



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Second Sunday of Advent
Voices of the Nativity*

December 10, 2017

Ten Forty-Five in the morning



CONNECTING
GROWING
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Voices of the Nativity

Today's anthems tell the story of the Nativity from the point of view of its participants: The Jesus Child, his mother Mary, the angels, the shepherd boy piping merrily, the Kings from the Orient and even the humble creatures in the wild wood nearby. We sing the music of John Rutter with his lush harmonies, contemplative texts, and colorful orchestrations.

About the Composer: John Rutter is one of the outstanding choral composers and arrangers of our time. Childhood years as a chorister in the cathedral choirs of England contributed to his understanding of the voice and the spiritual depth found in much of his music. A British composer born in 1945, Rutter was a graduate of Clare College, Cambridge. While he was a student there in the 1960s, his carol compositions came to the attention of then Director of Music, Sir David Willcocks. This association led to the publication of Rutter's works and the position as Director of Music, where he conducted the choir at Clare College until 1979, when he left to devote more time to composition. He founded Cambridge Singers, a professional chamber choir primarily dedicated to recording, and the Collegium recording label. He is primarily known for his choral compositions, although has composed for organ and orchestra. He writes in traditional and accessible, but very diverse styles. His flowing melodies and rich orchestrations place him in his present position of one of our most popular "serious" composers.

About the Anthems: *Candlelight Carol* with music and lyrics by Rutter was written in 1984, and was first recorded by Rutter's own group, the Cambridge Singers, on their 1987 album *Christmas Night*. The carol has since been recorded by many artists, including Neil Diamond (on his 1994 album *The Christmas Album*) and several choirs including the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Caribbean music became widely popular in Britain from the 1950s, and *Jesus Child* shows its influence. It was written in 1973 for the choir of St. Albans School at the invitation of its young director, Simon Lindley (later to become a significant figure in the church music world in Britain). It's a favorite with our Trebles who enjoy its rhythmic energy.

John Rutter tells us about *Ave Maria* written in a gently rocking 5/8: "Lydia Smallwood (1944-2006) was a much-loved member of the Cambridge musical community, involved in many aspects of musical life in Cambridge and beyond. Shortly before illness brought her life to a premature end, her friends on the Cambridge Music Festival Committee asked me to write a short piece which could be performed by them in her presence, in token of their gratitude for her work. She died a few days after this private performance, but her family expressed the hope that the composition might be made generally available."

Shepherd's Pipe Carol was composed by Rutter in 1964 at the age of 18; he creates a dialogue between a shepherd boy traveling to Bethlehem and the narrator. Rutter writes: "The image of a shepherd boy piping on his way to Bethlehem is found in at least two familiar sources: the anonymous 16th century poem *Joly Wat*, and Gian-Carlo Menotti's enchanting Christmas opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. My juvenile composition lay in a drawer for some two years until I pulled it out fill a gap in a Christmas recording while a student at Cambridge. I was surprised when Davis Willcocks asked to look at the score, which he drew to the attention of the Oxford University Press. It quickly became a bestseller. I am quietly amazed that, fifty years on, the shepherd is still piping as merrily as ever."

The Wild Wood Carol is extracted from John Rutter's musical version of Kenneth Grahame's children's classic *The Wind in the Willows*, written for The King's Singers in 1981. The text reflects on the role of the animals in the Christmas story including the "simple donkey" who carried Mary to Bethlehem.

