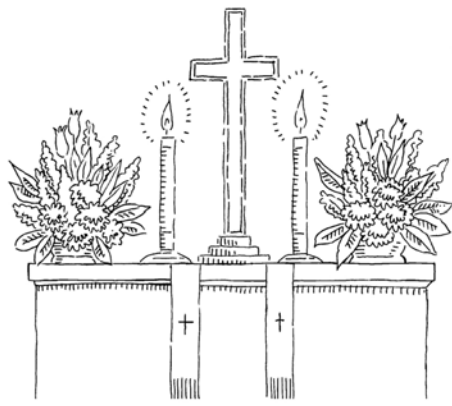


The Arts in Worship

Just as the Word of God is read from the Bible and proclaimed in the sermon, so can the arts, including music, drama, colors, etc., be helpful in our understanding God's message to us in Scripture.



✠ **The Banners:**

The **Three Paneled Banner** sets before us a star, a manger and a crown, reminding us that during Advent we watch for signs of the in-breaking Kingdom of God, where Christ is Savior, Lord and King.

The **8-Panel Banner**, located in the narthex, contains symbols pointing us toward the birth of Jesus Christ and reminding us of the significance of His birth for us today.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Remember to pray always for one another. Pray also for these Trinity people whose names have been lifted up—*Myrta Berger, Susan Bright, Bridgette Crable, Barbara Eicher, Stella Fritter, Shelbe Kearney, Phil Kester, Phoebe Mackey, Al Pierce*

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR TRINITY NAMETAG on Sunday mornings. There is nothing like a nametag to convey a sense of friendliness and openness. Make the first move by wearing yours, then leave it in the Welcome Center hallway where you can pick it up each week.

ONLINE GIVING—Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. To establish an online account and make an online gift, go to Trinity's website at <http://www.trinityumc.net> and click on "Resources" and then "Online Giving" in the drop down menu. You will find written directions on how to proceed using Access ACS. You can access the internet via Trinity's guest wireless service [Network ID—*TrinityUMC_Guest*; Password—*John3:16.*] Because giving of our tithes and offerings is an act of worship, for those who are giving electronically or online, "Giving Cards" cards are available in the pews so you may participate in the offering during Sunday morning Worship. For help navigating the online system, contact Kim Tingler at ktingler@trinityumc.net or 288-6057 ext. 202.

TO OUR VISITORS... It is a joy to have you share in our worship service today. We invite you to enjoy fellowship time in the Welcome Center between our services each week. There you can enjoy a cup of coffee or lemonade, find information for upcoming events, and be greeted by some of our members—look especially for the yellow lanyards!

It is our prayer that you would experience God's presence and discover God's will for your life. At Trinity we feel that we are *"being changed while changing the world."* We invite you to journey with us as we **Connect with God, Grow in our faith, and Serve others.**

If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will find it here at Trinity. As a large, west end church we offer many programs and opportunities for all ages. We would be happy to talk with you about uniting in membership. Please call 288-6057 to talk with Thomas Lott, Associate Pastor, (ext. 205) or myself (ext. 204).

We hope to see you here again soon!

Larry Lenow, Pastor

Please Sign the Attendance Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member we would like to know that you worshipped with us this morning, and which of our services you attended.

Prayer Concerns - Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a green Pastoral Care Card (*located in the Attendance Book*) and drop it in the offering plate.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone," 1 Timothy 2:1.

Children's Worship Discovery Bags for sermon time are available in the Foyers. Please return the bags to the bins after each service.

Our Homebound Members can call on Sunday mornings and be connected to the Worship Service—dial **726-8800** and you will be able to listen to, and participate in, worship! Call Paula Cadden (288-6057 ext. 201) with questions.

Prayer Chain Ministry... To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, call Judy Oguich (*288-6057 ext. 206*). We have over 30 persons who have committed themselves to praying for our community.

