

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

REFLECTION: “Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.” – Psalm 25:5

PRELUDE: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” – Hal Hopson, Hendrik Andriessen

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord will fulfill all the promises given to God's people.

People: Praise be to God.

Leader: The days are coming when all shall be revealed.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The signs of God's Good News are all around us.

People: The darkness has overshadowed them.

Leader: God will bring to us a new light for all generations.

People: Open our eyes, Lord, to see your promises fulfilled.

***OPENING HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (1-3,6)” #211**

***OPENING PRAYER: Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.**

***ACT OF PRAISE: #63**

**Blessed be the Name! Blessed Be the Name!
Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!
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Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Leadership Team

ADVENT SONG #2090

**Light the Advent candle, one:
Now the waiting has begun;
we have started on our way,
time to think of Christmas day.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16
*Gospel Alleluia: #2043
*Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” – Dale Wood

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Darwell” – George Miles

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Holy God of new beginnings, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We enter the season of Advent with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts be dedicated to help heal the brokenness of our world and to welcome our Messiah into the world once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” – arr. David Simmons.

MESSAGE: “It's About the Light” Rev. Matthew Wissell

***CLOSING HYMN: “Rejoice, the Lord is King” #715**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Wachet Auf” (Wake Awake) – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Tuckerman Ferris, Bob Gabrielski, Kris Haboran, Barbara Henning, Kim Henning, Marge McClelland, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Tracy Bell, Rosalie Bagenski (Tami Bay's mother).

NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY.

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Matt at mjwissell@gmail.com or texted to 978-430-2749 (please leave your name as well as your request).

FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE HUNT, Friday, December 3rd at 6pm:

We will begin with cookies and hot cocoa....and then search for the hidden candy canes. Please bring a flashlight! If you would like to donate candy canes, they can be dropped off at the church from 10am to 12noon Monday through Thursday. Any size and flavor of candy cane would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Holly Landry at 978-774-0528 or hollyjlandry@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED: Coffee Hosts are needed to provide refreshments following our Sunday worship service. If you are interested in helping out please contact Marsha Trott (marsha.trott@yahoo.com, 351-201-9648) or Brenda Ferris (ferb75@verizon.net), 978-777-0664).

FALL CLEAN UP: Saturday, December 4th from 9am to 12noon. Anyone interested in helping is very much welcome.

MINISTRY IN SALEM: Thanks to all who have helped us throughout the pandemic. It's that time of the year where we start to think about sleeping bags, blankets, warm jackets, hoodies, etc. Socks are always eagerly received. Please let me know when you have something to donate as it cannot be left in the fellowship hall. If you have donations, please see Barbara Otto the organist after service or text her at 978-325-6179. Thanks for your hospitality.

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1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

November 28, 2021

The Reverend Matthew J. Wissell, *Pastor*
Dr. Karl Henning, *Director of Music*
Rev. Barbara Otto, *Organist*
Carol Mortimore, *Office Administrator*
Linda Lima, *Sexton*