

*Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus 526 (Red Hymnal)

*Blessing

Go from here with confidence and hope.
Strengthen those who are tired and exhausted;
comfort those who are anxious and fearful.
Say to them all: "Be strong, and do not fear!
For God is coming—Indeed, God is already here!

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Hymn: Spirit Song 347 (Red Hymnal)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the *Glory of God in
loving memory of Eleanor Barnett by Vickie Barnett.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

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*Please join us downstairs in The Gathering Room directly after
worship for Refreshments and fellowship.*

Bring the Love of Jesus Christ to Our World



Who Do
YOU
Say I Am?

Mt.11:2-11

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Worship: 10:00 am on Sunday; 6:00 pm on Wednesday

Trinity United Methodist Church
Pastor James "Doug" Conway
Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:00 am
3rd Sunday of Advent

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

*Open Our Eyes

(* Indicates: Please stand if you are able.)

1. **Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.**

The Prelude:

2. **Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

The Greeting/Calendar

*Hymn: Advent Song (verses 1 2 & 3) 2090 (Black Hymnal)

*The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Steve and Wendy Albright)

Message: Pastor Doug

*The Call to Worship

*Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 57 (Red Hymnal)

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

The One who gives food to the hungry,

The One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place,

As we light these candles in hope, peace, and joy.

*Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High 238 (Red Hymnal)

*The Opening Prayer

Holy God of Joy, we rejoice in the reality of who you are.

We live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment

comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings

depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our brain

chemistry. But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your

beloved children. And we give you thanks. Amen.

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you are never far from us, you are as close as our breathing. We recognize you as the one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken hearted. We offer these gifts to You, O God, as a sign of our commitment to Your grace and authority. Take us and use us and all that we have, so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be realized on earth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.