



Trinity United Church of Christ

the Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.

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

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 4th 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 20, 2020 10:45 AM

10:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Dec 27, 2020, 2 occurrences'
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 “I Will Not Be Afraid”

<https://youtu.be/bNZ22TTEQzo>

I Will Not Be Afraid | Crocodile Dock Music Video | Group Publishing

Advent Call to Worship

Leader: We come to the fourth Sunday of Advent: Listening every step of the way for the good news of the season, for the sound of our name,

ALL: For the announcement that we have found favor with God.

Leader: On our journey we keep alert to any good news,

ALL: watching every step of the way,

Leader: for the path to which we are being called again,

ALL: for the work of faith in our daily lives.

Leader: We pause to light the candle of LOVE:

**The Family of Nichol, Rob and Lane, Laci,
Lily and Livi Saunders to share and their advent candles**

Leader: Having lit the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, we continue listening more than ever for some good news:

ALL: Sensing we are not alone, Angels all around us, offering us courage for the journey, COURAGE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT! We choose LOVE and COURAGE over fear!

Leader: We listen for the good news:

ALL: Hoping we shall see a new birth in our lives:

Leader: A simple sign that God gives us Courage to overcome fear!

ALL: And reason enough to sing God’s praise!

Hymn: “Be Still My Soul”

<https://youtu.be/uAT6PWayxCI>

Choir & Congregation, First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Neb.
Cameron Williams, Director of Music

Prayer of Renewal – Pastor Gerry

Dear God, troubled and confused in a confusing, troubled world, we try to make sense of the conflicting voices we hear. We search to find the words that make sense, that encourage us, that give us courage. Come near, Lord. Touch our hearts and souls; enfold your life around ours; speak that one powerful, unifying word: courage! Speak to us, Still-Speaking God, speak through us and in us that the world will know You, your hope, your peace, and your joy this day. 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 Cameron 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 35:1-10; Luke 1:26-38”

Sermon: “The Good News Gift of Advent: COURAGE”
Pastor Hanberry

Special Music: “I am God”

<https://youtu.be/jePq6-02XQI>

Donald Lawrence & the Tri-City Singers - I Am God
Cammeron Williams, Director of Music

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

Vote to Approve 2021 Budget
and Elect Belva LaMotte as a new member of the Consistory

WE GO FORTH

Gratitude Prayer

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
MB Brainerd	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: \$2,270.00
Building Fund: \$120.00 Attendance: 27 by zoom

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Grandmother Pam Marchand and daughter Megan and Shawn. Pam’s daughter Megan had a little baby girl Sawyer. She was born 12/15, 8 lbs. 20 inches long.

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin and Weekly Newsletter – Wednesday

Meeting Dates Zoom

Pastor Gerry and Cammeron Williams meet Dec. 21
Pastoral Search Committee – Mon. Dec. 28 @ 7 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.’

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)

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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

Christmas Eve Post Worship Social Gathering via Zoom

At around 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, all are invited for brief time for gathering and sharing (virtually, of course,) a cup of cider or hot coco or whatever you like to drink to celebrate informally. The Zoom invite is as follows:

INVITATION TO A CHRISTMAS EVEN SOCIAL GATHERING.

Time: Dec 24, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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December 27, 2020 – First Sunday After Christmas

Scriptures: Luke 2:22-40 & Galatians 4:4-7

– Jesus presented in the Temple

Brief Homily by Pastor Hanberry

Special Music



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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