



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**
First Sunday of Advent:
Hope
Sanctuary: Room for All
November 30, 2025
10:30 a.m.

In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

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.***

Meditation of the Week: "Hope is the thing with feathers that
perches in the soul." ~Emily Dickinson~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Gathering

Feel the Spirit of the community. Worship is a time of both shared
community and private conversation with God. Let us all come to
this sacred space to enjoy both the loving fellowship of our
common faith and the prayerful quiet that will allow us all to draw
closer to God.

Prelude: Instrumental Music

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community**

Shana Clark

One: Come, people of God, even when the world overwhelms
us.

**Many: We come seeking sanctuary, a place where God
makes room.**

One: When choices feel few and the way seems uncertain, God
is still near

**Many: God meets us in surprising ways and makes space
for us still. Come, Lord Jesus, make room in us to
receive you!**

Prayer of Presence

**All: God of abundant love, you meet us when hope seems
far away. You remind us that sanctuary can be found
even in the most challenging places. Teach us to trust
your presence, to act with courage, and to make room
for others as you have made room for us. It is in the
name of the One who receives us when we call on him.
Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

Many: And also with you

Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.

***Opening Hymn: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"
#107 NCH**

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

**Ben Hamilton & Annika Matthews and John & Cannon
Warfield**

One: Today, we light the candle of Hope. In a world pressed by
fear and uncertainty, we remember God makes room where
none seems possible.

**All: Christ comes as our hope, guiding us through pressure
into promise.**

One: As we light this candle, we declare that hope still shines.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, our Hope!

(Light the first candle.)

Choral Response: “Sanctuary” #482 (Worship & Rejoice)
(sing through 2x)

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children’s Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)’**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 Shana Clark
War transformed into peace

Second Reading Matthew 24:36-44 Pastor Katie
The sudden coming of salvation

The Message **Brave Spaces** **Pastor Katie**

***Hymn of grace: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**
#403 NCH

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response: Doxology**, words by Mary Luti

Praise God whose love will never cease,
Whose justice raises up the least
And sits all creatures at the feast—
God’s mercy is our hope and peace! Amen.

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Giving God, we receive these gifts we offer to you. Use them to open doors, create safe places, and shine your light into places of despair. It is in your name we pray. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

(Tune: #116 NCH); words by Maren Tirabassi

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

***A Hopeful Benediction**

One: Be people of hope.
See, feel, and share hope!
Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet.
Share hope by noticing someone else’s humanity.
Share hope by listening to someone’s story.
Share hope by praying for our world.
As you go out into the wonder of God’s creations, share hope with those you meet.

All: Amen.

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from <https://breakthroughseries.org/series/sanctuary>,
benedictions for Advent — LiturgyLink

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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese	Lay Readers
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: December 7, 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A ruler brings justice and peace

Second Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way of the Lord

The Message New Growth

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

For the holiday season we will be placing gift card orders on **11/30, and 12/14**. If you haven't participated in the program and would like more information, or if you'd like a list of the various retailers, please contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net.

Also, if I am not physically in church on the order dates, the orders will still go in. Just call me, text me or email me your order.

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

January Newsletters - Monday, December 29

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – December 3 @ 6 pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028

Budget Information:

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

Giving for Last Week: \$1,027.66 Attendance: 25

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website www.trinityuccmanchester.org. Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

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

Prayer requests:

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Shannon Gettman, daughter of Diane

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Norman Greenholtz

Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

Michael Kulp

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch
Marc Pulido
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Dan and Terry Smith
Kathleen Stevens
Gina Tollini
Ronnie Williams
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

Coat Drive

Throughout the winter months, we will have a designated box in the lower narthex to collect clean, gently used winter coats. The coats will be taken to NESAP on a weekly basis. All sizes, children and adults are welcomed. Please drop your donation(s) in the box. Please contact Sandy Sanders (443)974-6723 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your donation(s)!

2025 Poinsettia Order Form

It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Forms are available in the narthex.

The plants are available in red and white and 3 sizes as outlined on the form.

Checks should be made out to Trinity UCC. Payment is due when you order. The deadline for orders is **December 1, 2025**. Please give your order to Deb Persinger or Sandy Sanders.

Reverse Advent Calendar – sharing our blessings with others. During the month of December, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for NESAP's Food Pantry. See the calendar (found in the narthex) for suggestions of items to donate each day during the month. The donations will be blessed on the first Sunday in January. Boxes are available in the social hall for your use.

Advent Bible Study

The light of the world: a guide to advent
Starting: **Tuesday Dec. 2 at 6pm**
each Tuesday through the 23rd.

MEET & GREET WITH SANTA

Where: Trinity

When: Saturday **December 6, 2025**

Time: 1pm-3pm

Santa will meet and greet children.

See the flyers in the newsletter for more information.

2026 BUDGET MEETING

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, 12/7/25**, immediately following the service. The 2026 budget will be discussed and voted on. Please plan to attend. The proposed budget will be available after 11/5/25, so if you would like a copy before the meeting please contact Sue Myers.

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