

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"4th Sunday of Advent"

December 24, 2006

MINISTERS All Members
PASTOR Rev. Joseph Stiles
READER OF THE DAY Tom Stewart
CHOIR DIRECTOR / MUSICIAN Joyce Blackburn

"EXPECT A MIRACLE"

PRELUDE *"Carols of the Bells"* Joyce Blackburn

Leader: "God is good", People: "All the time",
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (During announcements please
fill out the registration cards found in each pew.) Tom Stewart

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

"The Choir"

CHIMES *"That Boy-Child of Mary"* Joyce Blackburn

CHORAL INTROIT #219 *"What Child Is This?"* Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (See Insert)

*OPENING HYMN #220 *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 Tom Stewart

"A Modern Affirmation"

GLORIA PATRI #70 *"Glory Be to the Father"* All

SHARING MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN Rev. Stiles

ANTHEM *"Joy in Judea"* Choir

PRAISE AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Stiles

CALL TO PRAYER *"Away In A Manger"* Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER All

"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Tom Stewart

OFFERTORY *"Gesu' Bambino"* Joyce Blackburn

Flute: Rebekah Harp - Piano: Joyce Blackburn

*THE DOXOLOGY #95 All

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

HYMN OF PREPARATION #229 *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible #1497) Matthew 1:18-25 Rev. Stiles

"THANKS BE TO GOD!"

All

MESSAGE OF THE DAY *"Christmas Miracle"* Rev. Stiles

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP: Those who would like to join Trinity United Methodist Church, and make a commitment to God and His Church, and those wishing Christian Baptism, come forth .

CLOSING HYMN #251 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

BENEDICTION Rev. Stiles

POSTLUDE *"Joyous Christmas Medley"* Joyce Blackburn

(*Denotes standing for those that care to and those who are able)

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AT TRINITY:

Sunday,	Dec. 24 th ,	<i>“4th Sunday of Advent”</i> <i>“Christmas Eve”</i> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 5:30 pm. “Christmas Eve – Candlelight Communion Service”
Monday,	Dec. 25 th ,	<i>“Christmas Day”</i> 7:00 p.m. NO Potpourri 8:00 p.m. A.A. in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday,	Dec. 27 th ,	8:00 p.m. A.A. in Fellowship Hall
Sunday,	Dec. 31 st ,	<i>“1st Sunday after Christmas Day”</i> <i>Christmas Carol Sing</i> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

“PRAYER CONCERNS”:

Brian Cook, The Deckers, The Geer Family, Iona Mears, The Knezha Family, Christopher Lopez, Fonda Cotton, Reggie Hall, The Millan Family, Clarke New, The Owen Family, The Sikes Family, Billie Sterner, Goldye Suggs, David Johnston & Family, Audra Wayne (& “family”), Anne L. Wilson, Olive Shupe, Nicole Seymour, Donna Shumaker, Thomas Howell, Barbara Moritz, The Barnetts, Ivan Johnston, Pam Pattee, Donnie Edwards, James Aaron Hill, Jr., Harold Maready, Hal Horton, Arlene Johnston, Joyce Howard, Katharen Billow, Alice Hakes, The Hendrick Family, Carol Rumsey, Debbie Hill, James Only, Tim Holden, Wanda Carey, Jamie Willis, Beverly Addison and family, Vera Davis, David Smith, Ruth Black and Mike Friedlander, Caden Appling, and The Masser Family.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for January / February 2007 are now available in the Narthex. Please remember to pick one up for you and one for a friend.

(OUR SPECIAL THANKS to Avondale United Methodist Church for sharing with us their gift of beautiful bulletins for the Advent Season.)

IN SYMPATHY: Trinity’s family wishes to extend our deepest sympathy at the loss of our dear friend and companion Paul E. Masser last week. His faithful witness will be missed. Please continue to keep his wife Nancy and their family in your prayers during these difficult days.

CHILDREN’S HOME CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

TODAY is the Annual United Methodist Children’s Home Christmas Offering. Our thanks to all who continue to support this very important ministry.

OUR REMAINING ADVENT SCHEDULE:

Please remember these remaining Advent Services:

Sunday, Dec. 24th, 5:30 p.m.	TONIGHT! <i>“Candlelight Communion Service”</i>
Sunday, Dec. 31st, 10:30 a.m.	1st Sunday after Christmas Day <i>“Christmas Carol Sing”</i>

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: After many years of being associated with Trinity our hearts are overjoyed that Carolyn Phillips has placed her membership here December 10th. “Welcome Carolyn!”

THE MISSION’S TREE

We are placing bells on our Mission Tree in Fellowship Hall ***In Memory*** or ***In Honor*** of Loved Ones during the month of December. See Reggie Hall or Patty Owen if you are interested in participating in this important mission ministry. All monies collected will be used for local mission projects.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: God gives the gift unique and eternal, the Bethlehem Babe; Born, crucified, and risen for us all.

PEOPLE: **O come, O come Emmanuel, all peoples in one heart and mind bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

CHOIR: Rejoice, rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

LEADER: **God gives gifts of the Spirit for growth and life, for teaching and healing, for loving, giving, and caring.**

PEOPLE: Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

CHOIR: **God gives me to you and you to me; we are each other's gift of love for Christ.**

LEADER: O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

CHOIR: **Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

PEOPLE: (sing) O come let us adore him,

CHOIR: (sing) **O come let us adore him,**

ALL: (sing) O COME LET US ADORE HIM,
CHRIST THE LORD!

THE ALTAR IS DEDICATED to the Glory and Honor of God and is in loving memory of Paul Masser by the Trinity Family.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT:

In honor of the faithful members who continue to love and serve the Lord here, a gift has been given to Trinity by Shirley & Lewis Millan. Their prayer is that each of you will have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Dear Trinity Family,

*You always do so much for us,
With prayers and love and such,
Your gifts were just amazing,
and we thank you all "so much!"*

*But greater is the gift you give,
Your witness of our God,
By watching how your faith is lived,
As daily you each trod.*

*Our hearts just overflow with love,
Today for each of you,
We pray that God will help you know,
Our thanks for all "YOU" do!*

*With grateful hearts
for such a loving congregation,*