

Welcome to Trinity Church!

Advent Series | This Advent season, we journey with the prophet Isaiah and his powerful words about God's promised Prince of Peace.

In a world marked and marred with darkness and loneliness, war and violence, let us put our hope in Jesus, the promised Prince of Peace, who has already come and who will come again.

And let us wonder together, as followers of the Prince of Peace, how we are to live this peace here and now in our everyday lives...

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 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/ or scan the QR code to the left to make your offering.

For our youngest members in the service, please visit our **Children's Worship Center** located in the sanctuary. Here your child will find helpful resources to engage them in worship, including children's bibles, books on faith, and coloring pages connected to our service. Children (4-3rd 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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21 December 2025
4th Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Tolling of the Bell

Refrain: *For You O Lord My Soul in Stillness Waits*

Call to Worship & Candle Lighting: Love

Refrain: *For You O Lord My Soul in Stillness Waits*

Approaching

*Welcome + God's Greeting with Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Baptism of Jayden Silva

Special Music: *This Child, Doug & Lavonne Vande Wege*

Children's Blessing

Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Christ, Be Our Light*

Listening

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16 (p. 1069)

Sermon: A Child Called Emmanuel

Sending

*Song of Response: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Congregational Prayer

Offering Song: *Praise and Thanksgiving*

*Benediction

*Sending Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Postlude

Please join us in the Cafe for conversation and connection!

Rev. Amanda Bakale, Preacher + Liturgist

Dan Kruithof, Song Leader

Wayne Cotts, Organist

Brook + The Oom Family, Greeters

Russ Johnson + Kevin Brower, Sound & Tech

Sally Harper, Children & Worship Leaders

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Trinity News + Updates

Christmas Cards + Cookies | Join us **TODAY** after morning worship, where we will package Christmas cards and cookies in the cafe for our homebound members and missionaries!

Christmas Eve Service - Wed, Dec 24 @ 5:30pm | This Christmas Eve, we'll gather together for a candlelight service to remember and retell the Christmas Story, to sing our favorite 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.

Family Christmas Tree | If you haven't already, you are invited to bring an ornament, with your family's name on it, to add to our Trinity Family Christmas tree! Feel free to add it to the tree in the Sanctuary located near the Children's Worship Center.

Year-end Giving | If you're still considering making a year-end gift, all contributions must be postmarked by **December 31** to be considered for the 2025 calendar year. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Office Closures | The church office will be closed on **Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1** in observance of the holidays. In case of an emergency, please reach out to Pastor Lydia, your elder or VP of Consistory, Gregg Harper.

Angel Tree | A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for helping families in our community during this time of need. Not only did we fulfill all the tags, but we also received even more gifts than we had tags available. Trinity may be a small church, but we have a huge heart for our community! Thank you for your generous hearts!

For more details see the latest issue of Connections or visit trinityrc.org