

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE ~ DECEMBER 15

8:30 a.m. - 74, 10:45 a.m. - 208, Refuge - 175, Total - 457

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JOINING TUMC: If you would like to join Trinity either by professing faith in Jesus Christ for the very first time, by recommitting your life to Him, or by transferring membership from another church, please contact one of the pastors through the church office. We would love to have you!

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The church office will be closed December 24-26 and December 31-January 1 for Christmas and New Years.

LISTENING PARTIES: Sign-ups are now available for the listening parties held by Dr. Coats. Please take a moment to sign up today. Sign-up stations will be in the Sanctuary Foyer and in the Trinity Center. You may also sign up online at www.trinityruston.org. Space is limited and refreshments will be provided.

COMBINED SERVICE: January 5, 2020 we will have a regular 8:30 a.m. service with Sunday School to follow. The 10:45 Refuge and Traditional services will come together for a combined service in the Sanctuary.

PRAYER SERVICE: Dr. Darrell Coats will lead the congregation in a prayer service at 5:00 p.m. on January 5 in the Burkhalter Chapel.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: Please join us for Wednesday evening activities for the Spring of 2020 which include: Family Dinner, 5:00 p.m.; Small groups, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Small Groups, 6:00 p.m. Join us as we spend time together and grow in Christ. Activities will resume on January 8, 2020.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you are interested in providing altar flowers for the Traditional service in 2020, please contact Whitney in the church office for available dates.

BIBLE STUDIES

HEBREW STUDY: Starting January 23rd, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 222. Becky Clark and Marie Burns will be leading a 12 week in-depth study on the Book of Hebrews. If you joined us this past summer for the Leviticus study, Hebrews is a continuation of that book with Jesus Christ laid on top of the understanding of law. For those of you who may not have had the chance to join us for Leviticus, Hebrews is a book about the greatness of Jesus, the new covenant, and foundations of faith.

DISCIPLE NT FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY: This 12 week study will delve into the New Testament, looking at themes, important facts, and discipleship. Led by three amazing teachers at Trinity, this study is great for those new to studying scripture as well as those who have been readers of the Bible for years. Date and time of class TBD, but we will begin some time in January. Workbooks are \$17.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Trinity's Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who got involved with our many Christmas Outreach projects. If you shopped, cooked, boxed and shipped, delivered, or donated financially you made a difference! This year we served more than 65 families including well more than 300 children through all the programs. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to so many this Christmas Season. May we continue on into the New Year! If you would like to get involved with Outreach please contact Marie Burns in the church office or at mburns@trinityruston.org.

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

MISSION TRIP: We are so excited to share that our college ministry is planning a mission trip for May 24-30, 2020 to the Navajo Nation. This is a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Cost of the trip is \$515 with a \$100 deposit due by January 19, 2020. We will be doing some fundraisers to help with the cost of the trip, so don't let money keep you from coming! For more information or to sign up, contact Becky Clark in the church office (251-0750). Team size is limited so sign up now!

COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Every Sunday at 9:40 a.m. in the upstairs Atrium, across from Trinity Center.

COLLEGE MEN'S SMALL GROUP: Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the College Room above the atrium, across from the Trinity Center and gym.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: Meets each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 420 Valley View Drive.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kindergarten-5th Grade meet in Room 300 at 9:30 for announcements and fellowship. Teachers will bring children to individual classes at 9:45 until 10:30.

LITTLE DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2 year old to Pre-K 4 enjoy Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 each Sunday morning. Come to the Children's Wing of our church and we will get you to the right class.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ALIVE YOUTH: Sunday Night youth will start back up on January 5, 2020. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:45 a.m. Refuge Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. Flower Care Team
10:00 a.m. Lunch on Us

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
6:30 p.m. Refuge Christmas Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

11:30 a.m. TGIF Men's Lunch

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the World



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DECEMBER 22, 2019

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Deborah Guillory, Organist

Glory to God in the Highest

NOTES ON THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Becky Clark

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30

Jedd and Melanie Lewis

10:45

John Robert, Mandy, Roe, JoAnna Smith
Steve, and Donna Smith

Reader One: One thing we have learned on our Advent journey is that it is better not to go alone. We live in a do-it-yourself culture that celebrates the individual. But faith is not something that we can do on our own. We need companions on the journey; we need others to support us and strengthen us and encourage us. We put our journey in the hands of many people around us; and although it is a risk, we are better for it. We learn to love as we make this journey of faith.

Reader Two: Matthew reminds us that when God chose to come to earth the first time, God chose to lovingly trust in people to help make it happen. God trusted in Mary and God trusted in Joseph. In turn, we trust in God to be faithful to the promise and to sustain us through many others as we continue our journey towards love.

Reader One: We light the candles of peace, hope, joy, and love, as our circle is complete.

Congregation: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace, hope, joy, and love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal, No. 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ANTHEM (10:45)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

WE WORSHIP THROUGH OUR PRAYERS AND OUR OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hymnal, No. 217

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Preston Parker, Piano

Go Tell It On the Mountain

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

K-2nd grade children are invited to Room 300 for Children's Church (10:45)

*HYMN OF THE GOSPEL

Hymnal, No. 219

What Child Is This

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61

SERMON

Rev. Becky Clark

Wonders of His Love

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymnal, No. 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Deborah Guillory, Pianist/Organist

**All who are able, please stand.*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Traditional Worship, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Center