

## Welcome to Trinity Church!

**Sermon Series** | During Advent we are exploring what it means to belong to the Family of God through the stories of the women and mothers included in Jesus's family tree in the Gospel of Matthew. These stories help us see the incredible way the Family of God is redefined then and now by the coming of Jesus.

### Notes on our Worship Service...

While we use projection for our songs and liturgy, we do not project the Scripture reading. **Pew Bibles** are located below the seat in front of you and page numbers are included in the Order of Worship. You'll also find a hymnal there too.

Do you need help hearing the service? We have a **T-loop** installed in our sanctuary. Please see the Sound Room Team if you need help connecting.

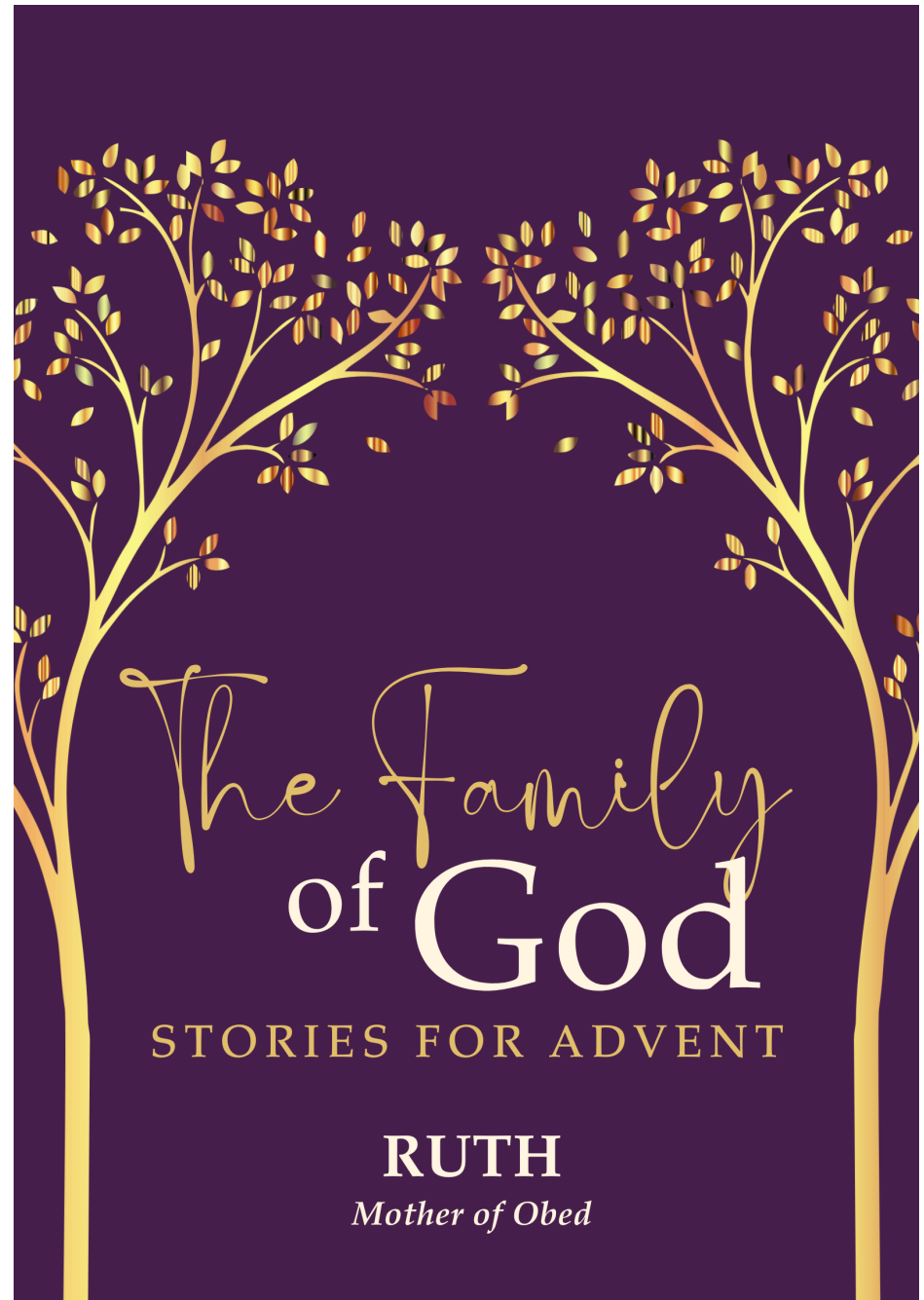
We have several members on-call to help care for your little ones (3 and under) in the **nursery**. Please see one of the Greeters before the service who can help!

If you wish to **give online** rather than in the offering plate, please go to [trinityrc.org/give/](https://trinityrc.org/give/) to make your offering.

For our youngest members in the service, please visit our **Children's Worship Center** (located in the sanctuary) for children's bibles, books, and bulletins. Children (4-4th grade) are invited to **Children + Worship** downstairs following the Children's blessing. *Parents: Children will be led back upstairs at the end of the service.*

*Interested to know more about Trinity Church? We'd love to learn more about you! See the Welcome Desk for more information about how to connect.*

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**15 December 2024**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

# Order of Worship

## Gathering

*Prelude*

*Tolling of the Bell*

Words of Welcome

Song: *Prepare the Way*

Call to Worship & Candle Lighting: Joy

Song: *Prepare the Way*

## Approaching

\*Song of Praise: *In the Presence of Your People #19*

*I Will Sing of the Mercies #30: 1,2*

\*God's Greeting with Mutual Greeting

Special Song: *This Child*, duet by Doug + Lavonne Vande Wege

Baptism of Rylee Schrottenboer

\*Song of Assurance: *Be Still and Know #516: 1,3*

Children's Blessing

Congregational Prayer, Tom Lampen, deacon

Offering + Song: *There is a Redeemer*

## Listening

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:1-19a, 22 (p. 412)

Sermon: Ruth, the Mother of Obed

## Sending

\*Song of Response: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*Benediction

\*Sending Song: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Postlude*

*Please join us in the Cafe for conversation and connection!*

*Rev. Amanda Bakale, Preacher & Liturgist*

*Doug + Lavonne Vande Wege, Song Leaders*

*Wayne Cotts, Accompanist*

*Tom Lampen + Steve Lundy, Greeters*

*Kevin Brower + Manny Garza, Sound & Tech*

*Sally Harper + Beth Borgman, Children & Worship Leaders*

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

# Trinity News + Updates

**Christmas Cards + Cookies** | Today, after morning worship, join us in the gym where we will be packaging Christmas cards and cookies for our homebound members!

**Senior Ministries Christmas Breakfast Potluck** | On Thursday, December 19 at 9:30AM we will have a breakfast potluck here at Trinity in place of our Third Thursday Breakfast. Please see the Welcome Desk or call the church office for items needed and to RSVP.

**Christmas Eve Service - Wed, Dec 24 @ 6:00pm** | This Christmas Eve, we'll gather together for an candlelight service to remember and retell the Christmas Story, to sing our favourite Christmas carols, and to anticipate the coming of Jesus, our light in the darkness.

**Christmas Eve Offering** | Our offering for Christmas Eve will be designated to Community Action House. Community Action has been a community-powered agency since 1969. Their mission is to provide area families and individuals with food, clothing, shelter and the opportunity to build necessary skills to achieve a stable and prosperous life.

**Care Closet** | This month we are looking for donations of **mouth wash and toothpaste**. Please drop them off to the church office or put them in the basket located on the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your continued support of Care Closet!

**Year-end Giving** | If you're still considering making a year-end gift, all donations must be received by the Assistant Treasurer, Hope Ward, by December 27 in order to be counted in the 2024 fiscal year.

**December Calendar** | You may have noticed that we have less meetings on our calendar this month than usual. This is intentional! During this busy time of year, most of our committees and leadership bodies take a mini-sabbath from meeting together. The hope is that we are all able to focus more on worship and rest as we turn our attention to our Emmanuel.

*For more details see the latest issue of Connections or visit [trinityrc.org](http://trinityrc.org)*