

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

3:00pm

Prelude "On To You This Night" Marly Bahmer

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Shepherd Voices: As shepherds watched their flocks by night, we watch with expectation and with joy.

Angel Voices: As angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest," we raise our hearts and voices in joyous praise.

ALL: COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD THIS CHRISTMAS DAY!

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Christmas wonder, with joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless and timely story of Christ's birth. In all of the excitement of this day, give us a moment of stillness so that we might know the peace and the fullness of this holy day. This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem, Jesus. AMEN.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle Posthumus Family

Instructions for the Sharing of the Christmas Story

Songs "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1-2) Hymnal #234
"What Child Is This" Marly Bahmer

The Christmas Story

Songs: "Away in a Manger" (verses 1-2) Hymnal #217
"Joy to the World" (verses 1-2) Hymnal #246

Offering/Offertory "Silent Night" Hymnal #239

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, we bring our gifts this day: We bring our songs and praise, giving thanks for the joy of this Christmas season. We bring our skills and abilities to the task of making the world a better place. We bring our hearts – hearts broken by our broken world, and hearts of love for you and our neighbors. Accept our gifts, we pray, in the name of the One born this day, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Benediction (unison)

We go to be light.

We go to be love.

We go to bring Christmas hope to the world.

AMEN!

Postlude "Thistlehair The Christmas Bear" Marly Bahmer

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This Week:

Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream <i>Wear your Christmas Sweater</i>
Monday, Dec. 26	9:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Narcotics Anonymous (F. Hall) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Dec. 27	1:00pm 7:00pm	Trinity Readers Lunch at Hooligan's Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Dec. 28	8:30am	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity
Thursday, Dec. 29	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Jan. 1	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream