



**Christmas Eve at Trinity Church
December 24, 2021
Carols and Candlelight
Eleven o'clock**

Welcome to Christmas Eve at Trinity. . .

It is a joy to welcome you to this festive service on Christmas Eve.

When I was a boy, on Christmas Eve mom would have made matching outfits for her three sons and her husband. One year we were dressed in plaid pants, white shirts, and red sweaters. We were to light the Christ Candle during the service. The children's choir would sing and we would be wearing our special robes and then sit with our families for the rest of the service. It was an exciting service and then it was home to bed. One year on Christmas morning we were up at 3 a.m., then at 4 a.m. and finally at 4:30 a.m. we were allowed to go downstairs to see the tree and gifts for Christmas. We all took a nap later that day!

Excitement! There is nothing like the glow of a child at Christmas. The expectation, the hope, and wondering what they will find under the tree this year for Christmas.

This year it seems to me that the "excitement" is very muted. There has been so much sadness in our community and in the nation. We so desire peace. Peace is not the absence of troubles; peace is the presence of Christ. As we worship this evening may you experience the presence of Christ always with us.

Christmas Offering – *as you leave the sanctuary this evening if you wish to give a gift to the Christ child and for the ministry of God's people in this place, you may place it in the offering plate that is held by one of the deacons. If you are a guest or friend, please know that this is our gift to you and we rejoice that you are with us on this Christmas Eve.*

Second Day of Christmas – December 26
Worship and Christmas Carols at 9 a.m.

Music of Anticipation

*Christmas Carol: No. 132

Angels We Have Heard On High

*The Bidding Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Blessing

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**Jesus Christ is the brightest revelation of God's love.
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over
all creation.**

Christ Jesus, who being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
**but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a
servant, being made in human likeness.**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory,

**the glory of the One and Only, who came from the
Father, full of grace and truth.**

—based on John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15, NIV

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Trinity Bells

O Night Divine – arr. Eithun

From the Prophets

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. ¹

Psalms 96

Responsively

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

² **Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴ **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹² **let the field exult, and everything in it!**

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**¹³ before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness. ²

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Repeat the Sounding Joy – arr. Eithun

Epistle Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. ³

*Christmas Carol: No. 145

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*The Christmas Gospel

St. Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Beth-lehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring

² *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

³ *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ **Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
Good will toward men.**

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Beth-lehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.⁴

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Angel Tidings – arr. Dobrinski

Christmas Story

The Rev'd Dr. David Alan Williams

All Is Well!

The Collects of Christmas

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

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We Three Kings – arr. Dombrinski

Lighting of the Candles

We are using electronic candles tonight, please turn your candle on as the sanctuary darkens.

⁴ *The Holy Bible: King James Version*. (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Lk 2:1–20). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Christmas Carol: No. 147

Silent Night
Stille Nacht

*Christmas Blessing

*Christmas Carol: No. 125

Joy to the World

*Going Forth

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Gold Paraments signify virtue and the Glory of God. The pulpit fall has the victorious lamb as picture in Revelation 21, the Bible bookmarker has the resurrection butterfly, and the communion table notes that Jesus is the “King of Kings!” Pastor’s Stole has the Christmas Rose on one side that represent Jesus “the Light of the World” and on the other side is the Glastonbury Thorn that blooms on Christmas Day and the Lord’s Nativity.



Those Remembered in prayer:

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Carol Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Dana Dawson, Dawn Gindlesperger, Andrea Shaulis Harris, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Jennifer

Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp,
Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley,
Nancy Weighley, Karen Will,
Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

Prayer Concerns:
For the Family of Jim Suder

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Tom Croner

Acolyte: Cohen Clark

Bulletin: dedicated to the memory of her grandparents, Dan and Anna May Weighley, and her uncle, Jamie Weighley by Craig, Amanda, Knox & Tatum Stiffler

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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Poinsettias On the Altar

In honor of Bob Chappie and Mike Chappie by Dave, Missy,
Matthew & Kaitlyn Miller

In memory of Grandma Mae (Edna May Chappie) by Dave, Missy,
Matthew & Kaitlyn Miller

To the Glory of God by Bob & Carol Brown

In honor of our parents / grandparents Walter and Myra Miller by
Renee, Tyler & Kaitlyn Gindlesperger

In honor of our parents / grandparents Lloyd and Susan Miller by
Renee, Tyler & Kaitlyn Gindlesperger

In memory of our grandparents / great grandparents Sarah Mills,
Mary Miller and Pos and Ruth Gindlesperger by Renee, Tyler &
Kaitlyn Gindlesperger

In honor of our family; Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan and
Kamden by Lori & Mark Gindlesperger

In memory of our parents, Carl and Faye Flamm, Jim and Marian
Gindlesperger by Lori & Mark Gindlesperger

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Saylor's wedding by Carl & Karol Saylor

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barron, sister Laverne, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saylor, Helen, Phyllis, Mary and Dick by Carl & Karol Saylor

In memory of Marlin, Linda, and Doug McClintock by Debbie Boyer

In memory of John and Dorothy Slifco by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco

In memory of Frank and Ruth Ream by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco

In memory of Frank Ream Jr. by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco

In memory of Joseph M. Ream by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco

In memory of Taylor M. Landis by Bill, Barb & Drew Landis and Megan McGowan

In memory of Edward and Etta Landis by Bill & Barb Landis

In loving memory of my Father, Lester Coslic by Sue Miller

In memory of Carl Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family

In memory of Charles and Mary Smith, and Phillip Henry and Mary Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family

In memory of Frank Ream by Nancy Bittner

In memory of Frank Ream by Shane Taylor

In memory of our daughters Joyce Custer and Jane Countryman Emerick by Don & Nancy Custer

