S GOOD NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: 24-7 Christmas Music!!!!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Christ came so that our sins may be forgiven. In full confidence that Christ stands ready to hear, accept and forgive our sins, let us confess them now, first silently and then together:

(After a time of private, silent prayer the congregation begins to pray the following responsively)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(After Psalm 122, and Romans 13:11-14, 13:11)*

One: Forgiving God, we confess to You that there are times when we would rather stay asleep in sin instead of awakening to live in your light. We confess that we do not trust that your armor of light is sufficient for us, and hide in the shadows of anxiety and quarreling.

All: Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways, in your peace, and in your good grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin. Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve. Rejoice! For in Christ we ARE forgiven!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 12:1-6

Gospel Lesson

John 6:25-71

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

“Greatest Hits”

Pastor Don

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us)

PRAYER RESPONSE

**Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**
(repeat)

CALL TO OFFERING: Bobbie Poteau (Lay Reader)

One: Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers in all of humanity as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our gifts in faith.

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

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.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, friend of those in need, you came to us in the person of Jesus, who has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up these offerings from our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. Bless and use these gifts to make a way out of “no way”. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” New Century Hymnal #117

*BENEDICTION

Go therefore in the name of our Triune God.

Walking in the Light of God and sharing in the Spirit of Peace.

Go out in joy and thanksgiving, to live in Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*SUNG BENEDICTION “The Trees of the Field” (see insert)

*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

*POSTLUDE

*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

If you use social media we invite and encourage you to check in online as you attend today's service.

Portions of this week's service were excerpted and adapted from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress, and from *Service Prayers for the First Sunday of Advent* written by the Rev. Elizabeth Aguilar .

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here - to explore your faith, to meet new people, and to strengthen your personal relationship with God. If you are a guest here today, please sign our guest book. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pews and put it in the offering plate.

Sunday Bulletins - Trinity offers a Children's Bulletin and a Large Print Bulletin along with the Regular Sunday Bulletin. We also have adjustable audio devices for better hearing. Each can be found in the narthex.

Hanging of the Greens will take place **today** right after the worship service. If everybody brings a sandwich work can get started right away. It generally only takes an hour. Thanks! Lori Leaman.

Bible Discussion Schedule – All sessions run from 1:00 – 2:30 pm

- **November 27:** NO BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP
- December 4: A Chapter by chapter study of Matthew's Gospel begins (Matthew 1)
- December 11: Matthew study (Matthew 2)
- **December 18: Beginners Guide to UCC**, Session 3 -The national organization: leading by envisioning, not by coercing
- December 25: Christmas Day - NO BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP
- January 1: New Year's Day - NO BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP
- **January 8: Beginners Guide to the UCC** - Session 4- The local congregation (in its many forms): how are WE UCC?

Broken Angels Welcomed – As you decorate for Christmas bring any broken angels that you would otherwise discard to TRUCC and leave them outside of Pastor Don's study. Thanks!

Fundraising Meeting - Saturday December 3 at 9:00am in fellowship hall. This meeting will recap the year and start planning for next year. All are encouraged to attend and offer thoughts and ideas. Please email Charlie Miller (charlieff383@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. I look forward to planning out 2017 to make it Trinity's best year yet! Charlie Miller.

Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy fundraiser - Your candy orders are scheduled to arrive by **Friday, December 9th. Please pick up your orders after delivery in the Narthex.** Thanks again to all for your support. We did reach our goal and will receive a nice profit for Trinity. Any questions, please ask Mary Ibach.

Columbia Food Bank – Please place all monetary donations in the marked bucket in the Narthex. Donations can be made in cash or by check. Checks should be made out to the Columbia Food Bank. All food donations can be placed in the baskets. Thanks!

Give thanks to
the Lord, for he is
good; his love endures
forever.

psalm 106:1



Today is Sunday, November 27, 2016

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship

Bible Discussion Cancelled

3:00 pm LIC Group Meeting

Monday, November 28

8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, November 29

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Wednesday, November 30

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 1

6:30 pm Lions Club sub-makers

Friday, December 2

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, December 3

9:00 am Fundraising Meeting

Sunday, December 4

9:45 am Deacon Meeting

10:00 am Trinity Café

10:30 am Worship

1:00 pm Bible Discussion

3:00 pm LIC Group

Sunday mornings couldn't happen without the many disciples here at TRUCC. Volunteers are appreciated and needed. If you're interested in serving please see the volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex.

December 4th Disciples

Trinity Café:

Greeters: Adella Houck &
Wendy McKelvy

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Lay Reader:

Children's Christian Education:
Kathy Jones, Sharon Knerr &
Wendy McKelvy

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Sharon Smaling

Attendance

November 22, 2015.....61

November 20, 2016.....71

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Bobbie Poteau

Ministry of Music

Music Director, Chancel Choir Shannon Edwards

Bell Choir Director: Daniel Molkenthin

Sound Technician

Mark Cote and Charlie Miller

Ministry of Service

Trinity Café:

Head Usher: Mary Ibach

Greeter: Bonnie Crone

Counter:

Nursery:

Children's Christian Education

Jenny Hooper, Esther Markey & Christine MaCready

November Greeting Cards: Mary Ann Price

Floral Arrangement donated by:
Nancy Henry in honor of her Birthday

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ exists to render loving service toward humanity with Jesus as our example. We preach love, teach compassion and social justice, and welcome all into the full life and ministry of the church.