

# Good Evening! We welcome you today as a part of God's family here at Trinity! We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Visitors** – We are so happy you are joining us for Worship today. If this is your first visit at Trinity, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card found in front of you in the pew. Then place the card in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service.

Members, Returning Visitors and Active Guests – We ask that you please fill out the Welcome Book found at the end of your pew.



# Please do not light your candle until the "Candlelight Portion of the Service"



**HOLY COMMUNION** — In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. **During distribution, the Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.** For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)



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The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service, then talk to one another after the Service.

Organ Prelude

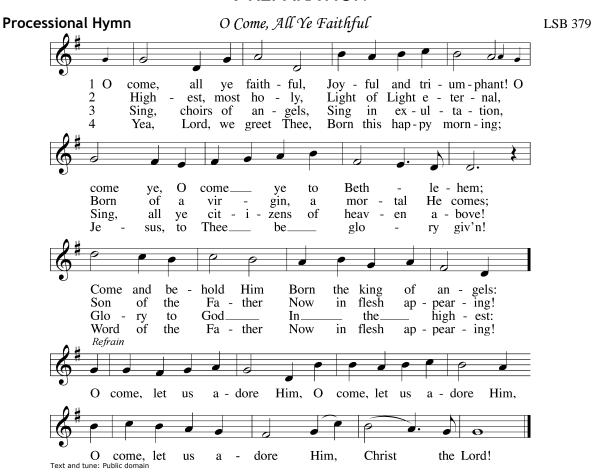
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Away in a Manger

settings by Wilbur Held

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** *Stand and face the Processional Cross* (rear of the Church)

# **PREPARATION**



#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

- **P** Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we Your people confess our sins with contrite hearts. We are by nature sinful and separated from You. We live sin-filled lives, transgressing Your Law in thought, word, and deed. We repent of our sins and beseech Your great forgiveness. By the power of the Holy Spirit within us, direct us so that we may amend our sinful lives and joyfully walk in ways of love and peace to Your glory.
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



#### Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

# Collect of the Day

- **P** Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus, we rejoice at Your birth, which brings us reconciliation with God and fulfills the promises of God's good will towards His fallen creation. We welcome You, Jesus, as the Savior of the world and the Lord of our hearts, for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Christmas Litany

Psalm 118:27a; 2:7; 111:9; 132:11b

- P Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord. Alleluia.
- The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.
- P The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."
- **C** He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.
- **P** One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.
- Christ the Lord, our Savior, everlasting God and Mary's Son, we praise You evermore.

#### Introit

Psalm 93:1-2, 5; antiphon: Isaiah 9:2

- The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
- **P** The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

Yes, the world is established:

it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

You are from everlasting.

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Hymn

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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# WORD

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-7

- The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the ninth chapter... <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.





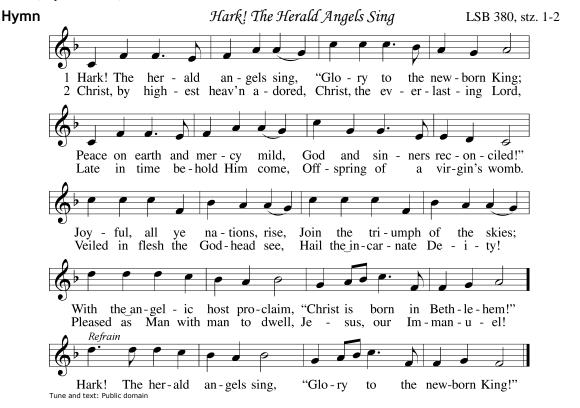
# **Epistle Reading**

Titus 2:11-14

**P** The Epistle is from Titus, the second chapter.

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

# C Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

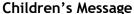
<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit





#### Sermon



Stand (as you are able)

