

Welcome to Trinity Church!

Sermon Series | During Advent, we journeyed with the prophet Isaiah and his powerful words about God's promised Prince of Peace. As we celebrate the Christmas season, we continue to follow our Prince of Peace. In a world 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.

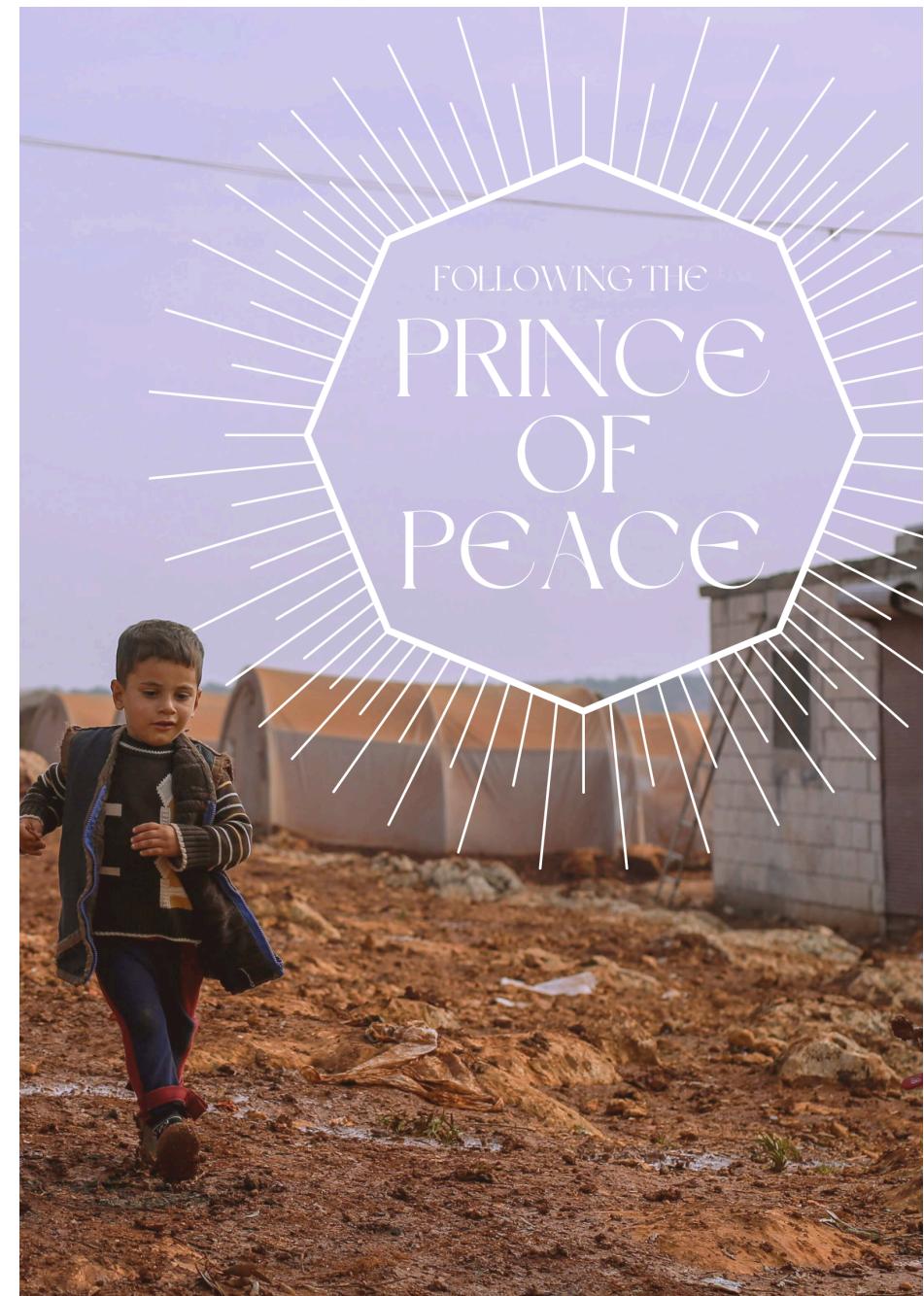
Do you need help hearing the service? We have a **T-loop** installed in our sanctuary. Please see the Sound Room Team if you need help connecting.

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 + Worship will not meet today or on January 4.** We'll see you again on Sunday, January 11!

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.



Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Tolling of the Bell

*Welcome + Call to Worship

Approaching

*Songs of Praise: *Joy to the World* #146:1,4

Angels We Have Heard on High #152:1,2,3

*God's Greeting + Mutual Greeting

*Profession of Faith: From Our Song of Hope

*Song: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #558:1,2,3,4

Listening

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 1498)

Sermon: The Prince of Peace & the King of Violence

Sending

*Song of Response: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #145:1,3

Congregational Prayer

Offering Song: *O Word of God Incarnate* #310:1,2,3

*Benediction

*Sending Song: *Aaron's Blessing*

Postlude

Please join us in the Cafe for conversation and connection!

Rev. Amanda Bakale, Preacher + Liturgist
Doug + Lavonne Vande Wege, Song Leaders
Judy Koeman, Organist
Dee Hubbard, Greeter
Russ Johnson + Kevin Brower, Sound & Tech

* Please rise in body or spirit

Trinity News + Updates

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

Staff Vacations | **Pastor Amanda** will be on vacation beginning on Monday, December 29 and will return to the office on **Tuesday, January 6**. During this time, she will be away from her inbox and will not be on call. If you have any pastoral care concerns or needs, please reach out to Pastor Lydia or your elder.

Samantha will be on vacation Monday, December 29 and will return to the office on **Monday, January 5**. The church office will be open and covered by volunteers while she is away.

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!

Operation Shoe Box | If you would like to repurpose your Christmas card fronts (must be blank on back side) for Operation Shoe Box, please put them in Cliff + Nancy Ponstein's church mailbox. Ladies will write notes to service persons on back side. Thank you!

Merry Christmas + Happy New Year from the Trinity Staff | Thank you for your kind gifts, lovely cards, and well wishes this time of year. A special thank you for the gift of a Christmas Staff lunch this year. We enjoyed gathering around a table to eat together rather than just meet together!

May you each experience the presence of Jesus in a special way this Christmas season and may you know God's faithfulness even more in the coming year!

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