

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2024

Prelude Laurie Knapp
(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

*Call to Worship

We heard the angels singing.

Walk into the new season with hope and joy!

We saw the shepherds tremble in the field.

Look up, for a new star shines on the horizon.

We heard a baby cry.

**Sing praises to our God of mercy,
for the Light of the World is born,
and God is with us!**

*Opening Hymn 206
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Opening Prayer

As we celebrate the birth of the Savior, help us, O God of truth, walk humbly and righteously through all our coming days. As we let go of the past, help us to embrace a future full of faith and commitment, obedient to your will. Give us the strength to do your work and the wisdom to follow your voice. Forgive us and renew us. Heal us where we are worn and broken, hurting and afraid. Make us your people and call us out of the darkness into the light of love and peace, for we pray in the name of the King of Kings, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Psalter 861-862
Psalm 148

*Litany of the Magi

Passing of the Peace

"Let the Children Come!"
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Anthem Choir
"Christmas Bells Are Ringing"

Scripture Lessons Page 59 (N.T.)
Pages 191-192 (N.T.)
Luke 2:41-52
Colossians 3:12-17

Homily for a New Year Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation 375
"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Prayer of Confession 890

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, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Laurie Knapp

*Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition 607

Celebration of Healing & Holy Communion for The New Year
Insert

*Closing Hymn 618
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *"May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You"* Choir & Congregation

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Darlene L. Kelley* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
Pianist: *Laurie Knapp* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*
Liturgist: *Bob Strickland* Time Together: *Jack Stevens; Pam Turner*

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning.

Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jimmy Grahl, by his family.

**“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS
MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...**

Hilda Edwards Patsy Shuler Marilyn Lloyd Tom Lloyd Ruth Frady Libby Strickland
Kathy Aiello Diane Muszynski Latson Lewis English Pearcy Ray Frady Hannah Glanz
Kaye Floyd

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

Family and Friends: **Kathleen Varnadore** (*Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor*); **Paul Frenzel** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Sissy Henry** (*former member of Trinity*); **Sean & Tucker Smith** (*cousins of Darlene Kelley*); **Sonny Hardee** (*brother of Lynn Martin*); **Colby Martin** (*son of Donna Muszynski*); **Sonya & Wayne Dooley** (*daughter and son-in-law of Joyce Robinson*); **Lynne Powell** (*friend of the Ballentines and Branhams*); **Bobby Johnson** (*friend of Billy Pearson*); **Rev. Donna Eidson** (*former pastor of Trinity*); **Ima Thibodeaux** (*friend of Christopher McCroskey*); **Keith Jordan** (*nephew of John & Kay Jordan*); **Deanne Summer** (*partner of Martha Cooke*); **Ann Cullum** (*friend of Bob Strickland*); **Malcolm Skipper** (*grandfather of Matthew Skipper*); **Bryan Collard** (*brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Charlyn McNeill, Michael McNeill** (*sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Missy Abrams** (*stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams*); **Mary Davis** (*daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland*); **Chuck Hardee** (*cousin of Lynn Martin*); **Bruce Beatty, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (*friends of Lynn Martin*); **Pearl Geddens** (*mother of Tom Geddens*); **Ross Deal** (*grandson of Mary Kamoroff*); **Nancy Wilson** (*friend of Jeanette Hornsby*); **David Turner** (*brother of Pam Turner*); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (*friends of Tommy Gleaton*); **Ron & Janet Walker** (*friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton*); **Merit Takach** (*friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson*); **James Boggs** (*father of Claire Boggs*); **Bill Areheart** (*friend of Bonnie Ramsey*); **Robert Bradley** (*Business Associate of Simon Ross*); **Monnie Tiller** (*friend of Chris Derrick*); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (*stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey*); **Haidee Baehr** (*friends of Ruth Frady*); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (*cousins of Gale Frady*); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (*friends of Gale Frady*); **Janet Beck** (*friend of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Adam Lavender** (*son of Phil Lavender*)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 12/22 SS: 8 Worship: 45

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/22 \$ 9,017.50

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

01/01 New Year's Day

Office Closed

01/03 Office Closed



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District Superintendent

The Congregation

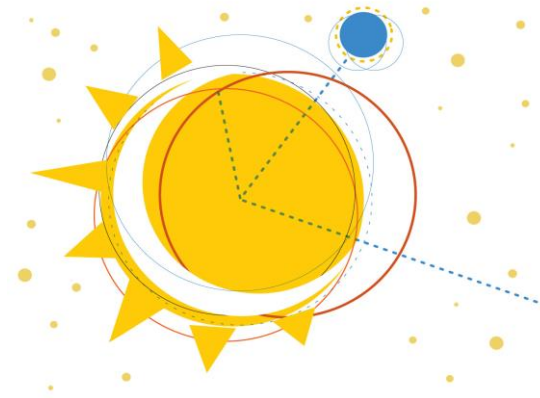
Darlene L. Kelley

Leonard Fairley

Rev. Fran M. Elrod

***Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.***

***Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and
Transform***



Praise him,
sun and **moon**;
praise him, all you
shining stars!

PSALM 148:3, NRSV

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We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not Death, was the final word.

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished and healed by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world.

And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

**We do not presume to come to this thy table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness, but in thy manifold and great
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is
always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore,
gracious God, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus
Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, and grow into his
likeness,
and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread. Take. The Bread of Life.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.
Take. Drink. The Cup of the New Covenant. God is with you.



Litany of the Magi

As the wise men of old followed the star
**Help us, O God, to follow the leading of
Your Spirit.**

As they were led to the Savior:

**Lead us, O God, to Him who is the Way,
the Truth and the Life.**

As they brought treasures to the king:

**Empower us, O God, to bring His gifts of faith and hope and
love to the world.**

As they fell down to worship the Child:

**Inspire us, O God, to serve Him every moment
of our lives.**

As Herod was kept from doing Him harm:

**Keep us, O God, from doing violence to His Name by thought or
word or deed.**

As Mary kept all things and pondered them in her heart: **Enable us, O
God, to remember and to love.**

As your Son shines forever as the Light of the world:

**Shine forth in us, O God, that we may be lights to the world in
our generation.**

Holy Jesus, come from God:

Fill us now and always with Your light. Amen.

Elmer N. Witt, *Help It All Make Sense, Lord*
from *The Wideness of God's Mercy: Litanies to Enlarge Our Prayer*
edited by Jeffrey W. Rowthorn, W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr



*Trinity United Methodist Church
A Celebration of Communion and Healing*

From The United Methodist Book of Worship & Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck, ed., 1985

May grace and peace be yours in abundance
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

We have come to lift up our brothers and sisters before the Lord that they
might receive healing.

Let those who seek God's healing
open their hearts to the Spirit of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits. **The Lord
forgives all our iniquity,
and heals all our diseases.**

The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

**God satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Opening Prayer

**Almighty and Everlasting God, who can banish
all afflictions of soul, body and mind, show forth your power
upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to
serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Oil

Let us pray: **O God, the giver of health and salvation, the liberator
of our souls, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil. As your
holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, so
pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift, that those
who in faith and
repentance receive this anointing may be made free and
whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebration of the Great Thanksgiving

When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and
sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim
again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to
share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us thank God:

It is good to thank God.

We thank you, O God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever
were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of
the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go
to the depths of the sea, your right
hand holds us fast.