

# Hope

*Come let us walk in the light  
of the Lord.*  
— Isaiah 2:5

*Advent  
2019*



**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

9:30 am

First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019

## FROM MANY PLACES WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Adult Education

Terry Ruggles

Introit

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

traditional

*Mahalo Ukulele Band,*

*Ivana Albert, violin, Adam Crognale, drum, Sean Desjardins, bass*

*(At the sound of the music, the congregation begins the discipline of silent prayer,  
so all might prepare their hearts and minds for worship.)*

### Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

*Flanary/Marquis Family, Linda, Jim, Carol, Amy, Alanna, Sarah, Mike,  
Jameson, & Bentley*

**God's Prophetic Word**

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Litany for the Advent Candles**

We light this candle to remember that Christ has come to us.

**We light this candle to remember that Christ will come again.**

Advent means coming.

**Our God is approaching even now.**

Lord, make us ready to receive you.

**Lord, make us ready to greet you with open hearts.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Advent Prayer (unison)

**O Shepherd of our lives, you open our lips and we sing your praise. You come with mercy and compassion and you also come with righteousness and purity. Let your light shine in our lives; dispel the darkness that we might walk in the light of your holiness. Hear us, God of Advent, for we ask it in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

**Hymn 9** (verse 1 only)

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**\*Processional Hymn 8**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

## SEEKING GOD'S MERCY

### Call to Confession

Olivia Marcelli

### Prayer of Confession

Olivia Marcelli

**God of the future,  
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.  
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,  
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement.  
We accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbours,  
abuse the earth,  
and refuse your justice and peace.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,  
and to seek things that will endure  
when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Mercy

Olivia Marcelli

**Thanks be to God!**

### \*Gloria Patri

No. 579

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*\*\*Children Grades 1-6 will be dismissed to Church School at this time. Church School teachers will be at the rear sanctuary doors to escort your child to Witherspoon Center. Children may be picked up by their parents in Witherspoon, located in the rear parking lot, at 10:40 am.*

## ATTENDING TO THE WISDOM OF GOD

### Prayer for Illumination

Cole Parsons

### New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Cole Parsons

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

arr. Shepperd

Ceara Casido, cello and Julia Clarke, flute

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fear and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,

dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.  
Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 24:36-44

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Meditation**

*Woke!*

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

Tyler Parsons

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

**Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord**

Lauren McGrath

**Prayer of Dedication**

Lauren McGrath

**Offertory Anthem**

*Comfort Ye My People*

arr. Davis

Lauren Parsons, soloist

Comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, saith our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them.  
Tell her that her sins I cover and that her warfare is over.  
The herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
bidding all men repentance since now the kingdom is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away!  
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.  
Make he straight what long was crooked, make the rough places plain.  
Let your hearts be comforted as befits God's holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er the earth's shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.  
Comfort ye my people.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Communion of the People of God**

(The Communion bread is gluten-free)

**Communion Hymn** (please remain seated)

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**Vs. 1**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

**Vs. 2**

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

**Prayer after Communion (unison)**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Almighty Father, in this season of great expectancy,  
we long to welcome Christ more deeply into our lives.**

**Knowing us completely, you have filled our hearts with joy,  
our minds with truth and our lives with purpose  
by your appearance at the Table.**

**We thank you for bringing us again  
to this wondrous sign that your holy presence is among us  
and will be till our Lord Jesus returns in glory;  
in his name we make this prayer. Amen.**

**ENTERING THE WORLD TO SERVE WITH GLADNESS**

**\*Sending Hymn 20**

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

**\*Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*(The congregation will please be seated.)*

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

\*Those who are able may stand.

