

A dark blue night sky filled with stars and a bright starburst on the left. The starburst is the most prominent feature, with a bright white center and a blue glow that radiates outwards in a cross pattern. Other stars of varying sizes and colors (white, yellow, blue) are scattered across the sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and celestial.

Advent 2023

Hope

Come let us walk in the light of the Lord.
– Isaiah 2:5

9:30 am

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

FROM MANY PLACES WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Introit

Joy to the World
TEAM Bells

arr. Thompson

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

Barbara Viguers & Jill, Jason, Paige, and Lily Powell

God's Prophetic Word

Isaiah 64: 1-5a

Litany for the Advent Candles

We light this candle to remember that Christ is the eternal Child of God.

**We light this candle to remember that Christ
has made us the beloved children of God.**

Advent means coming.

Our God is approaching even now!

Lord, make us ready to receive you

Lord, make us ready to greet you with child-like wonder!

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Prayer (unison)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and descend to us with your abundant grace.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, abide with us and grant us to serve you
with abandon and so know the joy of being your beloved children. This we
ask of you, God of Advent, in the name of your only-begotten Child,
Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Hymn 9 (verse 1 only)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***Processional Hymn 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Reading *Where God Wants to Be* Emily Johnson

Anthem *Bethlehem Night* Taylor
Carol and TEAM Choirs, Celina Albert and Milo Kain, duet

On this night a King is born in a cattle shed.
Swaddling clothes will keep him warm in his manger bed.
Shepherds, watching flocks by night in the fields nearby,
see an angel in great light! Glory fills the sky!
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?
Hear the angel share the news, tidings of great joy;
“Now a Savior comes to you, in this baby boy.”
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Love is come, our God is with us, on this Bethlehem night.

Reading *The Moment of Fulfillment* Dave Roncinske

Prayer for Illumination The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

First Scripture Lesson Mark 13:24-37 The Rev. Dr. Faulkner
This is the Word of the Lord. Page 47 N. T.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30 The Rev. Dr. Faulkner
This is the Word of the Lord. Page 27 N. T.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Mediation The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Call to Present Our Offerings to the Lord The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Dedication The Rev. Ms. Craven

Offertory *Fum, Fum, Fum* Taylor
Youth Choir

On this joyful Christmas Day, sing fum, fum, fum.
For a blessed Babe was born upon this day at break of morn.
In a manger poor and lowly, lay the Son of God most holy.
Thanks to God for heaven’s gift, sing fum, fum, fum.
Let the drum and flute now play and join our song of joyful praise.
We will tell in song and story all the wonders of God’s glory.
Fum, fum, fum.

Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Words of Institution

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Setting Aside for Holy Use

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Communion of the People of God

Prayer after Communion (unison)

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Jesus, you truly are Immanuel “God with us”.

In this season of hope, may the meal we`ve shared together

nourish us to be your body in the world,

your kingdom come,

your will done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Invitation to Sing

Lisa Marcelli

*Sending Hymn 13

Prepare the Way

*Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Choral Response

Children, Go Where I Send Thee
Youth, TEAM, Carol and Cherub Choirs

arr. Schram

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you one by one,
one for the itty bitty baby born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you two by two, two for Paul and Silas,
one for the itty bitty baby, born, in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you three by three, three for the Hebrew children,
two for Paul and Silas, one for the itty bitty baby, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you four by four, four come a knockin` at the door,
three for the Hebrew children, two for Paul and Silas,
one for the itty bitty baby, born in Bethlehem.

Anyway I send you, better go now.

Go and find that itty bitty baby born in Bethlehem.

Yes, he was born in Bethlehem.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

*Those who are able may stand.

All the readings this morning are from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), a Lutheran pastor, professor and theologian who participated in the German Resistance during World War II. For his witness to Jesus Christ in the face of Nazism, he was imprisoned, and finally martyred in the concentration camp of Flossenburg only three weeks before it was liberated. Bonhoeffer was especially moved by the meaning of God's eternal Son taking on our humanity and the centrality the Incarnation has for the Christian life in the midst of difficult times. Today's readings can be found in the collection, *The Mystery of Holy Night*. Edited by Manfred Weber. Translated by Peter Heinegg. (The Crossroad Publishing Company: New York, 1996)

Thank you to Julia Wilson, Music Assistant, Sean Desjardins, bass & Adam Crognale, drums for participating in this morning's service.