OUR STAFF TO HELP YOU

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A Service of Lessons and Carols

RESPONSE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LESSON (Zephaniah 3:17-20)

Rob and Joanne Spotts, 8:00
Mike, Deanna, Mary Katherine, Matthew, Allison, and Elizabeth McCullough, 11:00

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—Christ Our Joy

We light this candle as a symbol of joy. May Christ’s coming bring joy to our lives and to the world. O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In Unison)

Gracious and loving God, the creator and sustainer of life, in this season of gifts, we give thanks to you for the greatest gift of all – the babe of Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ. Your gift of love renews us, sustains us and gives us a joy that knows no end. Enable us to share that unconditional love to those that we meet this day – so that your gift keeps on giving. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Asbury Ringers; Charles Staples, director
“Coventry Carol” (Burt)

BRINGING OF LIGHT INTO THE SANCTUARY

8:00 Acolytes: *Zach Smith, Clay Given;*
Grace Stocks (Bible Bearer); Gracie Smith (Crucifer)
 11:00 Acolytes: *Lizzie Danforth, Sarah Ann Mottley;*
Gretchen Neary (Bible Bearer); Abby Oguich (Crucifer)

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Once in Royal David’s City”
Sydney Duerson and Allison McCullough, soloists

The Congregation joins in singing verses 3 –6

3. And through all his wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
 Love and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms he lay:
 Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew,
 He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew,
 And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love,
 For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;
 And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
 We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
 Where like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.

*** BIDDING PRAYER**

Larry E. Lenow

Carol (11:00) *“Prepare the Way of the Lord” (Mayo)*
Carol Choir and Rainbow Singers
Katie Berlin and Pat Ruscus, directors; Peggy Hart and Virginia Rhines, handbells

Welcome! Thank you for sharing this time of worship with us.

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 (p. 3) *Austin Purcell, 8:00*
Sophia Swartz, 11:00

The following will be said after each lesson:

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
Congregational Response: Thanks Be to God!

Carol *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Praetorius/Schweizer)*
The Trinity Choir; Jeanne Mertens, soloist

* **Hymn** (No. 196) *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* **Congregation**

SECOND LESSON—Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (p. 638) *Eliza Sofinski, 8:00*
Garrett Oguich, 11:00

Carol *“And the Glory of the Lord” [from Messiah] (Handel)*
Pat P. Ruscus, organ

THIRD LESSON—Luke 1:26-35 (N.T., p. 56) *Kim Jordan, 8:00*
Courtenay Brooks, 11:00

Carol *“How Far Is It to Bethlehem?” (arr. Shaw/Parker)*

FOURTH LESSON—Luke 2:1-7 (N.T., p. 58) *Mary Holland Thompson, 8:00*
Marsha Shuler, 11:00

Carol *“What Ya Gonna Name Your Baby Boy?” (Lantz)*

FIFTH LESSON—Luke 2:8-16 (N.T., p. 58) *Rhunell Pierce,, 8:00*
Kathy Crew, 11:00

Carol *“Glory to God” (Bach/arr. C. Staples)*

* **Hymn** (No. 238) *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* **Congregation**

SIXTH LESSON—Matthew 2:1-11 (N.T., p. 2) *Jack Berry, 8:00*
Cliff Culley, 11:00

Offertory Carol *“March of the Kings” (arr. C. Staples)*

* **Hymn** (No. 246) *“Joy to the World”* **Congregation**

The Offering Will Be Presented During The Singing Of This Hymn

SEVENTH LESSON—John 1:1-14 (N.T., p. 91) *Bill Burch, 8:00*
Brent Belding, 11:00

Carol *“What Sweeter Music” (Vaughan Williams/arr. Schweizer)*

* **COLLECT AND BENEDICTION** M. Thomas Lott

* **Hymn** (No. 234) *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* **Congregation**
verses 1, 2, 3 and 6

** Please stand as you are able*

Worship has ended—let your Service begin.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* TIME OF GREETING

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—*Christ Our Joy*
 Davis and Hildie Bottom

* OPENING SONGS *The Worship Team*
“How Great Is Our God”
“Breathe”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE ~ Luke 3:7-18

THE MESSAGE *Larry Lenow*
What Are You Doing?

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING
“No Longer Slaves”

* CLOSING
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

* BENEDICTION

Worship Leader: Jay Johnson, Modern Worship Leader

** Please stand as you are able*

Worship has ended—let your Service begin.

PLEASE JOIN US in the Welcome Center after each Worship service for a time of fellowship.

THE FLOWERS used to beautify our Worship services this morning are given to honor Vivian Campbell by Carol Wampler and Marsha Shuler, and to celebrate National ‘We Love Vivian’ Day.

Flowers are also in loving memory of Catherine Crawford, given by her family.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS are available in the Narthex on both sides of the Sanctuary—**Unto us a Child is Born**, by Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Advent Devotions for Children and Families is available in the Welcome Center.