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

- As we rejoice in Your blessings, Lord, we bring You our prayers this day. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people and thank You for the grace shown to all people through the birth of Your Son. Grant Your Holy Spirit to bless us with peace in this holy season. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for the world in which we live and for all people everywhere. Enable us to be witnesses to the Good News of salvation, echoing the great tidings shared by the heavenly host. Cause the truth of the Gospel to be known in every part of the earth. Bless the labors of missionaries and local pastors and church workers in every place as we join in worship and praise with them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P On this blessed day, we pray for our towns and cities and for rural areas, asking that the Prince of Peace be welcomed everywhere among us. Grant Your Holy Spirit to direct us, that the light of Christ in the manger shine brightly among us and through us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for those with special needs at this time, including the sick and shut-in, those who grieve, those who feel alone in this season, and all others who are in need of our petitions. According to Your tender mercy, Lord, attend to those who call to You, and be their source of hope and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Lord of time and eternity, we thank You for the faithful witness of those who are no longer among us on earth and who now rejoice in Your eternal glory. Grant that we find inspiration and strength in the witness of those who have preceded us by faith into eternity, and by Your Spirit, guide us to serve You constantly all our earthly days. Lord in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Sit

**Offering** Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew. (Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.)

#### Offering Anthem

Come Run, Ye Shepherds

arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Stand (as you are able)

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# **SACRAMENT**

#### **Preface**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# **Proper Preface**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose birth into this world has brought salvation to people everywhere and the promise of renewal to the whole creation. Rejoicing together with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

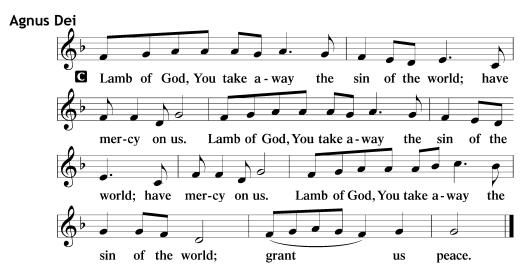
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

# 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 and ever. Amen.

#### The Peace of the Lord

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



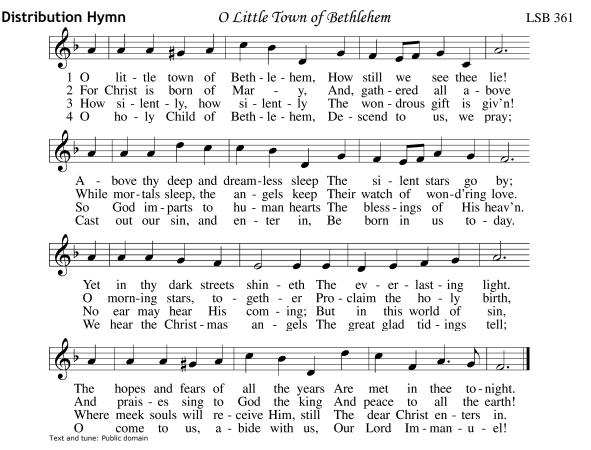
Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

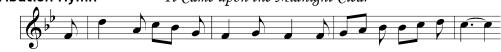
#### Distribution

The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:* 

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.





- 1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old, 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
- 3 All you, be neath your heav y load, By care and guilt bent low, 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:
When down in - to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."

A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom-ise bring,

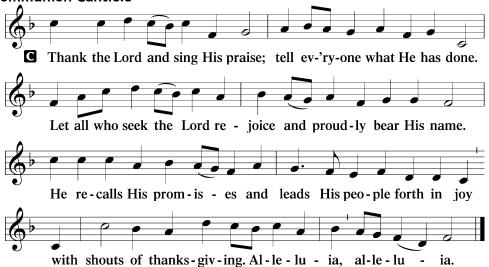


The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing. And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing. The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing. And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

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### Post Communion Canticle



# Post Communion Thanksgiving

- P Let us pray.
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us grace at this time to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We bless You for all Your mercies, which are renewed each and every day in Christ. As we have now feasted in Your presence and at Your bidding once again, help us to show forth Your praise in joyful obedience to Your loving will; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **Christmas Litany**

John 1:14a; Luke 19:38a; Isaiah 9:6a; Luke 2:14

- P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- **©** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- **P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.
- C Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased. Alleluia!

