

Old Trinity Church

December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens

Welcome Rev. Lindsay B. Collins
Prelude Tim Olsen

CALL TO WORSHIP *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Choir, under the direction
of Melanie Wohlford

GREETING Lee Hauser

One: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

All: **With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

All: **With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

All: **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

All: **By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

One: For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God. We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

OPENING PRAYER Tiina Mundy

Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE BLESSING OF THE POINSETTIA. Rev. Collins
BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Valentiner Family
SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7
CANDLE OF PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Time is Here* Crescendo

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE Ann Dowless

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Child is This* Crescendo

BLESSING OF THE EVERGREENS Bruce Dickerson

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23:5-6

HYMN *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Choir

PRAYER OF ADVENT & LORD'S PRAYER (with trespasses) Rev. Collins

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE Carl deAndrade

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMONS Dianne deAndrade

CHRISMON TREE LIGHTING Josh deAndrade

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5, 9-14

HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Choir

COMMISSION & BLESSING Rev. Collins

One: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection
—For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

All: **We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

One: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

All: **We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry. We will go forth from this place in hope.**

BENEDICTION Rev. Collins

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

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

Whether you are a member of this congregation, attend here regularly or occasionally, are visiting with family or friends from out of town, or are here for the first time, with great joy we welcome you! This evening we gather with joy to worship Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us! It is our hope and prayer that God will speak to you in a special way during the service and through the music, Scripture, and message, you will experience the love of God. Trinity UMC seeks to be a family of faith with a place for all people. All are welcome to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 10am. Trinity also offers other activities, such as Bible study, Sunday School, prayer meeting, children's and youth ministry, chancel and bell choirs, and service opportunities to help people connect with each other and with God. Please be in touch.

We wish you a blessed Advent & Christmas season!

Pastor Lindsay

Join in on Christmas Eve...

... A Children's Christmas Eve at 3pm

And

Traditional Lessons & Carols with Candlelight at 6:30pm

*Both at Trinity United Methodist
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