Many thanks to all of the parents/grandparents and volunteers for their contributions to the Youth Music program.

It's not too late to join a choir!

If your child or teen is interested in participating in the choir/bells program, please contact Lisa Marcelli via the church office at 428-2050 or at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org.

Cherub Choir

William Armstrong
Michael D'Amico
Lucas Goetz
Maggie Reuter
Colin Roncinske
Stella Schmitzer
Theo Simon

Carol Choir

Ada Badskey
Noah Mackerer
Alexandra Nieradka
Abby Peelman
Lily Powell

TEAM Choir

Celina Albert B
Lela Badskey B
Sophia Carter B
Madelyn D'Amico B
Maggie Figueroa B
Kiera Hobbs B

Milo Kain B
Zaine Keagle B
Steven Oster B
Gwendolyn Praul B
Nora Roncinske B
Marlee Simon B

Youth Choir

Alexis Bui
Ryan Bui
Grace Burgess
Sofia Burgess
Nicole Charles
Camryn Curl
Cory Ebiri S
Tyler Hobbs
Henry Kain
Connor Lausi
Braydon Mast
Hannah Mast
Landon Mast
Tyler McGrath
Madison Oster

Ben Peelman
Jacob Peelman
Autumn Praul
William Praul
Madison Quinones
Claire Speas S
Alayna Strobel
Rebecca Strobel
Giovannina Viglietta
Gabriella Watson
Logan Watson
Emily Yeary

B = Bells

S = Senior

TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP

*An Inviting Community Serving Christ For Life
Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many*

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus

Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session

Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music

Brian Kain, Music Associate

*The flowers in the Narthex were given by **Wendy Anders** in memory of
Dale Anders—a loving husband, father, and proud PopPop.*

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Nancy Parks, Pat Turner, Carol Plimpton, Gail Van Dyke, Camrynn Curl, Elaine Lippincott, Carol Murray, Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, Marty Flynn, Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Gloria Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

Friends and Family: Frank Appello (Connie Groves's son-in-law), Jesse Benedict (friend of Pam Dougherty's daughter), Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's Mother), Kristina Heck (Alison's Schwarz's niece), Loretta Johnson (former long-term member), Martha Delaney (Debby and Steve Talbott's niece), Nancy McIlvain (Kathy Eddleman's sister), Larry Carter (Emily Carter's uncle), Tristan Kabai-Tokes, Matt Ruggles, Myrna Roberts (Nancy Roberts' sister-in-law), Joan Malloy (Nancy Roberts' friend), Chuck Inman (Mary Jane Inman's son), Charles Porcaro (Ben Rieth's brother in law), Eileen McSparran (Kathy Eddleman's sister-in-law), Linda and Brian Kent (Gail Van Dyke's sister-in-law), Laurie Duffin (Gail and Bruce Van Dyke's friend), Elaine Good (Opal Stockwell's sister), Susan F. Heilshorn (Janet Cohen's sister-in-law), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), David Behrens & Kelly Behrens (Ed Behrens' son & daughter), Ilene Kreadle (Wilson family friend), Jan (George Sanders' friend), Terri Skill (Steve Skill's wife), Richard D'Eustachio (Carol D'Eustachio's husband).

Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military: Cory Allen, Connor Barnes, Aaron Bill, Tyler Parsons and Connor Strobel. We thank them all for their service to our country.

Pastoral Care – Dr. Faulkner is available to you for prayer, counsel and comfort in times of need. If there is an urgent need, contact Dr. Faulkner at 609-273-8110.

Please silence all electronic equipment during the worship service.

Please remember to sign the Fellowship Register. Maintaining connections with our membership is critical to the health of our community, so thank you for helping us with this important outreach by signing in every time you attend worship!

Signing in online using the QR code? Remember, if you're a **Trinity member**, you don't need to fill out the entire form—just type in your first and last name.

