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# Trinity United Methodist Church

November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent

## *Gather to Worship*

### Welcome and Announcements

(Welcome! If you are a visitor, please fill out the card in the back of the pew.)

### *We Worship as the Church*

### Chiming of the Trinity

### Prelude

Tim Olsen

### Call to Worship (Roddy Hamilton)

Across the universe creation waits for the prophets to speak their words of expectation and their vision of renewal

**May we gather round them today once more and let their longing grip us and lead us into birth and blessing**

So come now my friends this is the meeting place of promise and prophecy let us listen through the ancient words that we might be ready to hear a baby's cry

### Hymn of Praise

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Hope** Cliff and Melissa McNeill and family

Reader 1: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

**All: We light this candle in hope.**

Reader 2: Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the

nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Reader 3: Let us pray: Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations.

All: **God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.**

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

### Children's Sermon

### Anthem

*Let All Mortal Flesh*

Choir

### Gospel Lesson

**Luke 1:38**

**Luke 2:20**

**Matthew 2:10**

**Luke 3:15**

### Homily

*"Advent: What are we Expecting?"*

Rev. Sheldon Reese

### Congregational Celebrations and Concerns

### Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

**...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts and Ourselves

### \*The Doxology

### Offertory Prayer (United Methodist Board of Discipleship):

Holy God of new beginnings, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We enter the season of Advent with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts be dedicated to help heal the brokenness of our world and to welcome our Messiah into the world once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

## *Sending Forth*

### Special Music

*What Child is This*

Crescendo

**\*Benediction**

Go forth in hope: The Lord is our help and our salvation.

Go forth in courage: The Lord is our shelter from the storm.

Go forth in peace: The Lord embraces us in the arms love. Amen.

**Postlude**

**Tim Olsen**

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|  | <b>Stewardship Report through Sunday, November 28, 2021</b> |                   |           |
|   | "Trusting in God's Opportunities."                          |                   |           |
|   | Worship Attendance:   | <b>83</b>         | in-person |
|   |   | <b>29</b>         | on-line   |
|   | Weekly Collection:  | <b>\$5,455.00</b> |           |
| Worship Attendance for Thanksgiving Service:                                      | <b>68</b>   | in-person         |           |
|   | <b>43</b>   | on-line           |           |
| Collection for Bladen Crisis Center:  | <b>\$552.00</b>   |                   |           |

**Serving in Worship Today**

Ushers: Mike & Pat Melvin

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Jackson & Luke Bridgers

*The flowers today are given for the Glory of God and in memory of Barbara C. Nunweiler and in honor of Raymond J. Nunweiler, Jr.*

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