



Trinity United Church of Christ

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.

Theme: “The Good News Gift of Advent: HOPE!”

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ: ***We exist to Love people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.***

TODAY: If you’re doing your worship in a quiet personal setting with this bulletin, then let’s worship on as the people of God on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Welcome to This “at home” personal worship bulletin. Maybe, you’d like to light a candle as you worship with this bulletin...especially if you have gathered your family with you.

Our worship today is over Zoom.com.

Topic: Sunday Worship at Trinity UCC, Manchester, MD

Time: Nov 29, 2020 10:45 AM

10:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Dec 27, 2020,
5 occurrence(s)

Nov 29, 2020 10:45 AM

Dec 6, 2020 10:45 AM

Dec 13, 2020 10:45 AM

Dec 20, 2020 10:45 AM

Dec 27, 2020 10:45 AM

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WE GATHER

*During this worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that you have created a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that this is a **Safe and Loving Place**,*

*a **“Sanctuary”** for worship, praise and reflection; and to remember that **‘No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey, You are Welcome Here!***

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Hanberry

Gathering Music: Holy, Holy Holy

<https://youtu.be/Isn123mPIZU>

(Sung by Cammeron Williams, Director of Music)

Advent Call to Worship – Robert Miller

Leader: Come, let us gather to receive the Good News Gift of Advent.

ALL: Today we begin the journey of Advent—the journey to Bethlehem.

Pastor: Let us pray that we may be ready and able not only to make the journey but to welcome the Christ child into our lives again.

ALL: May the keeping of Advent be upon our hearts and lives.

Leader: May this Advent wreath constantly remind us to prepare for Christ's coming.

ALL: Come, let us light the advent candle.

The Family of Sarah and Jeff Krawczyk with Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin to share and light their Advent Candle

Pastor: Indeed, the first candle is the candle of HOPE!

All: It was HOPE that gave people the courage to go on, and it was a journey toward the birth of Jesus.

Leader: Because of our trust in what God has already done in and with us,

All: We are bold to hope for what God will yet do with us; and what we will do as we seek to participate in what God is doing in our lives.

Hymn: Have Thine Own Way

<https://youtu.be/BByQ0kBP2xA>

Morgan State University Choir

Prayer of Renewal – Pastor Gerry

God, you have called us from the busyness of our lives to gather with you and each other. In your presence may the hungry be fed by your spirit, may the tired find rest in all the spaces we now gather for this virtual worship, may the lost find direction in your teachings, may the injured find healing in your love, and may the boastful find humility in your grace. **Amen.**

WE ENGAGE WITH THE CHILDREN

You know the names of our children. Indeed, I SEE YOU: Adriana and Mason Alex, Elijah, Gavin and Lexi, Lane, Laci, Lily, Livi, O'Neil & Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin & Nick and Elizabeth. As well as Sam and Jasmine, children of Cammeron Williams. who would normally gather with Pastor Gerry for a time of conversation. Stop and think of each one of them and smile and find delight in them.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-37

(Robert Miller)

Continuing Text: *"The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof."* — Barbara Kingsolver, *Animal Dreams*

Sermon: "Hope or Humbug?" or "Who Got It Right? Scrooge or Bob Cratchit?" Pastor Hanberry

Special Music: "I worship you almighty God" (Marge Bailey)

<https://youtu.be/Kp4ZEI-WIOw>

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Please remember to send in your offering by mail, or give to our on-line giving button on the website (<https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>).*

Doxology as a Reading

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH

Hymn "Is He Worthy"

Sung by Bell Shoals Worship Virtual Choir –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cn9HA_wG3pg&feature=youtu.be

Benediction

Worship Notes and Resources: The liturgy for today is adapted by Pastor Hanberry from various sources of Progressive Church liturgy materials.

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Worship Leadership

Gerry C. Hanberry
Cameron Williams
Robert Miller
Pat Hanberry
MB Brainerd
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders

Interim Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Zoom Associate
Worship Committee

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT MEETING IN THE CHURCH FACILITIES, WE WILL GIVE YOU NEWS (normally posted in our monthly Newsletter) IN THIS EXTENDED SECTION OF THE BULLETIN...(for the time being we will not publish a regular monthly newsletter).

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: General: \$2,165.00

Building Fund: \$70.00 Attendance by zoom: 28

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need.

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin and Weekly Newsletter – Wednesday

Meeting Dates Zoom

Racial Justice Discussion Group – Mon., Nov. 30 @ 7 pm
Pastor Gerry and Cameron Williams meet Nov. 30 @ 8:30pm
Consistory – Wed., Dec. 2 @ 7 pm
Choir – Thurs., Dec 3 @ 7 pm location/format TBA
Pastoral Search Committee – Mon. Dec. 7 @ 7 pm
Bible Study – Book of Acts – Wed. Dec. 9 @ 6:45 pm

Worship at Trinity UCC via ZOOM.com for the Next TWO

Weeks:

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS – 2020 – SEE BROCHURE

SEE ADVENT WORSHIP BROCHURE – Zoom

The Good News of Advent When There Seems to be NO GOOD NEWS...

November 29-December 27, 2020

Come, join us as we walk with God and deepen the spiritual connections within ourselves, with each other and with our community and the world during this Advent and Christmas Season. Invite a friend to make this journey with you.

Some recent headlines in the news: ◇◇ Cases of Covid 19 approach over 90,000 per day; ◇◇ Covid 19 has killed over 225,000 Americans; ◇◇ Another Black man killed by police ◇◇ 3 dead in apparent terrorist attack in Nice, France ◇◇ Walmart puts guns back on display cases. Indeed, “we sure could use a little good news today.” To be honest, there are not many ‘good news headlines; they are overwhelmed by the ‘bad news.’

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent – 10:45 a.m.

Theme: “The Good News Gift of Advent: COMFORT!”

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13 & Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: “Be the Comfort to Others You Want for Yourself”

Advent Candle: PEACE **

Sacrament of Holy Communion – self-directed at home

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent – 10:45a.m.

Theme: “The Good News Gift of Advent: JOY!”

Scriptures: Is. 6:1-4; 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55; John 1:6-8’ 19-28

Sermon: “Be the JOY to Others You Want for Yourself”

Advent Candle: JOY **

Trinity Christmas Giving Tree

With great joy NESAP has provided us with information on a local family, a single mother with 4 children under the age of 10 in need of support during this holiday season.

Due to Covid instead of setting up the Giving Tree at Church we are asking for monetary donation to the Care Fund to purchase gifts. If you wish to buy a gift and wrap it, please contact me 443-487-1843 for a gift selection. If making a monetary donation please make the check out to Trinity UCC and note on the bottom of your check for Care Fund Holiday Gifts.

Through work and commitment from our small church community we will give light and bright smiles to these little faces Christmas morning. God Bless and thank you once again for your support.

Debbi Miller

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