

Welcome to
Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
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December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION IN SONG: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
New Century Hymnal #116

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC "When He Comes Again" Peck/arr. Goss
[at this time children who are interested in attending Sunday School may go to the classroom downstairs]

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Oh God, you call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

All: Holy One, Have mercy.

One: Oh God, you call us to collaborate in community to prepare the way for your Reign, but we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

All: Holy One, have mercy.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: Hear the good news: Jesus, our savior from sin, is present with us in the painstaking work of the Reign of God: forgiving our weakness, rebuilding our relationships, restoring our joy. Let us celebrate this great grace by praising the God of grace through song.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (remain seated)“Majesty” Blue Song Book p. 42

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Mark Cote, Lay Reader

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with hearts full of holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark Cote, Lay Reader

Hebrew scripture

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Gospel lesson

Matthew 3:1-12

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me. (x2)

CALL TO OFFERING: Mark Cote, Lay Reader

One: The Ruler of Peace is coming, and we await that Gift of God together; the gifts that we offer in this season of waiting and hope help us to strengthen one another and to offer hope to the world as we look forward to that great day of everlasting joy. Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY: “Offering” Blue Song Book inside flap

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, our Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: “The Baptists Cry on Jordan’s Shores” NCH #115

*BENEDICTION

One: Let us go forth with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim:

In the work of justice: we glorify Christ!

In the practice of mercy: we reveal Christ!

In good news for the poor: we proclaim Christ!

In the vision of peace: we seek Christ!

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

*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 *To Dream God’s Dream: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Advent*, by the Rev. Susan A. Blain

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.

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

- 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?

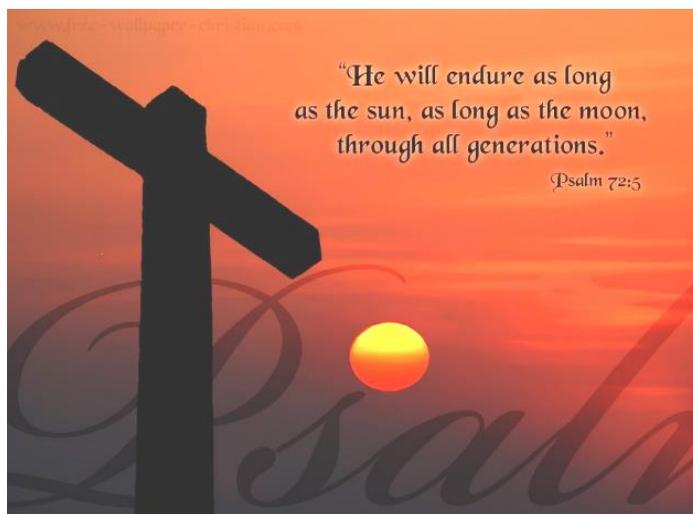
Broken Angels Welcomed – As you decorate for Christmas bring any broken angels that you would otherwise discard to TRUCC and leave them outside of Pastor Don's study. Thanks!

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!

The December Guild Christmas Party - Mark the date of Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Please note the early start time of 6:00 p.m.** The Guild is purchasing a ham for the pot luck meal. We have a lot planned in addition to the \$5.00 gift exchange. ***For your entertainment, we will feature "Peggy Keller." We are delighted this great singer and a winner of an Ms Senior Idol contest, will sing for us at our Christmas Party.***

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.

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Today is Sunday, December 4, 2016
10:00 am Trinity Café
10:30 am Worship
1:00 pm Bible Discussion - Study of
Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 1)
3:00 pm LIC Group Meeting

Monday, December 5

8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 am Columbia Ministerium @ Holy
Trinity Catholic Church

8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 pm Guild Christmas Party

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 8

6:30 pm Lions Club sub-makers

Friday, December 9

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, December 10

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, December 11

10:00 am Trinity Café – Kenya Offering

10:30 am Worship

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 11th Disciples

Trinity Café:

Greeters: Adella Houck &
Wendy McKelvy

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Lay Reader: Kelly Cote

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

Nursery:

Counter:

Altar Flowers:
George & Eileen Himpst

Attendance
November 29, 2015.....61
November 27, 2016.....57

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Mark 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

Tom Robinson, Nichole Witman & Katie Crocket

Floral Arrangement donated by:

Sharon Smaling in honor of her husband James's Birthday

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.