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# Trinity United Methodist Church

December 11, 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (Illustrated Ministry)

One: Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for our sorrow and mourning will not last forever!

**All: Amen! Glory to God! The joy of our God shall drive away the sorrow.**

One: Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for God's mercies are new every morning!

**All: Amen! Glory to God! Every morning is new. Grace abounds.**

One: Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for God is with us, even now!

**All: Amen! Glory to God! Let us worship together in joy and gladness!**

#### Hymn of Praise

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

UMH #715

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Joy

Ken & Mary Lou Moore

The season of Advent reminds us of the hope we have in the humanity of Jesus. God came to us, leaving behind the glory of heaven to be a person feeling pain, joy, loss, and love. Today, we light the candle of hope, because in Jesus, heaven came to earth.

*Light the first candle.*

Advent reminds us the Prince of Peace came and lived among us. He felt stress within himself and conflict with other people, yet he chose his path of peace—peace within himself, and peace with humankind. Today, we light the candle of peace because Jesus showed us how to live in peace.

*Light the second candle.*

There is joy in the anticipation of the Advent season. Just as Mary waited for the birth of her son, we count the weeks and days to celebrate Christmas. Waiting makes space for imagination and preparation, and joy fills our hearts in that waiting. Today, we light the candle of joy because joy is in the promise that the holy one is coming.

*Light the third candle.*

Let us pray: God and source of all joy, people are suffering all around us and among us today. For many, this is not a joyful season of life but a stressful, sad, or frustrating

time. You embrace us, no matter how much or little joy we contain, so we pray those who lack joy today will feel your comfort. For those who are missing loved ones, overwhelmed with school, stressed by work, or depressed for reasons they don't understand, we pray that our community might encourage their spirits, lighten their burdens, and share their grief. And for those who feel disconnected or lonely, may we be a community that reaches out and shows them care. Amen.

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

### Children's Sermon

#### Anthem

*Still, Still, Still*

Choir

#### Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

#### Homily

*Self, Feel Joy!*

Rev. Lindsay B. Collins

**Sermon Series: Now in Flesh Appearing...**

### 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

#### Offertory Hymn

Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring

UMH #644

#### \*The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### Offertory Prayer (Illustrated Ministry)

God and source of all joy, cheerfully and humbly, we bring our gifts and offerings to the community to be used for worship, helping ministries, our children, and all the other wonderful ways you create goodness around us. We wait with anticipation to see what you will do with our gifts, knowing your gift to us was the greatest gift of all. Amen.

#### *Sending Forth*

#### Closing Hymn

*Joy to the World*

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### Benediction (Illustrated Ministry)

Friends and family of Christ, we find joy in the life of Jesus. May you go forth today with jubilant hearts and unburdened shoulders. May you travel from here with the encouragement of our community in your mind, and a fresh breath of joy in your lungs. And when you feel sorrow, may you reach out to your neighbor, friend, or family member, for joy is best found in connection. Amen.



**Stewardship Report through Sunday, December 4, 2022**

“Trusting in God’s Opportunities.”

Worship Attendance:	65 in-person
	44 on-line
Hanging of the Greens Attendance:	71 in-person
	28 On-line
Giving:	\$7155.00

Ushers: Pat & Anne Melvin

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES: NOW IN FLESH APPEARING**

The Advent story is about God taking on a physical body like ours. As you wait with anticipation and prepare for Jesus to be born this Advent season, we invite you to discover the awesomeness of incarnation and what it means for God to move, act, and live with us.

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