

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Eleanor Barnett who passed away December 23, 2020 by Vickie Barnett.

THE PEDESTAL FLOWERS are given with thanksgiving to God in honor of Larry and Linda Boone's 25th wedding anniversary on December 13 by Steve and Wendy Albright.

Dec. 18th: Altar Flowers - None
Pedestal Flowers - None
Bulletins - None

Dec. 24th: Altar Flowers - Wendy and Steve Albright
Pedestal Flowers - None
Bulletins - Renee Royer

Birthday's Dec. 11th thru Dec. 17th

13-Amy Kelchner

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 -- All people afflicted with COVID-19 and caregivers and front-line workers -- Bethany Schwartz -- Sonia Myers
Ava Kosmam -- David Walker -- Mike Faulkner -- Connor Wagner
Raymond Brooks -- Brenda Blue -- Tom Scornavacchi -- Scott Young
Ed Steele -- Claire and Pat King -- Pastor Doug's uncles Steve, Matt and Jim
Gerry Lynn Schultz -- Cathy Drysdale -- Roy Goreck -- Ed Drumond
Mike Moyer -- Donna Bennett -- Robert Pluebill -- Jane Bodle
Carole Hockman -- Mike Sheckler -- Robin Burns -- Trudy Snyder
Sharon Lowe -- Richard Sterling -- Mark Adams -- Michael Stine and family
Harry Brooks -- Ron Young -- Tony Michael and Torri -- Sharon Kosman
Rich Miles -- Jody Morellie -- Kelly Baron -- Cindy Rider -- Valarie Fisher
Lois Schultz -- Zade -- David Bubb -- Jody Swarmer -- Laurie Wion
Janet and Ron Houser -- John and True Coleman -- Daniel Scott
Mary Ann Bell -- Tom Badger -- Laurie Wion -- Mary Kate Washburn

Please join us downstairs in The Gathering Room after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

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

12/11/2022

Trinity United Methodist Church
Pastor James "Doug" Conway
Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:00 am
Third Sunday of Advent

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

The Prelude: "The Family of God" by Bill and Gloria Gather

The Greeting/Calendar

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn: Light the Advent Candle (verse 1,2,3) 2090 (Black Hymnal)

Handbell Choir: Hark the Herald Angels Sing
quartet by Andrew Duncan

*The Call to Worship

Listen—all creation rejoices, can you hear it?

There is so much noise and chatter, are you sure there is music?

Listen—the wilderness and desert are breaking out in song, can you hear it?

It's been so long since we've heard a melody of praise.

Listen—the crocus blooms with joyful singing, the very mountains join in the refrain. Can you hear it?

We join our voices in hope, worshiping our God who brings forth a new song in the world.

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

*The Opening Prayer:

Life-giving God, we are a blessed people. In this moment of worship we pray that you might bless us anew. Give us ears to hear the melodies of praise that fill the world around us. And as we hear the songs, teach us to sing, to dance with abandon, to rejoice in the wonders of your grace. Forgive us when we have passed by signs of your mercy. From this moment forward, open our eyes to the places where joy is springing up from parched ground. Lead us by your Spirit in the pathways of your overflowing peace, hope, and joy. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 3:1-4

*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.

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:37-56

The Message: Pastor Doug

*Hymn: Emmanuel, Emmanuel 204 (X3) (Red Hymnal)

The Morning Prayer

The Offertory:

Handbell Choir: He Is Born - quartet by Andrew Duncan

*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!**

*Offering Prayer

God of all good gifts, who gives freely to us, have mercy on us and grant us the peace that only the Prince of Peace can provide. Grant that our lives would be an offering, and that our work would be a good gift, pleasing to you and fit for the King of all creation. We look to you, our King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to rule the world with justice, and to give salvation to all who call upon you. Amen.

*Hymn: Hymn of Promise 707 (Red Hymnal)

*Blessing

One day the wilderness will blossom with flowers; and the desert wasteland will come alive with new growth. And God's glory and splendor will be on full display. With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to save you." So go with confidence into the days ahead. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, be among you and within you.

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

*Hymn: Spirit Song 347 (Red Hymnal)