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December 13, 2020

Online Service available 8:15 am

THEME FOR DECEMBER: A Joy for All Seasons



OPENING WORDS

PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning
Soloist: Bruce Snyder

traditional Spiritual (Burleigh)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1:46-55)

Mel Eyer

L: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

A: For he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

L: From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me.

A: Holy is his name.

L: His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

A: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

L: He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

A: He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

L: He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful.

A: To Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.

HYMN* Emmanuel, Emmanuel

(Sung 2x, with synthesizer and additional instrumentation)

*Emmanuel Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne*

OPENING PRAYER**

Mel Eyer

Good and gracious Father, thank you for filling our hearts with the joy of this special season. We come to you after another week of life and bow in your presence in worship. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone love us like you do. You alone do the miracles you can. In good times and bad times, remind us that waiting times are not wasted times. As we learn from the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah, helps us to keep up the faith and see how you send down your miracles. In Jesus name. Amen.

ANTHEM

Advent Hymn (Waiting Watching) Rick Lee James, Ted Rastatter
Members of the Chancel Choir Tenor and Bass Section

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-25

Mel Eyer

CHILDREN'S TALK

Kaity Wickenheiser

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

John and Barb Mickle

Advent Song: Little light for you+

*Through Bethlehem's skies, you sent your light,
Into our world that silent night,
Down through the ages, we can see,
Your mercy and love for eternity*

Chorus

*Lord I want to be a little light for you,
Just a little, little light for you,
Help me Lord to help someone see you through,
Be a little, little, light for you*

*Through heartache and cries, you send your love,
Into our world, to lead us now,
Down in our brokenness, we can see,
Your light that can lead us to eternity*

ANNOUNCEMENTS**SERMON**

Miracle-Driven Joy

Rev. David McCullough

HYMN* It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing*

*For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing
The wonders wonders of His love*

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Charles Callahan

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,
Haley Warner, Director of Youth Ministries

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In-Person Services and Gatherings:

My dear church family,

As the song writer expressed, we are each one living our lives, "one day at a time".

Please find herewith attached a letter from our Bishop, Jeremiah Park.

In view of this communication from the Bishop and Cabinet, I am writing to let you know that we will not be meeting in-person for church services or gatherings at Trinity until the end of the year.

The Bishop's letter captures the mix of emotions surrounding such a decision in a very pastoral manner.

As your pastor, I want to appreciate everyone who participated in our in-person worship services and especially those who worked behind the scenes and on the scene to offer the best environment for worship when we were able to meet.

I am writing this letter in consultation with our Leadership Team and urge all of you to continue to keep your eyes on the Lord, even through these very challenging, traumatic and painful days. It is impossible to write a letter like this without thinking of the millions of homes and individuals whose lives have been painfully altered by this pandemic. May each of you be blessed with health and strength and protection.

Under His everlasting arms, Arun

Testimony Sunday 2 Minute Video:

On Sunday, December 27th we will look forward to testimonies of God's goodness, lessons learned, and lessons received in our lives. Would you be willing to share a 2 minute video recorded testimony that we can include in our Testimony Sunday?

Please record your videos using a smart phone that is placed or held horizontally and not vertically.

iPhone users may kindly use the following settings: Go to settings, to Camera, to Record video, and choose 1080 at 60 frames/second. Place your phone no more than 6-7 feet away in order to get a clear audio recording of the video. To help more individuals participate, kindly strictly adhere to the 2 minute time limit. Kindly insert these words in the subject line of your e-mail while sending the videos:

Testimony Sunday Video 2020 Submit your video to Nihal Andrews by emailing it to media@trinityumnc.com with a copy to pastor@trinityumnc.com Submission by December 20th.

Thought of the week from Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Group:

"World peace happens one friend at a time." Judith Fertig

Project A.S.K. Assisting Students and Kids:

As Trinity church has done in the past, we are again collecting food and toiletry items for the needy students of West Shore School District. Please consider bringing items into the church and putting them on the designated table in the hallway. This project provides dignity, anonymity and a basic need to these students PLUS Trinity church is supporting OUR Community with this effort. There is a list of the preferred items on Trinity's website and a copy on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please contact Cathy Baum @ (717)-774-0907 for further information.

2021 SECRET SISTERS PROGRAM

New ladies, of any age, are welcome to join by completing a pink information sheet indicating information about you (favorite color, food, etc). This is to be returned to Vicky Forman by 12/31/2020. You will be given your Secret Sister's name and information sheet for 2021, which will be selected by a lottery. Do not reveal yourself to anyone for the entire year. Requirements for this program are a gift on Mother's Day, her birthday, Easter and Christmas along with cards or notes of encouragement throughout the year. We currently gather with Zoom for an hour from 10-11AM every 3rd Saturday of each month, for a time to chat, share and prayer.

Please text Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568 or vickyforman1@gmail.com with any questions.

For those already involved in the **2020 SS program**, due to COVID you are requested to drop your SS Christmas gift off at your SS's home (not at the church), and reveal yourself by putting a note on the gift stating "do not open until 12/19", and place a card which reveals your name and phone number so your SS can contact you directly. If you need help getting your package over to your SS please let Vicky know as soon as possible. Since we are unable to gather together this year, a Sister's name will be pulled out of a hat and given to you for the year 2021.

Santa will be visiting the New Cumberland Fire Department
Sunday, December 6, 13, and 20 from 1-4 PM.

Due to Covid 19 Santa visits will be a drive-thru at the fire station only, treats will be provided.

Praise: For God's faithfulness to us through these difficult days.
Gift of twins born to Chelsea and Scott (great grandchildren to Jean Ruth).

Bereavement: Liz Lyter- November 27, 2020

Health concerns: Bonnie Moyer, Rev. Carl F. Peterson and Linda, Freda Carlson, Ed Shelly, Patsy & Nevin Bashore, Dan & Adam Arnold, Shirley Sharpe, Todd Davis, Sue Beshore, Barbara Kiehl, Austin Estep, Rhoda and Mark Houser, Evan Semoff, Joann Frownfelter, Gene Matter, Connie Williams.

Requests from congregation: John C. Miller Jr. (son of Don and Nancy Miller)- lung cancer, Kevin Quinn (son-in-law of Rev. Carl F. Peterson), Marco Soto (uncle of Harry Rodriguez), Jo Wise, Roberta Danner (friend of Linda Love), Lee Creamer (son of Rev. & Mrs. Creamer), Jim Lutz (friend of Barbara Zimmerman), Family of Eva Wacker (Linda Love), Family and loved ones of Addison Parthermore (6 years old) who passed away (Rev & Mrs. Creamer), Pete Peterson (step father of Mike Kirkham) - Covid, Ruth Cruz Valentine (wife of Rev. Manny Valentine)- lung cancer. Makayla Dorwart (family circle of Millie Walters) - 20 year old with mass in adrenal gland, Aruldeep Babu- brain surgery & yet to recover.