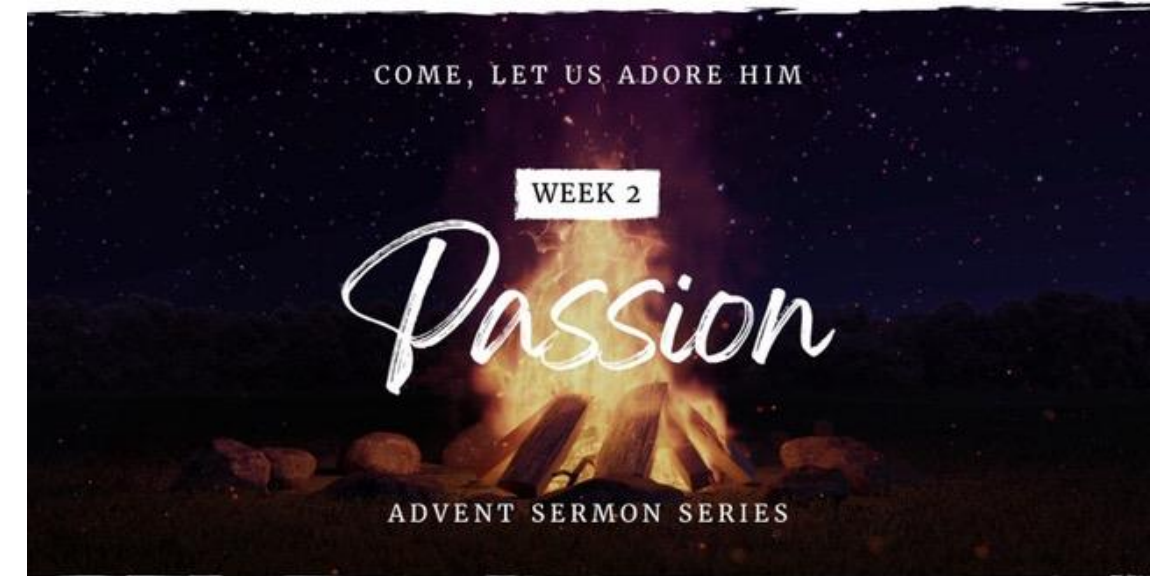


December 8 8:30 am

Praise Songs	Famous One Change My Heart, Oh God
Life in Community	
The Light of Peace	The Beck-Coleman Family
Prayer for the People	
Giving Our Gifts	
Songs of Advent	O Come, O Come Emmanuel Come Now Our King
The Word of the Prophet	Malachi 3:1-4
The Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:1-6
The Message	Who Can Endure?
Song of Grace	Wash Me Away
Baptism and Reception of Jason Coleman	
Invitation to the Table	All are welcome
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance	
The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving	
The Lord's Prayer	Ecumenical
Receiving The Bread and the Cup	
*Sending Song	Hark the Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven
*Blessing	

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## TRINITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## GATHERING

Prelude The Babe, the Son of Mary, Trinity Bells

The Word of the Prophet Malachi 3:1-4

*See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.*

\*Songs of Praise Prepare the Way of the Lord, 207

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, 211 v. 1,2,6,7

Life in Community

Children!

## THANKSGIVING

The Light of Peace Linn Lott & Vicki Byrd

Reader: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

**Congregation: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.**

Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Choir Anthem Voice in the Wilderness

Prayer for the People

The Lord's Prayer

Giving Our Gifts

Offertory Ukranian Bell Carol Fantasy, Trinity Bells

Praising God

Doxology 95

## MESSAGE

Song of Grace

Gather Us In, 2236, v.1,2,4

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

Judy Powell

*A voice crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled,  
and every mountain and hill will be leveled.  
The crooked will be made straight  
and the rough places made smooth.  
All humanity will see God's salvation."*

The Message

Who Can Endure?

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming:  
We confess we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.  
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles.  
We have ignored the promise of your kingdom.  
We get distracted by all the busyness of this season.  
Forgive us, God.  
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,  
The curiosity and courage of the Magi,  
The patient faith of Mary and Joseph,  
That we may journey with them to Bethlehem  
and find the good news of a child born for us.  
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,  
We ask you to make us ready to come home.  
Amen.**

## SENDING

\*Sending Hymn

People Look East, 202

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

**The fruit today** is given by Linda Clark-Myers

**This week at Trinity...**

Today, The Youth Group will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Last Youth Group of 2024  
Chesterfield Concert Band's Christmas Concert will be at 7:00 p.m., with a cookie  
Reception to follow. Please bring cookies to share with you or leave them in the kitchen on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, December 10th – Praise Team 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 11th - Exercise Group 10:00 am.

Wacky Wednesday 5:45-6:45 pm

Youth Bible study 6:45-7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

**Servant Leaders this week, December 8th and 9th**

Acolyte      Everly (8:30) and Jameson (11:00)

Counters     Tom and Barbara

**Servant Leaders next week, December 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>**

Acolyte      Everly (8:30) and Dylan (11:00)

Counter      Steve and Brenda

The Miracle Cafe is collecting toys for the 150+ children attending their annual Christmas party. The goal is for each child to receive two toys totaling \$10 per child.

If you would like to participate in this toy drive, please bring your UNWRAPPED toy(s) to church by December 11<sup>th</sup> and place in the drop box provided.

Questions? Lesa Collins 434-665-4105.

*Merry Christmas Trinity Staff!*

As we approach that wondrous time of year when the gift of Jesus Christ was given to us, we want to share that gift of love with others. Trinity's hard-working pastor and staff enable us to do just that. In return, we would like to bestow a little love on them! If you would like to contribute towards the staff Christmas gifts, you can do so by making a check out to TUMC with a note in the memo "Staff Christmas Gift." You will need to have your donations in by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. It is a privilege to be part of such a giving congregation.

Blessings to you all in this joyous season!

Trinity Leadership Board



Join us for a delightful morning on December 14th, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, where you can savor a delicious warm breakfast while enjoying the company of friends and family in a cozy atmosphere. Don't miss the chance to capture special memories—bring the whole family to take fun and festive photos with Santa! It's a perfect opportunity to celebrate the season