Rejoice and Sing! With its uplifting 7/8 time signature, memorable melody, rich and diverse textures, and delightful orchestral accompaniment, Rutter incorporates the traditional carol text "I Saw Three Ships". He writes, "While I was a student at Cambridge I got to know Sir David Willcocks, Director of King's College Choir from 1958 to '74. It was thanks to him that my first compositions were published—he served as editorial adviser to Oxford University Press and spotted my work early on, later inviting me to be his co-editor for the second and subsequent volumes of the *Carols for Choirs* series. He has been a staunch champion of my music ever since, and a mentor and inspiration to me and many other musicians over the years. In celebration of his 95th birthday in 2014 I was delighted to be asked by OUP to compose a new carol in his honour. Writing *Rejoice and Sing!* I recalled the many happy Christmas concerts he conducted with the Bach Choir in London's Royal Albert Hall, thinking also of his fondness for quirky rhythms—hence the lop-sided 7/8 which runs through much of the music." In his anthem *Angels' Carol*, Rutter captures the excitement of the angels as they sing the news of Christ's birth: "Gloria in excelsis Deo" (Glory to God in the highest). Rutter chooses to orchestrate his carol with strings, woodwinds and a flowing arpeggiated accompaniment for the harp.

About the Hymns: *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Penned by James Montgomery, this Christmas text was first published in his Sheffield newspaper on Christmas Eve 1816. Henry Smart gave the music to this poem, and it was first published in *Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship* in London in 1867.

Sing We Now of Christmas Arranged by Randol Bass (b. 1953) this congregational anthem was commissioned by the Boston Pops Orchestra in 1999. For the past 15 years, Mr. Bass has served as Music Director and Conductor of the Metropolitan Winds, a community-based civic wind ensemble in downtown Dallas. Mr. Bass historically has worked actively in his various communities to further the non-professional musician's understanding and appreciation for the musical arts.

Angels We Have Heard On High Hal Hopson (b. 1933) a prolific arranger, composer of sacred music, conductor and clinician, arranged this familiar carol. With a special interest in congregational song, he continues to make a significant contribution to the new repertoire of hymntunes and responsorial psalm settings with over 1000 published works. This carol translated into English comes to us from the French countryside, where it emerged anonymously as a macaronic carol (lyrics in mixed languages), probably from the 1700's.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠ *Please stand in body and/ or spirit.*

Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

Childcare for children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 210). Please see an usher for more information.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Selections for Strings

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Davis

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.

INTROIT

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby's first cry? Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow, shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born. Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep; Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger; Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay, Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)*

Jodi Capps

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her.

She has served her term, her penalty is paid;

she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings.

Lift it up, do not fear! Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, Eternal God,

for your word is comfort

and your promise is the new creation.

Prepare the way in the wilderness of our world

and open our eyes to the One who comes among us,

that by lives of holiness and service

we may hasten the coming of that day

and be found at peace when it dawns at last.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

your only-begotten Son who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Vince, Shauna, Jack, and Matthew Root

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Holly Stowell

We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) and younger may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210. Worship bags for elementary age children can be obtained from an usher.

ANTHEM

Jesus Child

John Rutter

Trinity Trebles, Choristers and Chancel Choir

Have you heard the story that they're telling about Bethlehem, have you heard the story of the Jesus child? How he came from heaven and was born in a manger bed? Mary was his virgin mother pure and mild. Sing alleluia, brothers, sing alleluia, sisters, worship the Jesus child and praise his mother mild. Glory to God on high, the angel hosts above are singing, listen to the story of the Jesus child. Have you heard the story of the poor humble shepherd men, sitting on the hillside with their flocks at night? Suddenly the angel tells them: Hurry to Bethlehem; go and find the Jesus child, the world's new light. Jesus child, lying at Bethlehem, sleeping safe at Mary's knee, save my soul and bring me to paradise, Let me join the angels singing glory to thee. Have you heard the story of the kings from the orient, following the star that's shining over his head? Offering their precious gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense, kneeling with the ox and ass before his bed? Brothers, let us celebrate the birth of the Jesus child, Sisters, come and welcome him, the newborn King; Praise the Lord who sent him down from heaven at Christmas time; Young and old and rich and poor, his praises sing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Pew Bible, NT, Page 238

Jodi Capps

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*Hymnal no. 209 (*stanza 1*)*(Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.)*

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

Pew Bible, NT, Page 34

Pastor Bill Davis

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Living Between Advents”

