

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

December 24, 2023

5:00pm

Christmas Eve

Prelude

Welcome and Introduction

*Call to Worship

Leader: There is room for you here. If you're weary and worn, or hopeful and patient.

People: If you're tired and lost, or wrapped up in hope.

Leader: If you're new to this place, or have been here before.

People: Come in, come in. There is room for you here.

Leader: The angels are singing,

People: "Be not afraid."

Leader: The angels are singing,

People: "Good news and great joy!"

Leader: So come in, come in!

ALL: THERE IS ROOM FOR ALL HERE.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Taggart Family

Leader: How does a weary world hold onto hope, practice peace, spread joy, or know love?

Congregation: How does a weary world combat cruelty?

Leader: How does a weary world shine a light into our bleakest night?

Congregation: We do all these things with God's help. For tonight, a child is born in Bethlehem.

Leader: Tonight, Christ draws near.

Congregation: Tonight, we light the Christ Candle.

Leader: Tonight, we are not alone.

ALL: God is near. Love has drawn close. Rejoice! For God loves this weary world.

Amen.

Instructions for the sharing of the Christmas Story

Songs:

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Hymnal #234

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymnal #230

The Christmas Story Part 1

Song:

"Away in a Manger"

Hymnal #217

Children's Message

Pastor Chad Gilbertson

The Christmas Story Part 2

Song:

"We Three Kings"

Hymnal #254

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Light of light, and love of love, shine through our offering this night, that the world may be filled with your light and be touched by your love. Join our hearts to the joy of the angels and shepherds, as we offer you our deepest gratitude for the blessings of your Son, the Prince of Peace. AMEN.

The Lighting of Candles

"Silent Night"

Hymnal #239

(We will light our candles during this song, passing the light from the inside aisle to the outside. Please keep lit candles upright.)

Scripture

John 1

Closing Song

"Joy to the World" (verses 1 and 2)

Hymnal #246

*Benediction

Leader: Family of faith, as you leave this place, you go into a weary world — so speak tenderly.

People: We will do the good that is ours to do, choose connection, hold onto hope.

Leader: And remember that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God's beloved. So go rejoicing. The world needs it.

ALL: AMEN!

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Dec. 25	Church Office Closed 9:30am AA (Parsonage) 7:00pm Al-Anon (Parsonage)	
Tuesday, Dec. 26	Church Office Closed 7:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)	
Wednesday, Dec. 27	8:30am Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity 1-3:30pm Come and Play with Color Open House	
Thursday, Dec. 28	6:00pm Veterans AA (Parsonage)	
Sunday, Dec. 31	9:30am Worship/Live-Stream	

Prayer Requests:

Tina and Jim Taggart—Jim's nephew, Ryan, was in a car accident recently and required back surgery. Friend Judy is scheduled for hip replacement surgery later this month. Kaye was scheduled for a nerve ablation procedure on Monday. Another friend, Tara, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is preparing for surgery.

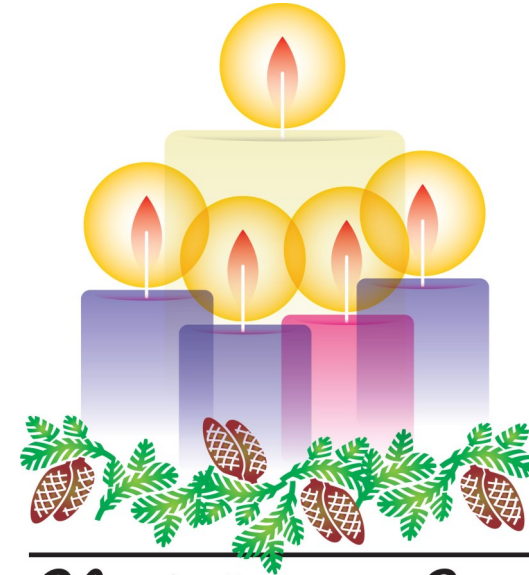
Carolyn M—has a co-worker whose father is in a Boston Hospital with stage 4 cancer.

The Guenthers—request prayers for Daniel's cancer to stop spreading and to find a treatment that works for him.

Debbie J—older sister Kris has pancreatic cancer. She previously received chemo and radiation, but the cancer has come back.

Jim W—asks that we remember Liz in our prayers.

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