

## This Week at Trinity

### TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 20

Remote Worship, 9:30am

Middle/High School Youth, 5:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

WOW After Hours, 7pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Outdoor Christmas Eve Worship 5pm

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

*Merry Christmas!*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Remote Worship, 9:30am

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Worship Life Team, 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

WOW After Hours, 7pm

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# Welcome!

## **Trinity Reformed Church**

*Sunday, December 20, 2020*



**Scripture:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Message:** Love Letters from God:  
Wait in Anticipation

Angels From the Realms/Emmanuel  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day  
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

#### Worship Participants

Welcome, Greeting & Preaching - *Pastor Deb Yurk*

Congregational Prayer - *Pastor Phil Quinn*

Organist - *Wayne Cotts*

Praise Team - *Doug & Lavonne VandeWege,*  
*Russ Johnson, Tom Lampen, John & Diane Taylor*

## **Ministry Highlights**

**2021 Wall Calendars** from Dykstra Funeral Home are here. If you would like a calendar, please leave a message at 616-396-6526 or email [barb@trinityrc.org](mailto:barb@trinityrc.org). Due to the building being closed, requested calendars will be placed in the mailbox outside the building for pick up.

**Appledorn Assisted Living** wants you to join them for the **Parade of Lights Walk** on Wed., Dec. 23. Social distancing & masks required. Fun festive lights & Christmas attire are encouraged! Dress warm to walk, sing & share the Christmas spirit. Meet at 5:30pm at the gazebo on the corner of Apple Ave. & Ida Red Pkwy. Free cookies & hot chocolate!!

***God is calling Trinity Church to be transformed into an outward missional focused church that advances the Good News of God's Kingdom into the lives of those in our community and beyond.***

## **Ministry Highlights**

**The Restart Team** has made the difficult decision that due to the surge of COVID-19, in-person worship is paused through January 17. We continue to offer worship on WHTC radio (1450AM / 99.7FM), on our Facebook page or live streaming at <http://www.trinityrc.org/webstreaming.cfm>. We will continue to communicate through weekly bulletins and monthly Connections newsletters which are both posted on our website. If you are not on our mailing list & want to receive printed materials, please call the church office (616-396-6526 ).

**The Church Office** remains closed, but staff members are available by appointment. Pastor Phil (1-906-298-1702). Pastor Deb (1-269-599-8730).

**Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study** will not meet Dec. 23 or 30. We will resume Jan. 6 at 7am in the Connection Cafe.

**Christmas Eve Worship** - Join us for a bundled-up celebration of the coming of the Savior! We will be holding an outdoor, masked service on Christmas Eve at 5pm - a time of song and prayer as we celebrate God's great gift! The Christmas offering is designated for Holland Rescue Mission.

**Contribution Envelopes** for 2021 are here! Due to COVID and the building being closed, envelopes will be delivered to you, either through the mail or via in person safe delivery. If you do not currently use envelopes, but would like them for 2021, please let Hope know – ph. (419)302-6208 or email [hope@trinityrc.org](mailto:hope@trinityrc.org).

**Installation of Elders and Deacons** - The following people were elected to Consistory & will be installed on Sunday, January 10: Elders John Houting & Dianne Moker and Deacons Neil DeBoer & Benji Garza. Many thanks also to our elders & deacons who have completed their 3 year terms: Elders Dan Kruithof & Jan VanAuken and Deacons Amanda Eckermann & Ed Prince.

**Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Emmanuel)**

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 2

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

*Chorus*

*Emmanuel Emmanuel  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Emmanuel Emmanuel  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Verse 3

Sages leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star

Verse 4

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
In His temple shall appear

Pre-Chorus

*Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King  
God is with us even now His love is here  
His love is here  
[Repeat Chorus]*

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**It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

Verse 4

For lo the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing

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**O Little Town Of Bethlehem**

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by

Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep  
The angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And peace to men on earth

Verse 5

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

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**I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day**

Verse 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play  
And mild and sweet their songs repeat  
Of peace on earth good will to men

*Chorus 1*

*And the bells are ringing (peace on earth)  
Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)  
In my heart I hear them  
(Peace) peace on earth  
Good will to men*

Verse 2

And in despair I bowed my head  
There is no peace on earth I said  
For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth good will to men

*Chorus 2*

*But the bells are ringing (peace on earth)  
Like a choir singing (peace on earth)  
Does anybody hear them  
(Peace) peace on earth  
Good will to men*

Bridge

Then rang the bells more loud and deep  
God is not dead nor does He sleep  
(Peace on earth peace on earth)  
The wrong shall fail the right prevail  
With peace on earth good will to men

Verse 3

Then ringing singing on its way  
The world revolved from night to day  
A voice a chime a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth good will to men

*Chorus 3*

*And the bells they're ringing (peace on earth)  
Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)  
And with our hearts we'll hear them  
(Peace) peace on earth  
Good will to men*

*Chorus 4*

*Do you hear the bells they're ringing  
The life the angels singing  
Open up your heart and hear them  
(Peace) peace on earth  
Good will to men  
Peace on earth peace on earth  
Peace on earth good will to men*

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**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

*Verse 1*

*Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart*

*Verse 2*

*Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring*

*Verse 2*

*Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring*

*By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne*

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**God Of Justice Love And Mercy**

*Verse*

*God of justice love and mercy  
Send us out and make us bold  
As we strive for Your high calling  
Let our hands Your mercy hold*

*Lift our eyes to see Your vision  
Of a world in urgent need  
Grant us courage then to follow  
Bringing comfort with each deed*

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