## **Mahalo Ukulele Band**

Joe Bechtel  
Barb Clarke  
Amy DeSanto  
Maddie Desjardins  
Jen Dukelow  
Alex Ebiri  
Bill & Karen Kain

Brian Kain  
Dave & Trudie Large  
Sarah Lausi  
Joe, Olivia, Cate & Leah  
Marcelli  
Sue & Doug Nork

Ben Peelman  
Kevin Peelman  
Rusty Sieh  
Naomi Smith  
Claire Speas  
John Wilson

\*\*\*Thank you to Ivana Albert, Adam Crognale, Ceara Casido, Julia Clarke and Sean Desjardins for participating in this morning's service.\*\*\*

**TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP**  
*An Inviting Community Serving Christ For Life*  
*Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many*

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff  
The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver, Parish Associate  
The Rev. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus  
Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session  
Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music  
Brian Kain, Music Associate  
Marina Pappas, Weekday Nursery School Director

**The flowers were given to the glory of God by** Wendy Anders in loving memory of Dale Anders, a loving husband, father, son and PopPop; and by Tom and Louisa Tilsner in loving memory of Tom's mother, Elizabeth Tilsner.

**Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family:** Jonas Agbottah, Ruth Bohm, Holly Sanborn, Dick Buell, Jenny McFadden, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Beverly Whipple, Michele Gordon, Laurie Lausi, Heath Barnes, Ruth Kain-Palmer, Naomi Higuchi, Susan Greenwood, Barbara Cardea, Marcia Spatola, Dick Wolbach, Nancy Hickman, Helen Prickitt.

**Let Us Also Pray for Friends and Family:** Serina Desjardins (Pete and Sheri Desjardins' sister-in-law), Jonn Litton (Mary Ellen Litton's husband), Cindy Rosa (friend of Denise and Tony Ceneviva), The Rev. Bruce Gillette, Allen Whipple (Jim and Beverly Whipple's son), Bettie Holford (Carolyn Kramer's mother), Carolyn Hazel (Susan Greenwood's mother), Frances Gagliano (Maria Falcone's aunt), Tanya Mullen (Maria Falcone's friend), Chuck Inman-Sergott, (son of former Trinity Associate Pastor Rev. Mary Jane Inman and Dan Sergott), Pamela Burgess (Lydia Burgess' mother-in-law), Nicholas Horgan (nephew of Theresa and Kevin Kain), Jim Higdon (Greg Faulkner's brother), Cubmaster Mike Morris (Pack 252), Rosemary Halpin (Mary Ellen Litton's sister), Louisa B. Coffin (Louisa Coffin-Tilsner's mother), Brian Alden (Barb Wilson's nephew), Jim Tomaselli (Barb DeSanto's brother), Clara Ballard (Marty Flynn's mother), Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friend), Liz Shapiro (Heather Kern's friend), Rich Van Doren (Melissa Smith's brother), Arlene Fraraccio (Bonnie Jones' friend), David Parks (Nancy Parks' brother), Larry Hansen (Linda Thorpe's brother), Ron Bishop (Martha Stem's brother), Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's mother).

**Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military:** Cory Allen, Connor Barnes.

**Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the Narthex. Along with Bulletins!**

**Pastoral Care** – Dr. Faulkner is available to you for prayer, counsel and comfort in times of need. If there is an urgent need, contact Dr. Faulkner at 609-273-8110.

**Sunday Church School Schedule**  
**Nursery-Kindergarten (main building)**

**Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service**  
Room #1 Infant through Toddler  
Room #6 Twos and Threes, must be 24 months by Oct. 1, 2019  
Room #4 Fours, Fives and Kindergarten

**Witherspoon Center**  
**Dismissal is at 10:40 am.**

Room #1 First through Third grade  
Room #5 Fourth through Sixth Grade

**\*\*\*Parents, please drop off children kindergarten age and younger at their classrooms *before* the service.**

**\*\*\*\*Sunday, Dec. 8 - No Church School for 1st –6th grades. Childcare will be provided as usual for Infants through Kindergarten. Children are invited to stay in worship for the Children’s Choirs Christmas Presentation. \*\*\*\***

**Children’s Ministries:** Again this year, the Children’s Ministries will be collecting new hats, gloves and scarfs for those in need for some warmth this winter. We will have Christmas trees set up in the Fellowship Hall and Witherspoon Center on December 8<sup>th</sup> and we will be collecting until December 22. Please help us again this year with your generosity.

