

# 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.

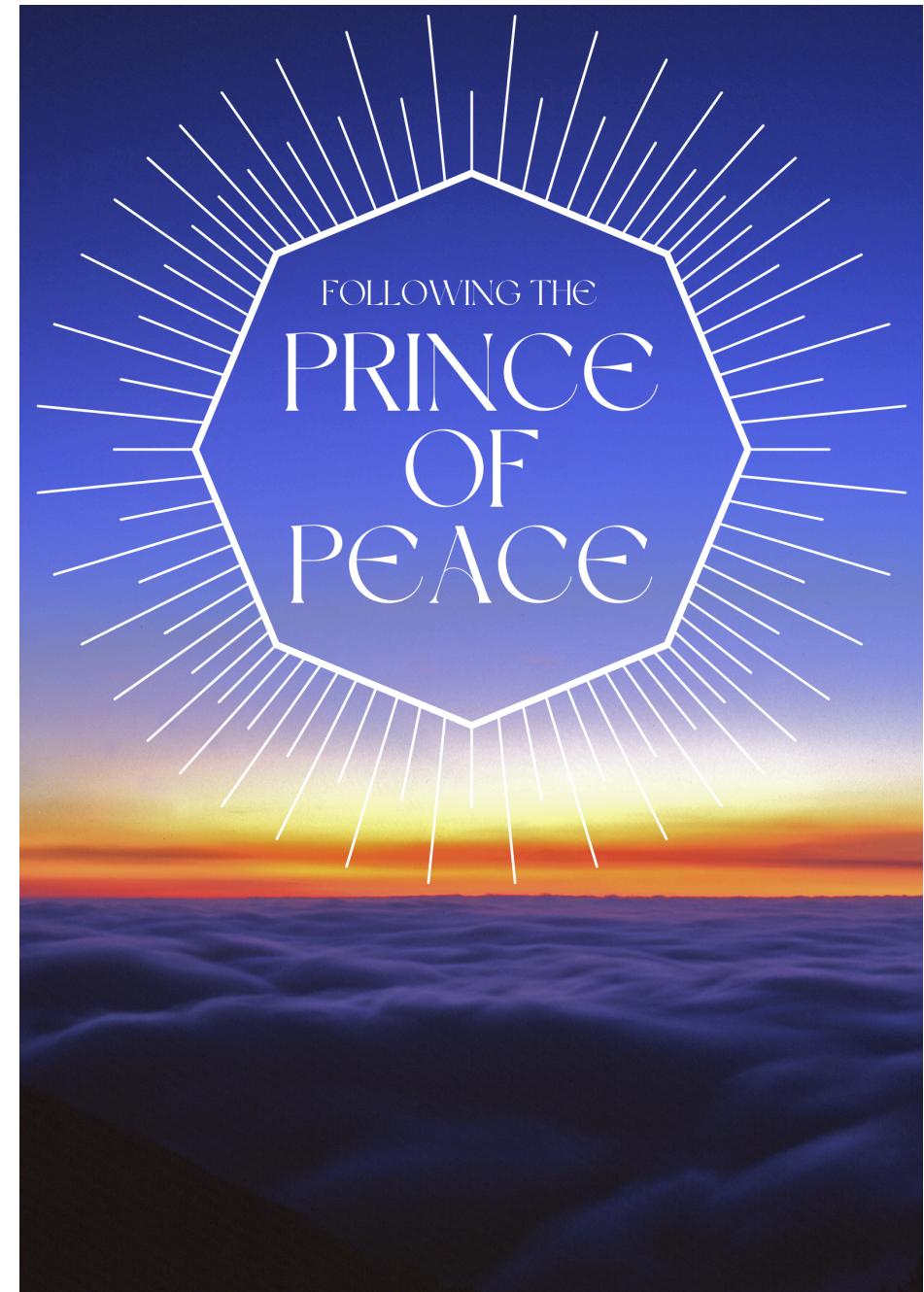
Do you need help hearing the service? We have a **T-loop** installed in our sanctuary. Please see the Sound Room Team if you need help connecting.

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/](http://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.** 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: *Here I Am to Worship*

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne #198:1,2,5*

\*God's Greeting + Mutual Greeting

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Offering Song: *Brightest and Best of the Stars #182:1,2,4*

## Listening

Scripture: *Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 1155)*

Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Sermon: *Light in the Darkness*

Song of Response: *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving + Invitation

Sharing of the Bread: *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

Sharing of the Cup: *Remembering with Love & Hope*

Congregational Prayer

\*Song: *In Christ Alone*

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Sending Song: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Postlude

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

Rev. Lydia Ribich, Preacher + Liturgist

Doug + Lavonne Vande Wege, Song Leaders

Deb Koopmans, Organist

Dee Hubbard, Greeter

# Trinity News + Updates

**Epiphany Stars** | Star words were handed out as you walked in today. If you did not receive one, they will be available in a basket on the Welcome Desk for the next two weeks. Anyone unable to attend can simply request the church office to mail one.

**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!

**Third Thursday Breakfast at Bob Evans** | Please join Neil and Karen DeBoer on **Thursday, January 15 at 9:30AM** for good food and conversation with friends. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or on our [website](#).

**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!

**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.