The Flower Chart will be available in Fellowship Hall the first Sunday of every month. **It will be available on December 3rd and 10th and January 7th and 14th.** Since the cost has increased, we are asking for payment of \$55 at the time of sign-up. Hopefully this will once again become a special part of our worship and giving for our shut-ins. Please text or email Bonnie Jones for further information: bjones34@verizon.net or 856-986-2012.

Visit our website at www.trinpres.org for all of the current news, information and updates about everything that's going on at Trinity!

PLEASE notify the church office if your address, email or phone number changes. You can email Pam Dougherty at pam.dougherty@trinpres.org **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

***EasyTithe*, our online giving option,
allows you to make your offering electronically.**

This option makes giving more convenient for you and can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. To sign up, go to Trinity's home page and click on "Online Giving" or go directly to www.easytithe.com/trinpres.

An *EasyTithe* app is also available for download to your tablet or cell phone. Once you're set up, you can also text a gift in one simple step! Our phone number for text giving is 856-238-5444.

You can now go right to the EasyTithe giving portal by using the QR code. Simply turn your camera on your phone and direct it to the code and the link to the website will come right up!



Church School Schedule

All Church School rooms located in main building.
Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

**This Sunday we will worship together for the children & youth
Christmas music presentation.**

*****Preschool and Grades 1-5 will remain in worship.
Nursery Care Only.*****

Monthly Rotation of Worship, Learning, and Service For Grade School-Age Children

1st Sunday of Every Month: Mission Sunday

2nd Sunday of Every Month: Family Church

3rd Sunday of Every Month: Church School

4th Sunday: Let's Worship Together



Preschoolers & Kindergartners: Church School for pre-K through Kindergarten takes place in a classroom under the sanctuary. On the second Sunday of each month, these children participate with their families in Family Church.

Nursery (Birth - Age 2): The nursery is supervised by adult volunteers. It is equipped with its own restroom and changing table as well as age-appropriate toys.

*Find Your Place at
Our Place!*



CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH

Trinity Church

Friday, December 1 - 7:30 pm

Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the
Atlantic Brass Band

Sunday, December 3 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Children's & Youth Christmas Music
followed by Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale

Tuesday, December 5 - 6:30pm

Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 10 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Adult Choir

Sunday, December 17 - 9:30am

Christmas Worship with Handbell Music, Trinity Band, & Ukeleles
10:30am - Nativity Walk
11:00am - *Blue Christmas*, Adult Ed Presentation

Sunday, December 24 - Sunday Worship & Christmas Eve

9:30am - Sunday Worship
4:00pm - Family Worship Service & Pageant
7:00 pm - Candlelight Communion Service with
Pre-service music, choir, and brass

Sunday, December 31 - 9:30am

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, January 7 - 9:30am

Epiphany Sunday with
Communion, Choir & Handbells

Hands to Work, Hearts to God

Trinity's Annual
Stewardship Campaign



Reminder:

Please promptly mail your pledge to the Church office or make your pledge in easyTithe so we can develop our 2024 operating budget.

Let the favor of the Lord
our God be upon us and
establish the work of
our hands!

Psalms 90:17



YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED AS WE GIVE OUR
HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD.

ADVENT FESTIVAL & PW COOKIE SALE! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AFTER WORSHIP

Join us in the anteroom for bagels, cookies, and Christmas crafts following the Advent Service with Children's and Youth Christmas music. Children & adults are welcome!

Then, stop by the PW Cookie Sale during Coffee Hour. Cookies will be packed six to a bag and sold for a free-will donation. Cookie donations can be dropped off that morning.

You'll also enjoy festive holiday music from the Trinity Band in the Atrium.



SAVE THE DATE

PW
Advent Dinner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2023

6:30 DINNER

8:00 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CATERING BY CATHEDRAL KITCHEN

TICKETS: \$25 (STARTING 11/12)

***DIETARY QUESTIONS?: CONTACT JENNY FOLEY AT
JERSEYJENNY13@GMAIL.COM***

MISSION: MOTHER CHILD RESIDENCE

Deacons' Christmas



TOY DRIVE

for Urban Promise

November 12 - December 3

Gifts should be **UNWRAPPED** and placed in bins in Fellowship Hall

(Please place gift cards in envelopes to avoid misplacement.)