**Also on December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Children’s Advent Festival in the Anteroom** after the morning worship service. We will have snacks and fun crafts for our children to work on while the adults are having their coffee. Hope your children can come!

**Trinity’s Annual Stewardship Campaign continues.** The theme of this year’s campaign is **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**. This theme was selected to remind us of the gifts that God continues to give us and our Church. We should be grateful for how God has shown his faithfulness to us and enhanced our experiences and life at Trinity. Your financial support is required to continue Trinity’s outstanding programs, mission and staffing.

All Church members should have received their stewardship letter and 2020 pledge card in the mail. If you have submitted your pledge, thank you! If you have not returned your pledge card, please mail the completed card to the Church Office. You may also submit your pledge through your online EasyTithe account. A return of your pledge card by December 8 is required to help us develop our 2020 church budget.

We hope that you carefully consider the needs of your church and answer God’s call by offering your financial support. Thank you for helping to secure the future of Trinity.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**”*

*Lamentations 3:22:23*



***EasyTithe***, our online giving option, allows you to make your offering electronically. This option makes giving more convenient for you (no more checks to write) and ensures consistency in your giving which helps the church manage its cash flow requirements better. EasyTithe can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. The setup process is very straightforward and can be accomplished in just a couple of minutes. To sign up, go to Trinity's home page and click on "Online Giving" or go directly to [www.easytithe.com/trinpres](http://www.easytithe.com/trinpres).



An *EasyTithe* app is also available for download to your tablet or cell phone. Once you're set up, you can also text a gift in one simple step! Our phone number for text giving is 856-238-5444.

We encourage all members to establish automatic recurring gifts using *EasyTithe*.

**PLEASE notify the church office if your address, email or phone number changes.** You can email Pam Dougherty at [pam.dougherty@trinpres.org](mailto:pam.dougherty@trinpres.org) **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

**Please remember to sign the Fellowship Register.** Maintaining connections with our membership is critical to the health of our community, so thank you for helping us with this important outreach by signing in every time you attend worship!

**Please sign the cards in Fellowship Hall every Sunday—the goal is to get as many signatures as possible!** All you need to do is sign your name! The cards mean so much to those who are in need of a cheery hello, get well wishes, or words of sympathy. Thank you for participating in this important outreach to members of our Trinity family!

**In case of inclement weather, please check our website at [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org).** Any changes to or cancellations of worship services will be listed on the home page. If nothing is posted there, worship will take place as usual. If you do not have internet access, please ask a friend or family member to check for you.



**PW Cookie Sale-Calling All Bakers!** – After the service on **December 8th**, PW will be holding a cookie sale to raise money for scholarships to the Bi-annual Women's Retreat. If you like to bake, please consider donating a batch of your delicious cookies! If you are donating: label ingredients, especially tree nuts and chocolate. Pack cookies 6 to a sandwich zip lock bag. **Drop off in Fellowship Hall on December 8th before the worship service. Thank you in advance!**

**Adult Education presents: Immigration Stories 2- "A journey of a thousand miles".** Lao Tzu, the founder of Taonis once said, "begins with a single step". Let us listen to these five Trinity members as they tell us how they took that single step and made Trinity part of their journey. **Please join us TODAY at 11am, in the Community Room.**



The participants are:

Jonas Agbottah	Ghana
Julie Atkinson	China
Dhinakar Albert	India
Willemijn Don-Goetz	Holland
Julie Banas	Phillipines

Token snacks popular in these countries will be offered.

**The Deacons** are pleased to announce the return of the **Christmas Sharing Program for 2019**. Please visit the Deacons' table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour starting **Sunday, November 17th**. At the table, you can sign up to buy a Christmas gift for a child from Urban Promise or a client from Acenda Integrated Health (formerly Robins' Nest). Clients at Acenda have aged out of the foster care system but are not yet ready to live on their own. When you sign up, a form with specific gift suggestions will be provided to help you complete your shopping. **Gifts may be returned to the church and will be accepted until before service on December 15th**. Gifts for Robins' Nest should be returned wrapped, while gifts for Urban Promise should be brought to the church unwrapped. Please contact Pete Desjardins at [psdesjar@gmail.com](mailto:psdesjar@gmail.com) or Hersch Craven at [herschcraven@aol.com](mailto:herschcraven@aol.com) with any questions.



