



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabebe, Pastors

ADVENT

Sunday, December 2, marks the beginning of a new church year with the season of Advent. There is a sense of longing associated with this season in which we pray for God to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our work and play, in our worship, God promises to embrace us—and the whole creation—with love, with light.

How the Light Comes

I cannot tell you
how the light comes.
What I know
is that it is more ancient
than imagining.
That it travels
across an astounding expanse
to reach us.
That it loves
searching out
what is hidden
what is lost
what is forgotten
or in peril
or in pain.
That it has a fondness
for the body
for finding its way
toward flesh
for tracing the edges
of form
for shining forth
through the eye,
the hand,
the heart.

I cannot tell you
how the light comes,
but that it does.
That it will.
That it works its way
into the deepest dark
that enfolds you,
though it may seem
long ages in coming
or arrive in a shape
you did not foresee.
And so
may we this day
turn ourselves toward it.
May we lift our faces
to let it find us.
May we bend our bodies
to follow the arc it makes.
May we open
and open more
and open still
to the blessed light
that comes.

—Jan Richardson

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

DECEMBER 2 “Breaking the Binary around Gender Identity”
—Aubrey Thonvold, Reconciling Works

We continue our series on gender and sexuality with a conversation about breaking the binary around sexuality, including asexuality. Join us as we grow in understanding of Kinsey Scale, sexual fluidity, continuums of attraction, emotional preference, physical preference, and social preference. We'll have the opportunity to reflect on our own sexuality and how it differs from other people's sexuality.

DECEMBER 9 “Welcome Card”
—Worship and Fine Arts Committee

You may have noticed that we have new worship welcome cards in each pew. Come and hear members of the Worship and Fine Arts Committee talk about what the cards say to visitors about worship at Holy Trinity.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Makers and Bakers Youth Fundraiser from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room
Watching with Wonder for young children, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bartsch Room
Book Discussion *I'm Still Here* in the Mary Martha Room
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

Worship led by Adult Choirs at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 12

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room
Watching with Wonder for young children, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bartsch Room
Book Discussion *I'm Still Here* in the Mary Martha Room
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Hymn Sing at 10:00 a.m. during Adult Forum in the Bartsch Room
Worship led by Holy Trinity Children & Youth at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 19

Advent Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room
Watching with Wonder for young children, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bartsch Room
Book Discussion *I'm Still Here* in the Mary Martha Room
Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Worship with Holy Communion at 4:00 & 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

There are no services on Christmas Day

PARENTS' (AND KIDS') NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 6-8 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go “out” from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Adult volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to Laura Bolstad's home on Friday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. for an all-ages Christmas celebration with cookies, cocoa, and great conversation. Let's get to know each other better, share some of our favorite Christmas memories, and create new ones together. Please bring an appetizer to share, and Laura will provide the cocoa and cookies. Sign up in the Community Room or on Facebook by Wednesday, December 2. For any parents who are interested in childcare for the evening, sign up for Parents' Night Out in the Community Room.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas please call the church office at 612-729-8358. \$15 each. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

PARISH INFORMATION

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings that helps support the work of the church. This holiday season, please consider making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, Minneapolis Area Synod Racial Justice Organizer and ELCA World Hunger. To donate online, visit the church website at htlcmpls.org and locate the link to the giving page. **Please remember: contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2018, to be counted as a 2018 donation. Thank you!**

BOOK DISCUSSION WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 5, 12, AND 19

***I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown**

A book discussion will be held in connection with our Advent services on December 5, 12, and 19 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Bring your supper (provided in the Community Room) into the room adjacent to the library and join the conversation. Brown's book is an "eye-opening account of growing up black, Christian, and female amid white America's expressed love affair with diversity." Sign up in the Community Room.

FARE FOR ALL WED., DECEMBER 5, 2018, 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

Do you know someone who could use a box of Holiday cheer? Here's an idea. The December Fare For All, frozen "Holiday Pack" will bring a big smile and many thanks from the recipient(s). It includes a 7+ lb. spiral ham, a 5.5 lb. whole chicken, chicken drumsticks, Italian sausage, 16 oz. bag of mixed vegetables, 16 oz. bag of corn, meatballs, and apple pie, all for just \$30! Bring a friend and join us at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, December 5, from 3:30–5:30 p.m. All of the usual packs will be available. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards. To purchase more than two Holiday Packs, contact Scott Weatherhead (763-450-4212).

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

The annual meeting of the Outreach Committee will be held Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby conference room. All Outreach Committee working group chairs and sub-committee chairs are urged to attend. This is an open meeting. Anyone interested in the workings of the Outreach Committee is welcome. We will be planning our 2019 goals and budget.

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PARISH EVENTS December 2-8, 2018

Sunday	8:00 am-1:00 pm	Makers and Bakers Youth Fundraiser
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School / 10:00 am Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	4:00 pm	Peace with Justice
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Adult Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Children and Family Team
	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee
Friday	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All
	5:30 pm	Advent Supper
	5:30 pm	<i>Watching with Wonder</i> for young children
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	5:45 pm	<i>I'm Still Here</i> Book Discussion
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Cantate!
	7:00 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
	6:00-8:00 pm	Parents'/Kids' Night Out
6:30 pm	Christmas with 20s, 30s, 40s	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 2, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Carol Berg		Assisting Minister Cori Gershon	
Emma Murray, Wilson Murray	Acolytes	Linden Kung, Louis Kelley	
Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer	needed	
David Berg, Bryan Kuzel	Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Lisa and Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend,	
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Deb Sodt, Ethan Townsend, DeWayne Townsend, Joshua Combs	
Liz and David Rudrud	Coffee Servers	Aberdeen /Horacio Rodriguez	
Annie Hines, Bob Peschiutta	Counters	Lee Kampinen, Vicki Mann	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

	November 25	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	707,440.38
Budget Receipts	12,949.33	650,427.95
Opening Doors	513.71	79,332.26
MAS Racial Justice Appeal	10.00	787.00
World Hunger	155.00	3,818.32