WISHLIST

Special Gifts

**Bikes
Scooters**

Gift Cards:
Walmart, Target, Amazon,
Gamestop, Sephora, Footlocker

Ages: 5-10

Most Popular: Legos, Squishmallows, Slime, Science Kits, Play-Doh

Figurines: Disney, Marvel, Pokemon, & Dolls Of Color

Sports: Balls, Gloves, Equipment

Arts & Crafts: Art & Science Sets

Other: Nerf Toys, RC Cars

Clothing: Pajamas, Hats & Gloves

Ages: 11-16

Most Popular: Headphones, Wireless Speakers, LED Light Strip

Personal Care: Lotions & Scrubs

Accessories: Jewelry, Wallets, Bags

Arts & Crafts: Sketch Book & Art Set

Other: Workout Equipment, Portable Chargers, Ring Light

Clothing: Hoodies, Jackets & Sport's Apparel

Not Local?

Scan for Amazon Wishlist



Contact: Troyana
tpearson@urbanpromiseusa.org
856-382-1877



Deacons Christmas Gift Card Drive for Acenda Health

Uber and Lyft Gift Cards!

Acenda Health (formerly Robins' Nest) works with young adults who have aged out of social support systems. Their clients often struggle with transportation to counseling sessions, work opportunities, etc. Uber or Lyft gift cards, available both online and in stores, provide a very helpful hand to these young people.

Leave gift cards with Deacons during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall, send to the church office (ATTN: Deacons) or hand them to Deacons who are ushering on Sunday morning.

Our gift card drive will run from December 3rd to December 17th.
Thank you, Trinity, for your generosity!



THE MITTEN TREE HAS RETURNED!

Our Mitten Tree is back again this year!
Please look for it in Fellowship Hall.

New hats and mittens for any age group
are welcome and will be sent to those
who are in need. Let's help give
the gift of warmth this winter.





Trinity Nativity Walk

Sunday, December 17
after worship

Bring your favorite creche to the social hall before the service to add to the display! You'll take it home with you that day.

Christmas carols and cake will add to the festivities ... Join us!
(To help us plan for enough display space, please sign up during coffee hour if you're planning to bring a creche or email sbastnagel@gmail.com)



Blue Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17, 11 am

Community Room

A time to acknowledge that we often come to this season
with sadness and regrets, as well as joy and peace.

Bring a photo (or photos) of loved ones you are missing or an object that
represents for you something that makes you blue at this time of the year.



Trinity News and Notes

MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES: The Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the fall Cathedral Kitchen has expressed their gratitude many times for our congregation's tremendous support. **Next Mission Thursday: December 13th.**

Many thanks to everyone who helped us Hang the Greens!

Many hands really do make light work and we couldn't be more grateful for your help on the 26th! Special thanks to the young people from Mixers and Mission, and to some of our newest members who fluffed garland, placed poinsettias, hung wreaths, set up nativities, and then cleaned it all up at the end of the day. Stewardship is also about giving of your time, so **THANK YOU one and all** for your stewardship!



W&W is feeling festive and will be printed in color for the duration of the Advent Season!



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP

WITH CHILDREN'S & YOUTH'S CHRISTMAS MUSIC
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 9:30AM



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP

WITH ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSIC
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 9:30AM



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP

WITH HANDBELL MUSIC & TRINITY BAND
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 9:30AM



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 9:30AM



CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL

PLEASE STAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL
FOLLOWING THE 7PM SERVICE. ENJOY SOME
SWEET TREATS AND CHRISTMAS CHEER!

TO: YOU!
FROM: TRINITY'S
CHILDREN'S
CHOIRS

Get your daily dose of Christmas!

Beginning on Friday, December 1st, check out our *Countdown to Christmas* videoclips, prepared for you by members of our Children's Choir. Look for them on our social media feeds and on our website (trinpres.org)!

These short clips (most less than 30 seconds) will brighten your day during the hectic holiday season.