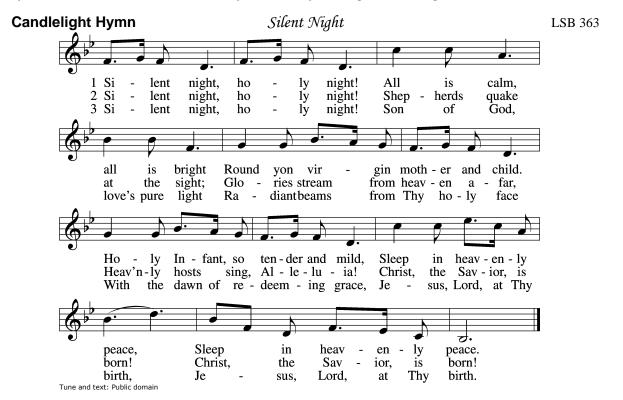
# SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

**Anthem** Peace, Peace arr. by Fred Bock

# The Candle Lighting

As the choir sings, turn the bulb in your candle to light it.

After all candles are lit and the music is finished, the following carol is sung.



# **Quiet Reflection**

# Prayer

- Let us pray... O God, our heavenly Father, give us grace to keep this festival of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with pure faith and holy love, that while we join our voices with the voices of those who sang, "Glory to God in the highest," we also join our voices with those of the shepherds and all others who spread abroad the Gospel of Your peace and good will toward all people; through Jesus Christ, the babe of Bethlehem and our loving Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **Benedicamus**

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and 

  → give you peace.
- C Amen.

At this time, please turn your candle off by turning the bulb until the light is out. Please place your candle in the basket by the exit door as you leave the building.

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo Wilbur Held

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# This Evening's Worship Participants

Vacancy Pastors Director of Music and Organist Bearer of Baby Jesus Rev. Dr. Matthew Prince and Rev. Timothy Utton Carroll Smith Lydia Kuenzli

# The poinsettias gracing our church today are given ~

### **In Loving Memory of**

Lennie and Shirley Whitson Nattie, Rudolph and Harry Broegler Our Parents My husband, John and mother, Margaret My husband, Bill June Knickelbein My brother, Jim My sister, Joy Daughter, Brothers, Sisters, Parents Thelma Scroxton My Parents Mom, Esther Sontag Marc Vernick Rev. Roger Vernick Parents, Al and Kay Sulak Courtney Pendry

by the Brooks, Sawyer and Mathews Families by Carole Brooks by Craig and Mary Lou Scott by Jean Boyette by Charlotte Gunther by John and Jan Knickelbein by David and JoNell Chadwick by David and JoNell Chadwick by Errol Jennings by Anne Starke by Diane Shaver by All her Children by Ted and Elizabeth Baroody by Ted and Elizabeth Baroody by Doug Sulak by Doug Sulak



#### **In Memory of Loved Ones**

by Peggy Bashara by Jacque Czypinski by Emily Hauser by Richard and Flo Ball

# To the Glory of God

by Ken and Sharyn Leiding

# In Honor of

Our Lord and Savior
by Ralph and Cathy George
Our Savior's Birth
by Janice Gwin
Our Military
by Anne Starke
The Baroody and Vernick Families
by Ted and Elizabeth Baroody
Our Trinity Family
by Bud and Lynn Hubert

If you cannot attend Worship Service tomorrow morning, you may take your poinsettia home after the service this evening.

#### Welcome to

# **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod 6001 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23505 757-489-2551

**TRINITY'S MINISTRY TEAM** prays that the peace and joy of Christ will be yours always. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Pastor Prince, Pastor Utton, Carroll Smith, Anne Combes, Lynn Hubert and Bill Sontag



God is with us. Jesus came at Christmas to save you. But not just at Christmas. He comes to save you now.

Believers in Jesus gather together at church every week, and there Jesus meets them. He speaks to them through His Word in the Bible. He brings the forgiveness of sins to those who trust in Him. He is there with comfort and peace for His people. Every week.

As we gather together in church under His name, we know that Christ is with us, just as He has promised to be. This is our joy, the joy of all the earth.

Join us on Sundays as we gather together to praise this Christ, who will come to us as truly as He came to earth on that first Christmas.

We invite you to join us in Worship tomorrow morning, Christmas Day, at 10:00 AM for a Service of Readings and Carols.