



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Second Sunday
of Advent:
Peace
Sanctuary: Room for All
December 7, 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: "There is peace even in the storm."
~Vincent van Gogh~

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**

MB Brainerd

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Many: We come, ready to clear the clutter of our minds and hearts and make room.

One: In the wilderness, a voice cries out.

Many: We hear the call to repent, to release what weighs us down.

One: Make room in your hearts, for Christ is drawing near.

Many: Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell among us.

Prayer of Presence

All: God of the wilderness and water, you call us to prepare the way for Christ, Clear away the distractions and busyness that fill our hearts. Create in us a spacious place where your peace can take root and grow. Meet us here and now in this place of worship and stay with us for a while. It is in the name of the One who is our Peacemaker that we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Still, Still, Still"**

#264 Voices Together Hymnal

Lighting of the Advent Candles ~ Doug & Sue Myers

One: One: Today, we light the candle of Peace. God calls us to prepare the way by uncluttering our hearts and making space for Christ.

All: In Christ, our burdens are lifted and our paths made straight.

One: As we light this candle, we welcome the One who is our peace.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, our Peacemaker!

(Light the two candles)

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

~silence is kept~

Special Music "In the Bleak Midwinter"
sung by Claire Anthony & Sylvan Burkhardt

Growing Disciples
Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 MB Brainerd
A ruler brings justice and peace

Second Reading Matthew 3:1-12 Pastor Katie
Prepare the way of the Lord

The Message New Growth Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

Choral Response: "In the Bleak Midwinter" #128 NCH
(verse 4)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: Prince of Peace, bless these gifts. May they strengthen
lives overcome by need. May they create pathways for
your justice, your mercy, and your peace to flow freely. It
is in the name of the One who is our Peacemaker that we
pray. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Remembering

Prayer of Consecration

**All: Emmanuel, God with us,
in our lonely nights, under our guiding stars,
with the hopes and fears of all our years,
we come for comfort,
for peace of mind and peace on earth,
for a blessing on our hands and the bread in them,
on our lips and the cup we lift to it.**

**May this bread and cup be your holy Life, that we may
ponder in our hearts, and pray in our community.**

The Meal

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
#218 Voices Together Hymnal**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

***A Peaceful Benediction**

**One: Be people of peace.
Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ
with all you meet.
See, feel and share peace!
Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear.
Share peace by listening to all sides of the story.
Share peace by praying for our world.
As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share
peace and 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,
<https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/holy-communion-liturgy-for-the-second-sunday-in-advent-the-sunday-of-peace/>

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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
MB Brainerd	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

2026 BUDGET MEETING TODAY

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: December 14, 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading **Isaiah 35:1-10**

The desert blooms

Second Reading **Matthew 11:2-11**

The messenger of Christ

The Message

***Woodrow Kennington Creates Almost a Miracle*, written by Katherine Patterson and told by Rev. Lucy Brady**

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 **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 – January 7 @ 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: \$1,572.66 Attendance: 28

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

Dewey Parks

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

Randy 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)!

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
Each **Tuesday at 6pm** through the 23rd.

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