Pastor Bill Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

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.**

ANTHEMS

Ave Maria

John Rutter

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.**Shepherd's Pipe Carol*

John Rutter

Trinity Trebles, Choristers and Chancel Choir

Going through the hills on a night all starry on the way to Bethlehem. Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping, Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: Dance and sing for joy that Christ the King is come to bring us peace on earth, and he's lying cradled there at Bethlehem. Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily. Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely? None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely, But a King will hear me play sweet lullabies when I get to Bethlehem. Angels in the sky came down from on high, hovered over the manger where the babe was lying cradled in the arms of his mother Mary, sleeping now at Bethlehem. Where is this new King shepherd boy piping merrily, is he there at Bethlehem? I will find him soon by the star shining brightly in the sky over Bethlehem. May I come with you, shepherd boy to Bethlehem? Pay my homage too at the new king's cradle, is it far to Bethlehem? Angels in the sky, brought this message nigh: Dance and sing for joy that Christ the King is born this night in lowly stable yonder, born for you at Bethlehem.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky look'd down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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, and wonders of His love.

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, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings:
Mild He lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing; "Glory to the newborn King."

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Bill Davis
John Rutter

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Wild Wood Carol
Paul Taylor, baritone

Sing, O the wild wood, the green holly, the silent river and barren tree; The humble creatures that no man sees: A weary journey one winter's night: no hope of shelter, no rest in sight. Who was the creature that bore Mary? A simple donkey. And when they came into Bethlehem Town they found a stable to lay them down. For their companions that Christmas Night, an ox and an ass. And then an angel came down to earth to bear the news of the Saviour's birth; the first to marvel were the shepherds poor, and sheep with their lambs.

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Veni Emmanuel

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of love,
for you are trustworthy and kind to all who seek you.
When we are afraid of what the future may bring,
you comfort us with the news of your salvation
embodied in Christ Jesus our Lord.
As we await the fulfilment of your purposes,
help us to grow in patience, wisdom, and love
and to give these and all our offerings
with an abundance of faith, hope, and humility;
for the sake of the One whose coming is sure,
Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Rejoice and Sing!

John Rutter

Rejoice and sing! Glad news I bring, on Christmas Day in the morning. I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas Day in the morning. Rejoice and sing Nowell, earth's day of gladness is dawning, for Christ is born in Bethlehem, on Christmas Day in the morning. And what was in those ships all three...Our Saviour Christ and his lady... Pray, whither sailed those ships all three...O they sailed into Bethlehem...And all the bells on earth shall ring...and all the angel host shall sing...Alleluia... and all the souls on earth shall sing; Then let us all rejoice again, on Christmas Day in the morning. Rejoice, Nowell!

✠HYMN

Angels We have Heard on High

Hymnal no. 238

**All: Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Women: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?**

All: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**Men: Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

All: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**All: See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

God the Father, who loved the world so much
that he sent his only-begotten Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, by whose working
the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you to bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing of Almighty God,
the Three-in-One and the One-in-Three,
be with you now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE (*please be seated*)

Angel's Carol

John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices, ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here. Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Hear the angels sing their joyful song. He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night, He is come in joy like the sun at morning filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love, as the child of Mary; in a simple stable we have seen his birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Hear them sing "Peace on earth". He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above; He will bring new hope to the nations when he comes in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Hear the angels singing, "Christ is born".

✠POSTLUDE

Wachet Auf BWV 645

J.S. Bach

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Those Assisting in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Logan Williams and Aydan Hoganson

Counters: Mike Cooley, Jenny Palazio, Rich McKinney (Head Counter)

Greeters: Nancy Hill and Linda Pitts

Guest Musicians: Regino Madrid, Foster Wang, violins; Tam Tran, viola; Kathryn Hufnagle, cello; Kyle Augustine, bass; Tracey MacDonald, oboe; Nicolette Oppelt, flute; Isabelle Frouvelle, harp; Bill Richards, percussion; Michael Michaelis, organ.

