

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

December 21, 2025

9:30am

When you're afraid, give me your hand

*If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your
pew rack and hand it to an usher during the offering.*

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship

Advent Candlelighting Buchholz Family

Sung Response "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (verse 3) Hymnal 218

Opening Prayer (unison)

Immanuel, we turned off alarm clocks.

We poured cups of coffee.

We slipped shoes onto our feet and combed back fly-away hairs.

We traveled to this room and settled into this space,

all in hopes of drawing closer to you.

So as we hear your Word read aloud, help us to feel your presence in our midst.

For we are reaching out our hands.

We are reaching out our hearts.

Speak to us now.

With hope we pray. Amen.

Hymn "People Look East" Hymnal 202

Kids' Time Pastor Leigh

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Hymnal 218

Scripture Isaiah 41:5-10

Hymn "You Are Mine" TFWS 2218

Message Pastor Leigh

Offering

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Words on screen
(To the tune of Hymnal 219 What Child Is This)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God all heavens and the earth

Our hope for today and always

Joys & Concerns

Blessing for the Costa Rica Mission Team

Prayer Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verse 4) Hymnal 230

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace Pastor Leigh: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Announcements

Hymn "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (verses 1, 2, 4) W&S 3052

Blessing

Postlude

Holy Trinity's Reconciling Statement

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church follows God's directive to love all and welcome all with open arms. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Leigh Brown pastor@htumc.org (651) 245-4889	Church Admin: Tina Chant office@htumc.org (952) 447-2990
Choir Director: Randi Erlandson	Liturgist: Carol Ottoson
Bell Choir Director: Kay Petterson	Ushers: Jim Helgersen and Lori Boynton
Pianist/Vocalist: Anna Mestnik	Greeters: Lois Burkart and Sandy Feldhake
AV Coordinator: Janean Mestnik	Fellowship Hosts: Sharon D. and Sandy F.
Nursery: Kathy Nelson & Barb Petrekovic	Kids' Church: Reid and Cait Hein

This Week:

Monday, Dec. 22	2-6pm 7:00pm	Hope Café & Pantry Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, Dec. 23	2-6pm 7:00pm	Hope Café & Pantry Codependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Dec. 24	5:00pm 10:00pm	Worship/Live-Stream Worship
Thursday, Dec. 25	All Day	Merry Christmas Church Office Closed until January 5
Sunday, Dec. 28	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream



Prayer Requests:

Heather Zehnder—students at Baitul Hikmah Academy as they deal with a fire to their building and navigating online learning until they can figure out a long-term plan

Deb & Keith Randa—son Kurt’s wife Ashley passed away Monday at their home in Texas

Special Thank You

A special thank you to Carol Thompson for making our beautiful Advent/Christmas paraments for the altar and the pulpit. We are blessed by her gifts!

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