Trinity United Methodist Church

"Living Jesus Christ's Vision – Building Communities of Compassion"

November 29, 2026 9:00 a.m. 1st Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE Sarah Burton

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Gather together, all you saints. Gather together with hope.
P: For God is preparing to do something amazing, the salvation of our souls.
L: God has chosen to send a savior for all the world to be redeemed.
P: Let us live in hope that all will find the truth of salvation through Jesus Christ.
A: Hallelujah, God loves all. Rejoice and live in hope!

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*
Loving Father, we thank You for giving hope to the world that is in desperate need. Help us to seek the Savior, the Promised One who will rescue the world. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we can wait patiently with hope, until You fulfill Your promises to us. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

ADVENT WREATH **HOPE** Isaiah 2: 2-5
2 In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

"Today we light the first candle- the candle of Hope- marking the beginning of our spiritual journey through the Advent season. The light of this candle reminds us that hope begins with a spark that at first seems small and insignificant, but in time grows into a brilliant flame, a flame that quickly spreads, filling the darkness with light and bringing a renewed sense of hope to a world filled with doubt and fear."

ADVENT HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (1st Verse) No. 211

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT Giving Tuesday Kelly Shannahan

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 13: 24-37
24 "But in those days, following that distress, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;
25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken,
26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.
27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.
29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.
30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.
34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.
35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.
36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.
37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 70

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881

OFFERING

Head Usher: Let us join together and ask the Lord to bless the giving and receiving of our tithes and offerings. Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank You for all the ways You bless us each day and for giving us the opportunity to worship You with our tithes and offerings. Help us to give cheerfully so that all may come to experience the grace of Your forgiveness and the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY	Piano Solo	Sarah Burton
***DOXOLOGY**	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	No. 95
***HYMN OF PREPARATION**	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	No. 196
SERMON	"Wide Awake to God"	Augie Lankford
***HYMN OF INVITATION**	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	No. 206
***BENEDICTION**		
***POSTLUDE**		Sarah Burton

**Invitation to Stand*



Trinity Church

(A United Methodist Congregation)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Dr. Fran Tracy-Mumford
9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: John Hill
9:00 A.M. USHERS: Ann Hill, Dick and Margy Meeks, Barbara Horsey
9:00 A.M. READER: Loudell Insley
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Paxton
9:00 A.M. NURSERY: Marissa Dickerson, Alaina Vickers
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER: Michael Moore
9:00 A.M. ADVENT READERS: Mark, Amy, and Helen Rader
10:30 A.M. ADVENT READERS: Ruth Ann Savage and Jay Savage
10:30 A.M. USHERS: Laura Twilley, Judy Briele
THE PEDESTAL FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in loving celebration of Linda Nelson on her birthday, November 30th, by her daughter, Tracy, and her family, Kelly, Ryan, and Sam.

TODAY AT TRINITY

OFFERING MADE EASY – Just scan this code to go directly to Pushpay where you can
CHURCH NURSERY is available every Sunday for the 9:00 a.m. worship service.
SANTA'S ANGELS – For more information about this program, see Beverly Tull in the back of the Sanctuary this morning. She can answer any questions you have.
CHURCH ENVELOPES are available in the back of the Sanctuary for pickup.
ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the back of the church for reading during this Advent season.
SCHOOL SUNDAY for Pre-K through Grade 5 in the Parker Building at 9:00 a.m. We are partnering with Bethesda UMC for our children's Sunday School ministry.
THE COMBINED YOUTH GROUP is part of our Bethesda/Trinity Ministry Partnership. The youth group meets every Sunday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Bethesda.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TRINITY'S GIVING TUESDAY – Please support the many local missions of Trinity UMC through your special contributions on Trinity's Giving Tuesday, December 1st to help to grow Trinity's Local Missions budget. You can make your contributions by cash, check (payable to "Trinity UMC") or electronically. All proceeds will be used to support the following missions: Salisbury Urban Ministries; Joseph House Café; God's Kitchen (Grace Church); Trinity-Choices Academy Partnership (TCAP) Ministry; Homeless Shelter; Santa's Angels; HALO Café; Lazarus Food Pantry; HOPE; and Water for Good/ Lifewater International. You can also indicate which of these missions you want your donation to support. Call Kelly Shannahan at (410) 546-1237 if you have any questions.
INVITATION TO PRAYER FOR PASTOR HAYDEN – Every Thursday at 8:45 a.m. by Zoom. This will be approximately 15 minutes devoted to prayer, asking God to strengthen Rev. Hayden's body, grant him peace for each new day, give wisdom to those caring for him, and remind him that he is deeply loved by God and by the people he has faithfully served. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122036119?pwd=hlphPqGcuBe2KXkyVTKNgAVeTRaQNu.1
PLEASE NOTE:
- The last Prayer Zoom Meeting for 2026 will be on December 17th. Zoom Meetings will resume with a new Zoom link after the first of the year in 2027.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will rehearse every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We invite you to visit us and see if you might enjoy singing in our choir. Feel free to call Phyllis if you have any questions or comments at (410) 845-0212.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

GRIEFSHARE – This year we will be offering GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays two times. The second session will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you are interested in joining us or have questions contact Liz MacFarlane at (443) 614-9232.
UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on Tuesday, December 8th at Green Hill Yacht and Country Club at Noon.
TRINITY PRAYER GROUP – Tuesday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the church chapel.
SANTA'S ANGELS GIFT WRAPPING EVENT – Trinity is pleased to support the annual Santa's Angels Program by hosting a gift-wrapping event on Friday, December 11, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Jackson Building. Bring a roll of wrapping paper, scissors, and tape, and enjoy fellowship and refreshments with your Trinity friends while supporting a wonderful holiday cause! If you are available to help, please contact Maureen Williams at mowilliams@comcast.net or Monta Kutchen at kutchen7@comcast.net. We hope you can join us!
THE TCAP COMMITTEE is collecting new or gently used gift or household items and hygiene products for the Choices Annual Christmas Bazaar. Please drop off items to the bin in the back of the church or the office no later than Saturday, December 12th.
POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are now available in the pews. All forms are due back to the church office by Monday, December 14th.
THREADS OF LOVE – Monday, December 14th and Tuesday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.
CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Tuesday, December 15th, 5:30 p.m. Meet at the Jackson Building before heading out into the community to sing Christmas carols to a special group of our church members. After caroling, we will return to the Jackson Building for hot chocolate and cookies. We are in need of cookie bakers. If you would like to bake cookies for the Christmas Caroling, please call the church office (410-749-5562). All cookies need to be dropped off at the church office by the morning of December 15th.