Liturgist: Jodi Capps

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

Ushers: Jenny Darlington, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), Eric Schilling, Chris Stone, Tracy Stone

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Stewardship Update: 71 Commitments have been submitted for 2018, totaling \$307,017.

Year-end contributions must be made by Sunday, December 31 to count toward your 2017 giving. Any contributions received on or after January 1 will count toward your 2018 giving. Please contact the church office at office@trinityalexandria.org with any questions.

TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who came out for the Annual Christmas Luncheon! It was a special time of food and fellowship. The Connecting Team would like to thank Mark Sakuta for preparing 6 turkeys, Jodi Capps for the wonderful centerpieces, Judith Andrews for her leadership and planning, Ronnie Willett for setting up the tables and chairs, Jill Robinson for doing the dishes, Michelle Hoganson for drying the dishes, Tom Tyler for being the emcee, Linda Cancellieri for being the accompanist, and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make it run smoothly. We look forward to seeing everyone in February for the Heart to Heart Lunch! Love, The Connecting Team

Trinity Commemorative Ornaments! You have the opportunity to purchase commemorative Christmas ornaments. These ornaments are in honor of Trinity's 240th Anniversary and they feature the rose window. Whether for your Christmas tree or as a gift, you'll love these beautiful creations. Please contact Jenessa in the Church Office or someone from the Connecting Team to purchase yours for \$25.00.

The Youth Christmas Pot Luck, Caroling, and White Elephant Gift Exchange is next Sunday, December 17, from 5:30 to 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Wear your best worst Christmas garb, bring a dish to share (instead of \$5), bring your singing voice, bring a gift of no more than \$10 value, and bring some friends! Questions or comments contact, Carrie Pritts: christianformation@trinityalexandria.org.

Trinity's Table: Join us on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall where Mark Sakuta prepares and serves delicious meals for us.

Wednesday's Menu (12/13): Menu ~ Chicken Marsala; Spaghetti w/ Meatball; Italian Sausage Lasagna; Italian Wedding Soup; Chop salad; Garlic Bread; Tiramisu

Cost: \$8 per adult/\$5 per child (12 & younger)/\$25 for family of 4 or more (2 adults & children). Please RSVP on the Connection cards and place in the offering plate or contact the church office: office@trinityalexandria.org.

Christmas Eve at Trinity Church: Trinity's Christmas Eve Family Service at 3:30 PM offers an opportunity for every child in attendance to be a part of the Nativity Story, which we will create during the service. We invite each child to choose a costume and to participate as an angel or a shepherd. We also feature the Three Kings and their gifts and camels as well as the Holy Family.

We especially ask all boys and girls to bring stuffed animals of all kinds to Miss Linda's office to make our Nativity Scene complete.

Special music by members of Trinity's Children's Choirs and congregational singing of favorite Christmas carols in response to hearing the Christmas Story makes this service very meaningful for all ages. Come early and bring your friends and family!

Remember, too, a Service of Lessons and Carols with Communion and Candlelight begins at 9:00 PM on Christmas Eve. Join us for a more contemplative worship in the mysterious setting of shadows and light with the Word both spoken and sung and holy hospitality extended at the Lord's Table.

Please note: we do not offer a nursery on Christmas Eve.

Advent Devotion Books are available for adults and Advent Calendars are available for kids. The book, entitled "Descend to Us, We Pray", features quick one minute prayers that can be incorporated into your daily routine. The Advent calendars feature Advent-themed scriptures on the back and each window features a word of the day that fits in the scripture. We hope you will use these formation tools in your Advent season as we all make room in our hearts to invite the Christ child in. Both the book and the calendars can be found in the Narthex on the counter or can be obtained from Carrie Pritts, Director of Christian Formation.

