

Welcome to
Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation
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December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT: Nick Miron, Lancaster YWCA/RJI

MISSION OFFERING: Mercy Home, Kenya

*INVOCATION IN SONG: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
Blue Song Book p. 24

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM: "Come on its Christmas!" (Clydesdale)

Come on along as we celebrate a joyous holiday.

Come on its Christmas!

Let's sing a song filled with joy and cheer;

My favorite time of year.

Come on its Christmas!

Let's deck the halls, trim the tree and light the lights

Cause after all it's gonna be a special night.

It's time to sing, time to celebrate; our favorite holiday is here!

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

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 in silence before God and one another.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: God of joy and grace, we are grateful for your loving mercy. Give us courage to trust in your ways, in your peace, and in your goodness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Kelly Cote (Lay Reader)

God of hope, you call us home from the exile of selfish oppression to the freedom of justice, the balm of healing, and the joy of sharing. Through the wisdom of your holy word, make us strong to join you in your holy work, as friends of strangers and victims, companions of those whom others shun, and as the happiness of those whose hearts are broken. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Kelly Cote (Lay Reader)

New Testament reading:

James 5:7-10

Gospel lesson:

Matthew 11:2-11

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE: 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: Kelly Cote (Lay Reader)

One: God has richly blessed us through the ministry of Jesus and countless faithful servants throughout history; let us express our faithful commitment to continuing such ministry as we offer our gifts with rejoicing!

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (x2)

Give thanks.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the lowly and blessed, we thank you for the many ways we have been blessed by those who, like Mary, said yes to your invitation to participate in bringing your love to birth in our world. We dedicate these offerings in celebration of such service. Bless these offerings and us, that the world might be restored to Shalom through your love. May each of us rejoice in our opportunities to participate in the revelation of your redeeming love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Come, O Long-expected Jesus" New Century Hymnal #122

*BENEDICTION: "The Trees in the Field" (see insert)

*SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)

*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.

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.

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!

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

- 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!

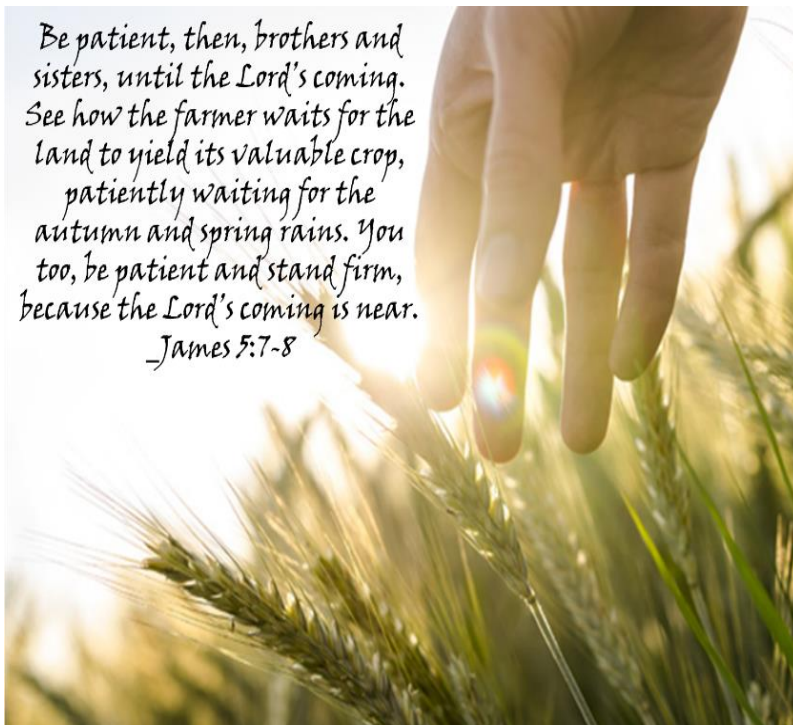
On Sunday, December 18th at 1:00 pm we will have our third session of **UCC 101**. I would encourage anyone in the congregation who can attend to do so. Betsy Bruaw from Penn Central Conference will give a presentation on ways that UCC congregations use the UCC value of “unity in diversity” to manage and respond to conflict. The session will last 2 hours. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Come Celebrate the Christ Child:

Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm, Christmas Eve
Candle Lighting Service with communion.

Sunday, December 25, 2016 at 9:00 am, Christmas Day
Service including a carol and hymn sing.
Plan to invite family and friends!

*Be patient, then, brothers and
sisters, until the Lord's coming.
See how the farmer waits for the
land to yield its valuable crop,
patiently waiting for the
autumn and spring rains. You
too, be patient and stand firm,
because the Lord's coming is near.
—James 5:7-8*



Today is Sunday, December 11, 2016

- 10:00 am Trinity Café
- 10:30 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Welcome Table
- 1:00 pm Bible Discussion - Study of
Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 2)
- 3:00 pm LIC Group Meeting

Monday, December 12

- 8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, December 13

- 8:30 am Lancaster Ministerium
- 8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, December 14

- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 15

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, December 16

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, December 17

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, December 18

- 10:00 am Trinity Café
- 10:30 am Worship – Helping Hands
offering
- 1:00 pm Bible Discussion – Study of
Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 2)
- 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 18th Disciples

Trinity Café:

Greeters: Adella Houck &
Wendy McKelvy

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Lay Reader: Joanne Duke

Children's Christian Education:

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Nancy Henry

Attendance

December 6, 2015.....	62
December 4, 2016.....	70

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Kelly Cote

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: Esther Markey

Greeters: Adella Houck & Wendy Mckelvy

Counter:

Nursery:

Children's Christian Education

Floral Arrangement donated by:

George & Eileen Himpls in honor their Grandson Tyler
and Eileen's Sister Carol's Birthdays

December Greeting Cards: Bridgette Hancock

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.