In addition to the Christmas presents, we provide food for the 30 clients at Acenda and 10 families through Urban Promise. In the past we have also made a donation of food to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Unfortunately, last year the Deacons Fund was short of funds and we made the difficult decision to not support the food pantry. We are hoping to make a donation again this year, but funds are very tight again. *We ask you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to the Deacons Fund to support the Christmas Sharing Program.*

**Deacons Fund** - A question came up about how to contribute to the Deacons Fund if I don't have my green envelopes. You can use a generic white contribution envelope from the pew and write "*Deacons Fund*" on it and the contribution will be directed to the Deacons Fund. As a reminder you can also make contributions online. There is a line item for a direct donation to the Deacons Fund.

**Trinity Women Annual Christmas Dinner and Communion Service** - Come relax and renew your heart for Christmas by enjoying a catered dinner, followed by a worship service with Communion in the Sanctuary.

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

**6:30pm Dinner**

**8:00pm Communion Service**

**Tickets are \$20. TODAY is the last day to sign up. Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

**Dinner will be catered from Brio Tuscan Grille:**

Rigatoni with Alfredo or Marinara

Romana-cruste Chicken

Salad

Bread

Dessert



The **2020 Flower Chart** is always available for sign ups every Sunday during coffee hour. Please consider donating the flowers around a date of significance in your lives, to remember loved ones, and to celebrate anniversaries, new life and new beginnings. **There are openings on Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9 & March 1 as well as dates in later months.**



# Trinity Community Concert Series Presents The Tri-County Symphonic Band

Friday, December 6, 2019 \* 7:30 PM

A Trinity favorite! Get into the holiday spirit as these talented musicians from throughout the region present an evening of great seasonal music for the whole family.



TCCS concerts are open to all! Admission is a free-will offering. A reception with light refreshments will follow each concert.

And save the date for the final event in our  
30th Anniversary Season:

The Rachmaninov Trio

Sunday, March 1, 2020 \* 4:00 PM

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Trinity continues with...

## MIXERS & MISSION

**Who:** Trinity's Teens and Tweens  
(6th-12th grades)

**When:** Once a month

**Where:** Trinity and the community

### Fall Details:

*10/6/19 11:45 am Lunch at Trinity followed by  
CROP Walk*

*11/17/19 12 noon Lunch and Bingo at Barclay's  
Rehab*

*12/8/19 2:00 pm Elf at Lisa & Joe Marcelli's home*

We hope you can join us this fall.....  
once, twice or for all 3 activities.  
Community Service points are available...

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Lisa Marcelli at [lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org](mailto:lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org)

or

Sarah Craven at [sarah.craven@trinpres.org](mailto:sarah.craven@trinpres.org)

## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Sunday, December 1**

9:30 am           Worship Service/Communion  
9:30 am           Church School (N-6th Grade)  
10:50 am          Youth Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am          Adult Education– Community Room  
11:30 am          Youth Bells

### **Monday, December 2**

10:30 am          Library Committee  
6:00 pm           Strategy Meeting  
7:00 pm           Session Meeting– Anteroom  
7:00 pm           Boy Scouts– Witherspoon Center

### **Tuesday, December 3**

10:00 am          Care ‘n Share Shop  
6:30 pm           Trinity Women Christmas Dinner & Communion Service (8:00 pm)

### **Wednesday, December 4**

6:15 pm           Commissioning– Witherspoon Center  
6:30 pm           Adult Bells Rehearsal  
7:00 pm           Cub Scouts– Community Room  
7:30 pm           Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, December 5**

10:00 am          Care ‘n Share Shop  
12:00 pm          Alzheimer’s Support Group—Witherspoon Center  
4:30-5:00 pm      Cherub Choir  
5:00-5:40 pm      Carol Choir  
5:40-6:20 pm      TEAM Choir  
6:20-6:50 pm      TEAM Bells  
6:30-9:00 pm      AA Groups—Witherspoon Center

