

## **This Week at Trinity**

### **TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 19**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Worship, **9:30am**

Bread House Worship, **noon**

### **MONDAY, DEC. 20**

Bread House Praise Practice,  
**7pm**

### **TUESDAY, DEC. 21**

Basketball, **6pm**

Bread House Bible Study, **7pm**

### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22**

Men's Bible Study, **7:30am**

### **THURSDAY, DEC. 23**

Bread House Family Night, **7pm**

### **FRIDAY, DEC. 24**

Christmas Eve Worship, **7pm**

### **SATURDAY, DEC. 25**

*Merry Christmas!*

### **SUNDAY, DEC. 26**

Worship, **9:30am**

Bread House Worship, **noon**

### **MONDAY, DEC. 27**

Bread House Praise Practice,  
**7pm**

Worship Life Team, **7pm**

### **TUESDAY, DEC. 28**

Basketball, **6pm**

Bread House Bible Study, **7pm**

### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29**

Men's Bible Study, **7:30am**

# **Welcome!**

## **Trinity Reformed Church**

*Sunday, December 19, 2021*



### **Scripture**

Luke 2:1-20

### **Message**

Smelly Shepherds: Nobodies or Somebodies

Joy to the World (146:1,2,4)

While By the Sheep We Watched (166:1,2,4)

Lo! How a Rose e're Blooming (163:1,2)

Go Tell It on the Mountain

### **Worship Participants**

Worship Leader - *Dr. Carolyn Pearson*

Advent Wreath - *The Garza Family*

Preaching - *Pastor Deb Yurk*

Organist - *Wayne Cotts*

Children's Message - *Suzy Wilkinson*

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# Trinity Reformed Church

## Christmas Eve

### Candlelight Service

**December 24, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**



*“In the Time of Herod, King of Judea....”*

*Offering to benefit Nestlings Diaper Bank*



Nestlings is a diaper bank that operates similar to a food bank by serving as a central location to collect, store and distribute diapers to Social Service agencies working with those in need. Since starting in the spring of 2011 Nestlings has provided thousands of diapers to infants and toddlers within Ottawa County through established partnerships with over a dozen social service organizations. Nestlings provides all of the diapers for Trinity's Care Closet.

### Ministry Highlights

**With The Recent Surge** in Covid cases in our county, we have closed the church office to all visitors until further notice. In the meantime, staff will stagger their work schedules and when not in the office, will be working remotely.

**Masks Are Recommended** when gathering as a group at Trinity. If you are ill, or a member of your family is ill, **please stay home.**

**Family Christmas Tree** - You are invited to hang an ornament on the tree representing your family. If you have already contributed to the tree, you do not need to bring another ornament. Questions? Contact Pastor Deb.

**Adventures in Advent Family Nights** - Thank you to everyone who participated in these fun evenings. Regular Wednesday programming will resume January 12.

**Christmas Eve Worship** - Please see the insert in today's bulletin for information on this candlelight service on Dec. 24. **2022 Calendars** are available at the information table, compliments of Dykstra Funeral home.

**Year End Contributions** must be received by the church office or postmarked by December 31 in order to be credited to the 2021 tax year. Contributions received after that date will be credited to 2022.

**Worship Exploration Team** - Your consistory is putting this team together. Do you have a passion for the music of the church? Would you like to be part of the discernment process in determining next steps? Please let Pastor Deb know by January 9 if you would be willing to help.

**Volunteer Opportunity!** Bulletin folders, stuffers & stampers are needed on Tuesday evenings in January & February. Please contact the church office for more information.

**Volunteers Wanted** to cover the office Tues and/or Wed afternoons in January & Tues, Wed and/or Thurs afternoons in February. Please call the church office for more information.

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OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 12

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 2: 1-20

I Corinthians 1:26-29

*“Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.”*

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THE SHEPHERDS?

1. They were committed.

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night” (Luke 2:8).

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23).

2. They were in awe of what they saw.

“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified” (Luke 2:9).

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3. They accepted the message.

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people” (Luke 2:10)

“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about” (Luke 2:15).

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

4. They acted.

“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger” (Luke 2:16).

5. They were changed.

“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told” (Luke 2:20).