



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Thursday, December 16, 2021



Christmas Musical

“For Unto Us!”

**Thursday, December 16th, 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 19th, 10:45 am**

A Christmas Carol service with readings and reflections

OPENING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

The Greenwood Muse

Marion Baker, Diane Hanse, Fred Jenkins, MaryJane Nelson, Sharon Nelson

WELCOME AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Pianist: Todd Davis

arr. Molly Ijames

CALL TO WORSHIP (standing)

Pastor Carl F. Peterson

L: Come, thou long expected Jesus!
A: Reign and rule in our hearts alone!
L: Come, thou long expected Jesus!
A: Raise us to thy glorious throne!

HYMN #196 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule
in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor Carl F. Peterson

L: O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior:

A: Come and save us, O Lord, our God.

L: O WISDOM, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly:

A: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

L: O ADONAI and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush and gave him the law on Sinai:

A: Come, and with your outstretched arm redeem us.

L: O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication:

A: Come, and deliver us and tarry not.

L: O KEY OF DAVID and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens:

A: Come, and bring forth from prison the captive who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

L: O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice:

A: Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

L: O KING OF THE GENTILES and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one:

A: Come, and deliver us whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.

***HYMN #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem
(stanza 4)***

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS**CHILDREN'S TALK**

George Karnes

NARRATION

George Karnes

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Chancel Choir

arr. John Behnke

SOLOIST

My Lord What a Morning
Soloist: Bruce Snyder

RESPONSIVE READING: A reading from Isaiah 40:1-5

Pastor Carl F. Peterson

Leader 1: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

All: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

Leader 1: A voice of one calling:

Leader 2: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

All: And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

SOLOIST

Carole for Advent
Soloist: Jennifer Hughes-Beshore

Claire Hollinger

NARRATION

George Karnes and Jan Ocamb

READING: A reading from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

ANTHEM

For Unto Us a Child Is Born (from Messiah, K. 56)
Four Hand Pianist: Todd Davis

George Frideric Handel

ANTHEM

On This Day
Sing and Celebrate Choir

arr. Hal Hopson

SOLOIST

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
Soloist: Michelle Loomis

READING: Luke 2:8-20

“From the mundane to the miraculous!”

George Karnes

(As the scripture is read, we hear music from Messiah by George Frideric Handel)

HYMN #240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;*

*hail th’incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we may no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

SOLOIST

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
Soloist: Jane Gable

Jaroslav Vajda, Craig Courtney

SOLOIST

Mary Did You Know?
Soloist: Amy Rynex

HYMN #246 Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

CLOSING

NARRATION

George Karnes

ANTHEM

Angels Watching Over Me
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

HYMN #239 Silent Night

*Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of
redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

THOUGHTS

Pastor Carl F. Peterson

CLOSING PRAYER AND POSTLUDE

Carol of the Bells
Handbell Choir

Narrations written and compiled by Jan Ocamb.

Handbell Choir Director: Wilma Rockey

Kendall Bankert, Cheryl Bargo, Jennifer Elliott, Cindy Hart, Fred Jenkins, George Karnes, Kathy Karnes, Betsy Leppo, Jan Ocamb, Jeff Row, Charlotte Wagoner, Jodi Walters, Karen Zeedick

Chancel Choir:

Soprano: Dawn Bailets, Jane Gable, Sue Grubb, Amy Rynex

Alto: Kendall Bankert, Cathy Baum, Kathy Karnes, Jan Ocamb, Sally Ray, Wilma Rockey, Jodi Walters

Tenor: Fred Jenkins, Roger Miller, Jeff Row

Bass: Tom Baum, Ken Gable, Owen Rynex

Youth Choir: Meredith Hetrick, Angel Snyder, Kaylynn Snyder

Sing and Celebrate Choir: Cindy Durborow, Vicky Forman, Norm Haas, Mary Herr
Linda Love, Betsy Miller, Mary Twigg, Bruce Snyder

Drums: Nihal Andrews

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father

Rev. Arun Andrews, Senior Pastor

Rev. Carl Ford Peterson, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Peggy Spengler, Pastor of Prayer, Discipleship and Evangelism

Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries

Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse

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