

*Blessing

By the tender mercy of our God love has broken upon us!
Light is given where once there was darkness and hope where
there was only death. We go into this season knowing that God will
guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

*Hymn: Spirit Song 347 (Red Hymnal)

December 24th and 25th

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in
loving memory of Richard Scull who passed away on March
12, 2008 and Dorothy Scull who passed away on December
24, 2001 by Wendy and Steve Albright.

December 24th

THE BULLETINS the candle holders to be used on Christmas
Eve are in memory of my grandparents by Renee Royer.

December 25th

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God in loving
memory of my mother by Linda Spangler.

PRAYER MINISTRY (contacts: church office 355-9425)

**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 -- Donna Brooks -- Janet and Ron Houser
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Worship: 10:00 am on Sunday; 6:00 pm on Wednesday

12/24/2022

Trinity United Methodist Church
Pastor James "Doug" Conway
Saturday, December 24, 2022 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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

The Prelude:

*Hymn: Advent Song 2090 (Black Hymnal)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*The Call to Worship

We waited.

And imagined a savior.

We imagined power.

One like the world but stronger and on our side.

We imagined a king on a white horse wielding a sword.

We got a baby born in a stable among the livestock.

We imagined the work done for us through the destruction of our enemies.

We receive a baby who will teach us our calling to seek reconciliation and to love expansively.

Praise be to God for the unexpected babe of Bethlehem.

Praise to the wisdom of love. Amen!

*Hymn: Gather Us In 2236 (Black Hymnal)

*The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, It's dark outside and the nights are long.

We watch and wait with mounting expectation for the coming of your son into the world.

We ease our waiting with the blandishments of tinsel and tree.

We delight in their beauty, but Lord, in our eagerness guard our hearts from celebrating the things we have made instead of the gift you will give. Amen!

Our Ministry of Music: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Written by: Gloria Shayne Baker & Noël Regney

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

*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: John 1:1-14

Message: Pastor Doug

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

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 on this night of nights we are marveled by the ways in which you bless us. When the world seemed darkest you gave to us the gift of light to banish that darkness in Jesus Christ. We come now to offer to you our tithes and our gifts and our commitment to serve you. Bless this offering so that it may be used to bring light into the darkness of the world. Amen!

*Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 240 (Red Hymnal)

Holy Communion #9 (Red Hymnal)

Lighting of the Congregational Candles

*Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night 239 (Red Hymnal)