

Trinity United Church of Christ

November 20, 2022

10:45 a.m.

Reign of Christ

24th Sunday after

Pentecost

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Together in Christ

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.***

WE GATHER

*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!***

Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed David Holland

Welcome (Pastor Jessica)

Opening Hymn: Woke Up this Morning (NCH 85)

***Call to Worship**

Robert Miller

Leader: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**People: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto
the Lamb!**

Leader: Worthy is Christ who had redeemed all peoples,
from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his
people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

**People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Jessica

All-powerful God,
Your only son came to earth
in the form of a lowly infant
and is not enthroned at your right hand,
where he rules in glory.
as he reigns as King in our hearts,
may we rejoice in his peace,
glory in his justice,
and live in his love.
For with you and the Holy Spirit
he rules now and forever.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Song:

A Time for Discovery

Trinity Youth

Pastor: Now receive the blessing from your church family
who loves you:

Adults: **The Lord be with you!**

Children: **And also with you!**

All of our young people are now invited to go to Trinity
Youth time!

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Col. 1:11-20 Robert Miller

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43 *Pastor Jessica*

One: For the Word of God in Scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "A Juxtaposition of Hope" *Pastor Jessica*

Special Music:

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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>).*

Invitation to Offering

***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

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Prayer After Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us new people.

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things.

Announcements

(Pastor Jessica)

Hymn: Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing (NCH 303)

WE GO FORTH

*Carrying the Light into the World

* Benediction

May the God who is, who was, and who is to come,
bless you and keep you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness and ruler of all nations,
make his face shine upon you.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who guides us into all truth,
grant you peace.

Amen.

Go in the strong name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

* Postlude

Instrumental music performed David Holland

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI
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Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
David Holland	Guest Musician
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

November 27, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Amos 5:21-24; Matthew 2:1-7

Theme: When Everything is Wrong

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

wsmdem@comcast.net

Budget Information:

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

Giving for Last week: \$785.00

Attendance: 30

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$50.00 Memorial: \$102.75

***Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give
your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our
giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of
giving we are accustomed to receiving.***

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

December Newsletters - Monday, Nov. 28

Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Comm - Wednesday, Nov. 22 @ 6pm

Consistory – Wednesday, Dec. 7 @ 7pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

Going once, going twice: It's a Hymn Auction!

Do you have a favorite hymn you'd like to hear in worship? This fall, you will have the opportunity to hear it. You are invited to a silent hymn "auction!"

Simply choose a hymn, gather a donation, and "bid" on a Sunday (first come, first served).

Cammeron and Pastor Jessica will work together to ensure you hear that hymn during worship on your selected Sunday.

An auction bid (sign-up) sheet is available in the narthex.



Lighting of the Crèche

Join us in person or online at 6:15pm on Friday, **November 25** (Black Friday) for the lighting of our magnificent crèche. This year, we are getting back to tradition. As she did last year, to mark the occasion, Pastor Jessica will offer a reading of the Nativity Story from the gospel. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served inside as we finally open our doors to the community for this momentous night. Bundle up and join us for this special event!



Poinsettias

It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. They are available in **red only**. The cost is \$7.00 each for small 12-15" tall or \$15.00 for large 20" tall. Checks should be made payable to: Trinity U.C.C. and payment must be included with your order. The deadline for placing an order is Wednesday, December 14th. Orders should be given to

Deb Persinger or Sandy Sanders.

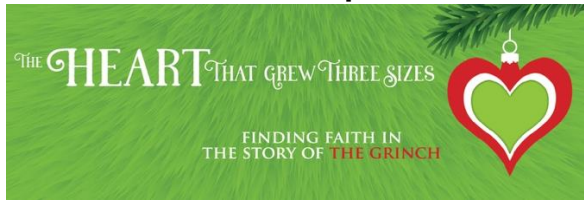
Orders forms are in the narthex.



The holiday season is fast approaching we have plans to sponsor one family this year. NESAP will be providing us with the needs of a single parent family with 2 or 3 younger children. Once we receive the information, we will have gift tags available for our congregation to purchase, wrap and bring into church. Due to Covid if anyone prefers not to shop, we are also accepting monetary donations to the Care Fund and we will shop.

TUCC is a small and mighty church and our congregation always finds a way to help families in need and for that we are blessed and thankful for bring smiles and comfort to others during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. God Bless and thank you once again for your support. Debbi Miller / Care Fund Chairperson

Advent Worship Series:



As COVID numbers continue to decline and we feel safer in worship, we are seeking more volunteers to serve in various roles.

If you are interested in serving as a **lay reader, media operator, greeter, usher, or helping with children's church**, please let Pastor Jessica know.

Even if you are unable to make it to worship in person, there are ways you can **serve as a reader from home**. Many hands make much lighter work for everyone!

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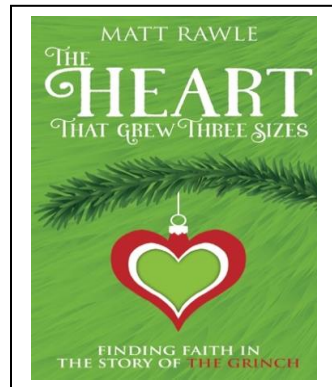
Theme: When Everything is Wrong

December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 60:3-6; Matthew 3:7-12

Theme: When Christmas Isn't Christmas

*Communion will be celebrated.



Advent Bible Study

Join us at 7pm via Zoom on Thurs December 1, 8, and 15 and **in person** after worship on *Sunday* December 18, for *The Heart that Grew 3 Sizes*. This Study will expand on themes highlighted in worship each Sunday in Advent. It's a wonderful, hopeful, enjoyable series. You do not want to miss it!

*Please let Pastor Jessica know ASAP if you are interested in participating so that she can secure a book for you.



Get Involved in Worship



Faithful Five

Each Thursday, be on the lookout for Pastor Jessica's weekly "Faithful Five" devotional time to be shared via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC

Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

- **While masks are no longer required, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask while inside the building, particularly if you are unvaccinated or immunocompromised.**
- **You are welcome to sing in worship, however, we ask that family groups remain socially distanced from one another in order to limit exposure. We appreciate everyone's understanding these last two years of pandemic and joyfully look forward to what's to come!**



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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