



Trinity United Church of Christ

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.

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

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 3rd 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](https://zoom.com).

Topic: Sunday Worship at Trinity UCC, Manchester, MD

Time: Dec 13, 2020 10:45 AM

10:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Dec 27, 2020, 3 occurrences’

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 “Joyful Joyful” from “Sister Act”

<https://youtu.be/-KP3XizrZHQ>

Morgan State University Choir

Advent Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship on the third Sunday of Advent not quite sure what is going to happen.

ALL: We are hopeful. We are expectant.

Leader: But we didn't expect this to happen.

ALL: Bethlehem, you are the least of the clans of Judah. From you will come the shepherd ruler; the Godchild; the Messiah, Savior.

Leader: He comes from the ancient, respected family tree of Abraham.

ALL: This one will come from the very heart of God.

Leader: But how much longer will we wait?

ALL: Indeed, how much wondering can we stand?

This is the time! All the world is waiting for the birth pangs to cease and the child to be born.

Leader: This young woman, Mary, will be a God-Bearer,

ALL: a God-Bearer of the good news of great joy. Indeed, this child will come as a gift of love and JOY.

So, with all that said, we light the third candle of Advent – the Candle of JOY!

**The Family of Donna Alban and O'Neil Rivera
Will light the Third Advent Candle**

Leader: This child of Mary will be the good news among us.

ALL: He will feed his flock; all will know that He is the One we will call Jesus. We are Your Christmas people who gather here to worship You in the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Hymn: “Joy to the World” (Trinity UCC Choir)

<https://youtu.be/wBOPjjSBboA>

Cammeron Williams, Director of Music

Prayer of Renewal – Pastor Gerry

Pastor: When we have no good word to say, forgive us. When our words for the world are barren and hard as rock, when what we say to ourselves and to others does not contain the realm of love, hear us as we seek renewal for our lives:

All: In our barren living hear us and bring us to life once more. When we live without sharing, forgive us.

Pastor: When our actions are dry and without your intent, when we live as if we do not hold your grace or contain your blessing for the world, hear us as we seek renewal:

All: In our dry living hear us and bring us to life once more. When we live without JOY, forgive us.

Pastor: When our spirits are filled with cynicism and anger, when the way we live does not bring growth and contains few possibilities for new life, hear us as we seek renewal:

All: In our withered living hear us and bring us to life once more.

Pastor: And in our renewal for living with a great and wondrous JOY, we offer our praise and pray the JOY of Jesus will fill our lives. 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 6:1-4; 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55

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

Special Music: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
https://youtu.be/g31ns_ucQWE
, Morgan State University, Soprano

Joys and Concerns

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 “My Heart Will Sing With Joyful Praise”
https://youtu.be/wzvpmK1D9_A
Trinity UCC Choir, Cammeron Williams, Director

Benediction

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

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

Worship Leadership

Gerry C. Hanberry	Interim Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Pat Hanberry	Lay Reader
Pat Hanberry	Zoom Associate
MB Brainerd	Worship Committee
Deb Persinger	
Sandy Sanders	

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: \$1,265.00
Building Fund: \$570.00 Attendance: 31 by zoom

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

Pastoral Search Committee – Mon. Dec. 14 @ 7 pm
Pastor Gerry and Cammeron Williams meet Dec. 14 @ 8:30pm
Choir – Thurs., Dec 17 @ 6 pm location/format TBA

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 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – 10:45 a.m.

Theme: “The Good News Gift of Advent: COURAGE”

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: “Courage that Overcomes Fear” or

“Sometimes Courage is All We Have”

Advent Candle: LOVE and COURAGE **

Dec. 20 – The Longest Night Service 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Pre-Registration offered Plus a Zoom.com link

Topic: The Longest Night Service

Time: Dec 20, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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December 24 – Christmas Eve 6:30 p.m.

BROADCAST ONLY ON FB LIVE AND YOUTUBE

No In-Person Worship – NOT ZOOM WORSHIP EITHER

Theme: “The Good News Gift of Christmas”

– Service of Candles and Carols

Scriptures: Isaiah 62:6-12; Ps 97; Titus 3:4-7; & Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: “The Good News Night of the Our Lives”

Lots of traditional Christmas Eve Singing

Zoom Christmas Eve “parties” and gatherings after the

Broadcast of the Christmas Eve Service

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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Trinity United Church of Christ
Invites you to our Zoom
“Longest Night - Blue Xmas” Service

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.



Isaiah 9:2

December 20, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness.

It took me years to understand that this, too, was a gift.”

— Mary Oliver (from *Thirst*, Beacon Press, Boston, 2006)

For many people the holiday season is one filled with loneliness and grief, confusion and worry. We hope the service will acknowledge the need for healing and give hope when grief, illness, sadness and/or loss are present during Christmas. We hope this is a reminder of the Christ light that shines, even in the midst of darkness.



Christmas Eve

Trinity United Church of Christ

“The Good News Gift of Christmas”

Service of Carols and Candles

6:30pm

FaceBook Live Steaming at

www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC/

(No In-Person Worship)

A Pre-recorded Service of Carols and the Word

(If you miss the service Christmas Eve Night

you may watch it later on FB)

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