

\*Blessing

As we leave from here, remember this: All God's gifts are right in front of you! Not only that, but God himself is right alongside, to keep you steady and on track until Jesus returns. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure will do this, for he is faithful. He will never give up on you.

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

\*Hymn: Spirit Song 347 (Red Hymnal)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Pastor Doug Conway and family -- Trinity members at home or in assisted living -- our church and its ministries -- our community nation -- world -- Our military and families -- Desi McNichol Tanisha Ranio -- Flora Brooks -- Donna Brooks -- Janet Houser All people afflicted with COVID-19 and caregivers and all front-line workers -- Bethany Schwartz -- Sonia Myers -- Ava Kosmam David Walker -- Mike Faulkner -- Connor Wagner -- Jerry Oulette Raymond Brooks -- Brenda Blue -- Vicki Brightbill -- Scott Young Tom Scornavacchi -- Diane Davis Ed Steele -- Tom Worrich Tim Williams -- Pastor Doug's uncles Steve, Matt and Jim Gerry Lynn Schultz -- Cathy Drysdale -- Roy Gorecki Ed Drummond Mike Moyer -- Jim Matson -- Ulysses Schultz Donna Bennett

*Please join us downstairs in The Gathering Room directly after worship for refreshments, baked goods and fellowship.*

# Bring the Love of Jesus Christ to Our World



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

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Pastor James "Doug" Conway  
Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:00 am  
*1st Sunday of Advent*

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

The Prelude:

The Greeting/Calendar

\*Hymn: Advent Song 2090 (Black Hymnal)

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Dot Smith and Nancy Buller)

\*The Call to Worship

It doesn't matter whether or not you can have faith, whether or not you are cynical or despairing, hope-filled or hope-less: **what matters to God is simply that you are here.**

We are entering the time of Advent, in preparation for Christmas. **Advent reminds us that if God is to be born again in the most ordinary parts of our world and our lives that we need to prepare for it.**

We need to make the space in our lives where love might be born. **Welcome to this tiny corner of a harsh and dark world. Together, let us practice being ready in the faith that Christ will come.**

\*Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 211 (Red Hymnal)

\*The Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

\*Open Our Eyes

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

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

\*The Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-32

Message: Pastor Doug

\*Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord! 382 (Red Hymnal)

The Morning Prayer

The Offertory

\*The Doxology 94 (Red Hymnal)

**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!**

\*A Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Lord as we enter this season of advent help us to be more aware of the gifts you place before us. May the works of our hands display our gratitude as we bring the joy of Jesus Christ into the lives of others. Amen.**

\*Hymn: Shine, Jesus, Shine 2173 (Black Hymnal)