Trinity Church long has been a faithful partner for Fifth Sunday Dinners after worship at Rising Hope UMC, our mission church along the Route 1 corridor that serves the least, the lost, the lonely, and the left-out. December 31 is a fifth Sunday and the following donated meal items need to be brought to Trinity Church's kitchen freezer by 10 AM on Friday, December 22, in order to deliver them to Rising Hope by noon that same day. Make note of the cooking time on top. Casseroles need to be frozen since this is a week before they are used.

- ◆ 3 persons to prepare your favorite chicken and rice or pasta casserole (recipe provided upon request) for 20
- ◆ 2 persons to bring canned fruit, enough to serve 30
- ◆ 2 persons to bring canned green beans, enough to serve 30
- ◆ 1 person to bring dinner rolls for 60
- ◆ 4 persons to bring 3 dozen cookies each

Thanks for sharing from our abundance for those in need. Contact Sue Stewart (riverfarm@cox.net) or Mary Gillman (marycgillman@gmail.com) with any questions or to sign up.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY UMC

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| Sunday | 12/10/17 | Second Sunday of Advent |
| | 9:30 AM | Nursery Opens (Room 210) |
| | 9:30 AM | Rise and Shine Inter-Generational Forum (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 10:45 AM | Worship - <i>Voices of the Nativity</i> Music Program (Sanctuary) |
| | 12:30 PM | Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite) |
| | 3:00 PM | Cadet Troop #6098 Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 3:00 PM | Junior Troop #5041 Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Monday | 12/11/17 | |
| | 3:45 PM | Junior Troop #4164 Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:30 PM | Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor) |
| Tuesday | 12/12/17 | |
| | 2:30 PM | Daisy Troop #60044 Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00 PM | Boy Scout Troop #113 Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:30 PM | Trustees Meeting (Parlor) |
| Wednesday | 12/13/17 | |
| | 9:20 AM | Trinity Preschool Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 2:30 PM | Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study) |
| | 5:30 PM | Trinity's Table - Southern Italian Feast (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:00 PM | Centering Prayer (Chapel) |
| | 6:15 PM | Trebles Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite) |
| | 7:30 PM | Trinity Preschool Advisory Board |
| Thursday | 12/14/17 | |
| | 6:15 PM | Trinity Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| | 7:45 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite) |
| Friday | 12/15/17 | |
| | 5:00 PM | SPARKS! At Goodwin House-Bailey's Crossroads (Off Site) |
| Sunday | 12/17/17 | Third Sunday of Advent |
| | 9:30 AM | Nursery Opens (Room 210) |
| | 9:30 AM | Rise and Shine Inter-Generational Forum (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 12:30 PM | Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite) |
| | 3:00 PM | Brownie Troop #1193 Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 5:30 PM | Youth Group Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall) |

The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God's love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We recognize that we are all different, and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.

TRINITY UMC'S SAVE THE DATES

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent - Sunday Morning Worship at 11 AM

December 24: Christmas Eve

~ Family Service and Children's Pageant at 3:30 PM

~ Service of Holy Communion and Candlelight at 9PM

December 25: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Christmas Day.

December 31: Year-end contributions must be made by Sunday, December 31 to count toward your 2017 giving. Any contributions received on or after January 1 will count toward your 2018 giving. Please contact the church office with any questions.

December 31: New Year's Eve

January 1: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of New Year's Day.

January 13: 2018 Bi-District Training Day

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January 13, 2018

For Church Leaders, Pastors, Students

Christ Church
7600 Ox Road
Fairfax Station

Courageous Leadership:
featuring Mike Slaughter
Ginghamburg Church

Register online!

Registration Opens November 15: NoVaUMC.org/BDTD-2018

NEW! Pre-Conference Q&A Friday Night, Jan. 12
@ Floris with Mike Slaughter & Tom Berlin

The graphic features a large, stylized 'V' shape composed of green, blue, and brown diagonal stripes. The text is arranged around and within these stripes.

Trinity United Methodist Church

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