### **Friday, December 6**

7:30 pm           TCCS Concert– followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, December 7**

9:00 am           Children's Choirs Rehearsal– Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 8**

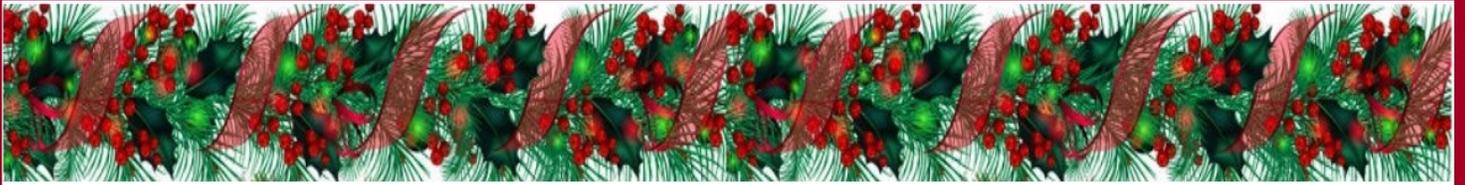
9:30 am           Worship Service  
9:30 am           Childcare only (Nursery-Kindergarten), Grades 1-6 remain in worship  
10:30 am          Advent Festival– Anteroom, kid’s activities and treats  
10:30 am          PW Christmas Cookie Sale– Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am          Trinity Band in Atrium  
11:00 am          Deacon’s Meeting– Community Room– lower level  
2:00 pm           Mixers & Mission– Watch Elf at the Marcelli’s home

**Trinity Presbyterian Church Vision and Values**  
*An Inviting Community Serving Christ for Life*  
*Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many*

**At Trinity we:**

- believe the Holy Spirit empowers us to reach out to others in order to serve God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. It is this truth that governs all that we do and all that we are.
- worship as a community of faith gathering in the Triune God's presence to further our knowledge of Scripture, participate in the Sacraments and gain inspiration for our lives. Music is part of our worship in that it enhances the spoken words of worship in an uplifting multigenerational manner. We offer our musical gifts to the Lord.
- affirm that members of all ages contribute to the rich tapestry of our witness, interests and talents. We encourage others to join us. Through fellowship all members are supported on a communal and personal level as our church family gathers for many purposes.
- acknowledge the blessings the Triune God has bestowed upon us and we respond by offering our time, talents and treasure as a dynamic sacrifice in gratitude to the loving and caring God.
- recognize the importance of life long learning to further our knowledge of God and better grow in our relationship with God, our families and our Community.
- experience the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ and go from our worshipping fellowship into the world to serve others.

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*You are cordially invited to spend the  
Christmas Season  
with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!*

**Sunday, December 1 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Choir and Ukulele Band*

**Tuesday, December 3 - 6:30pm**

*Trinity Women's*

*Christmas Dinner & Communion Service*

**Friday, December 6 - 7:30 pm**

*Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the  
Tri-County Symphonic Band*

**Sunday, December 8 - 9:30am**

*Children & Youth Christmas Music followed by  
Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

**Sunday, December 15 - 9:30am**

*Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble & Timpani present  
Bob Chilcott's Gloria*

*Christmas Sharing Delivery - our Deacons deliver gifts to needy families*

**Sunday, December 22 - 9:30am**

*Christmas Worship with handbell music & concert band  
Nativity Walk immediately following the service—enjoy a cup of coffee  
while viewing dozens of favorite crèches shared by our members*

**Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm** *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

**7:00 and 11:00 pm** *Candlelight Communion with*

*Pre-service music, choir and brass. Childcare offered at 7pm only.*

*Christmas Eve Social following the 7pm service*

**Sunday, December 29 - 9:30am** *Sunday Worship Service, Childcare*

**Sunday, January 5 - 9:30am** **Epiphany Sunday**

*Communion, Choir & Youth Bells*

