**Trinity United Methodist Church**

December 22nd, 2024 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL BULLETIN

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP (sung to SLANE)

**We light four candles, our wreath is complete,**

**singing with Mary, our blessings replete;**

**pausing to savor the shimmering lights,**

**lovely foreshadowing of this holy night!**

**Advent is time for reflection on life,**

**for righting of wrongs and for healing of strife,**

**brothers and sisters, united by love,**

**seeking the wholeness that comes from above.**

HYMN # 215 “To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”

**To a maid engaged to Joseph,**

**the angel Gabriel came.  
“Fear not,” the angel told her,**

**“I come to bring good news;  
good news I come to tell you,**

**good news, I say, good news.”**

**“For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all,  
who even now is with you.**

**You are on earth most blest;  
you are most blest, most blessed;**

**God chose you, you are blest!”**

**But Mary was most troubled**

**to hear the angel’s word.  
What was the angel saying?**

**It troubled her to hear,  
to hear the angel’s message,**

**it troubled her to hear.**

**“Fear not, for God is with you,**

**and you shall bear a child.  
His name shall be called Jesus,**

**God’s offspring from on high.  
And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high.”**

**“How shall this be?” said Mary,**

**“I am not yet a wife.”  
The angel answered quickly,**

**“The power of the Most High  
will come upon you shortly,**

**your child shall be God’s child.”**

**As Mary heard the angel,**

**she wondered at his words.  
“Behold, I am your handmaid,”**

**she said unto her God.**

**“So be it; I am ready according to your word.”**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO THE FAMILY

*Stephanie McMillan*

WE GATHER OUR PRAYERS BEFORE SINGING

PRAYER SONG # 218 “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.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come**

**with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats**

**o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,**

**they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds**

**the blessed angels sing.**

***A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION***

**And ye, beneath life's crushing load,**

**whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way**

**with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours**

**come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,**

**and hear the angels sing!**

***PASTORAL PRAYER***

**For lo! the days are hastening on,**

**by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years**

**shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth**

**its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song**

**which now the angels sing.**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-55 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION

HOMILY “Magnificat” Pastor Dave

OFFERTORY

ADVENT DOXOLOGY and PRAYER

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**

**praise God, all creatures here on earth below;**

**praise God above, ye heavenly host,**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

\*HYMN # 198 “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

(FOREST GREEN)

**My soul gives glory to my God,**

**my heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness**

**in many marvelous ways.  
My God has done great things for me:**

**yes, holy is his Name.  
All people will declare me blessed,**

**and blessings they shall claim.**

**From age to age to all who fear,**

**such mercy love imparts,  
dispensing justice far and near,**

**dismissing selfish hearts.  
Love casts the mighty from their thrones,**

**promotes the insecure,  
leaves hungry spirits satisfied;**

**the rich seem suddenly poor.**

**Praise God, whose loving covenant**

**supports those in distress,  
remembering past promises**

**with present faithfulness.  
Our souls gives glory to the Lord,**

**our hearts are filled with praise;  
God lifted up our lowliness**

**in many marvelous ways!**

BLESSING **Grant, O God, thy protection; and in protection, strength; and in strength, understanding; and in understanding, knowledge; and in knowledge, the knowledge of justice; and in the knowledge of justice, the love of it; and in that love, the love of all things; and in the love of all things, the love of God, the God of all goodness. Amen!**

POSTLUDE