

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Jake & Kristina Woodham

The Advent Wreath is a circle which symbolizes God's never-ending love. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Each week will light an additional candle in anticipation of the birth of Christ, when we will light the Christ candle in the center.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The past two weeks we lit the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY. Today we light the candle of LOVE.

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—

For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,

And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts, families and circumstances.

May the Lord of Love guide us in all we do and say.

* OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All children are welcome for the Children's moment! Parents, please accompany kids 3 and under. Children ages 4-2nd grade are invited to go to Children's Church. They are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary if they wish

CALL TO PRAYER

What Child is This

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Please see insert for our Advent Doxology

ANTHEM

Night of Silence

-John Ferguson

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Dream On"

Rev. Penny Ford

CLOSING HYMN

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

** Please stand as you are able.*

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

Christmas Eve "come and go" communion will be from 4-5pm on December 24.

Come alone or with family and friends. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Join us for an abbreviated, casual, kid friendly morning service at 10:30am

with lots of Christmas music!

Children can come in their pajamas and bring a toy for the

"Blessing of the Toys." (no weapons or live animals, please.)

No 8:45 communion service that morning.

Check with your Sunday School class to see if they will meet.

HOLIDAY CHURCH HOURS

During the holiday season the church office will be closed

Wednesday, December 21 - Monday, December 26.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

In Memory of

Ernest Brock, Jr.

Given by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Edward Hilburn

In Memory of

Ronald Dudley, Jr.

Given by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Edward Hilburn

TRINITY COMES THROUGH FOR

TUSCALOOSA ONE PLACE KIDS

Last week Trinitarians donated many generous gifts for 20 children whose Christmas would be thin without us. We had toys, games, sports equipment, clothes – all beautiful, special, wonderful gifts that these children will be so glad to have. Several people also donated gift wrap, bows, ribbon, and gift bags for the mothers to wrap their children's presents.

Additionally, some Trinitarians bought blankets, underwear, socks, and other nice things that TOP can give to a child who did not have a sponsor. Our congregation enjoys this Christmas tradition, and the families are so grateful for this generosity. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated.

FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday, December 20

At 5:30pm

MOMMY & ME

Will not meet again until school starts back.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Our congregation includes people of all backgrounds and perspectives. We gather together with a common love for God and all God's people. We're glad you are with us this morning!

Our pastor is Reverend Penny Ford, who can be reached through the church office Monday through Thursday (759-4206) or at revpennyford@gmail.com. You can also join us on FACEBOOK at "Trinity UMC Tuscaloosa, AL."

NURSERY: Our children's ministry is growing! Each Sunday morning during Sunday School and Worship we have two nurseries available for children ages 0-3. It is staffed by 3-4 caring, qualified adults. Parents are given a pager in case of emergency. Child care is also available for Wednesday evening activities and for other church events by reservation, at no charge to the parents. A nurturing, safe, friendly environment helps children experience God's love from an early age.

REST ROOMS: Men's and women's rest rooms are on the lower level at the bases of the steps on either side of the narthex. There is also a family rest room on the main level in the area behind the choir loft.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY: There is an elevator in the education wing that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms. Handicapped parking spaces are in the rear of the church.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: We have hearing assistance aids available located in the brown box on the table in the narthex. Or you can just ask and usher!

Trinity UMC This Week Schedule

SUNDAY

- * 8:45 am - Chapel Communion
- * 9:00 am - Coffee Time -Sunset/Funset Room
- * 9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages!
- * 10:00 am - Choir with Dr. Kevin Chance - k.t.chance@gmail.com
- * 10:30 am - Worship in the Sanctuary

MONDAY

6:30 - 8:30 pm - Turning Point/ Domestic Violence Survivors Contact Wanda Lockett - 205-758-0808

TUESDAY

11:30 am - United Methodist Women - Explorers (meets the first Tuesday only of each month)- Sunset/Funset Room
6:30 pm - Women's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous - Room 212

* Nursery Available

OFFERING

Congregational Giving for 12/04/16: \$ 6,949.75
YTD Giving Received as of 12/04/16: \$174,252.15
YTD Giving Budgeted as of 12/04/16: \$191,439.12

Congregational Giving for 12/11/16: \$ 2,528.75
YTD Giving Received as of 12/11/16: \$176,780.90
YTD Giving Budgeted as of 12/11/16: \$195,346.04

2017 Pledge cards can be found in the pew pockets in front of you.