

Canticle of Light and Darkness

We look for light but find darkness,
for brightness, but walk in gloom.

We grope like those who have no eyes;
we stumble at noon as in the twilight.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you,
for the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Blessed be your name, O God, for ever.

You reveal deep and mysterious things;
you are light and in you is no darkness.

Our darkness is passing **away**
and already the true light is shining.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Hospitalized since our last issue: Sarah Marshall

Our condolences to Lea Varda, whose mother Kathleen Penn died November 26.

Committee Information

Finance Committee, Thursday, December 9, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

Trustees, Monday, December 13, 6:00 p.m., in person

Church Council, Monday, December 20, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

If you'd like your offering listed on your 2021 statement, please be sure it's at the church by Wednesday, December 29.

2022 offering envelopes are in the Gathering Room. Please take yours, or call the office, (906)774-2545, and make arrangements to pick them up. If you'd like envelopes and there aren't any with your name on them, please call the office.

Updated ZIP Code! Ruth Carlson has moved, and here's her contact information in case you'd like to get in touch with her. 5517 Lyndale Ave. South, Room 418, Minneapolis, MN 55419. Her direct phone line is (612)821-3318. If you'd like to reach her daughter Kara Sankaran, please call her at (415)373-7977.

*In every season,
more hope,
more love,
more Jesus.*

**"I am come that they might have life,
and that they might have it more
abundantly." —John 10:10**



Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Gathering Words for Worship

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Charles Wesley, 1744

Prayer of the Day

God our Savior—your word shakes the wilderness,
washes away evil, and causes all things now living to rejoice.
Make us ready to greet you and the coming of your holy realm;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prophets Foretold It—Micah 3: 8

‘But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the
LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to the people of
Jacob how they have turned against God, and the people of Israel,
how they have sinned. (Expanded Bible)

Proclamation of the Word

Malachi 3: 1 – 4, Luke 3: 1 – 6

‘Echoes of Prophecy: Washed Clean’

Holy Communion

A great feast is prepared for us—
the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.
God’s grace overflows for us—
the cup of promise and blessing that we share in Christ
the Lord. Come to the table. Come to the feast.

Benediction

The promise of God is for all.
Receive it with thanksgiving.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Trinity Times

Sharing God’s love with those who hunger.

December 1, 2021

The decorations are hung. The songs are being sung. We are moving closer and closer to the birth of Jesus... God embodied in a little baby boy who came to live among us. Let’s consider how badly the world needs a Savior, right now. Look to the Bible for other times and places when hunger and politics and temptations to anger and violence have seemed overwhelming. Let’s listen and learn from the prophets of old and translate their words from God into messages of hope, faith, love, and joy for this time and place.

Like them, we can call upon God and prepare for a Savior. Prepare yourself for the miracle of Jesus Christ which is ever-present and available for those who continue to seek the light of holiness and love that God offers to all. *Pastor Geri*



Devotion to Generosity There are so many different ways during this season to express our gratitude through generosity at Trinity.

Thanks for your generosity! Please consider the following:

- ❖ **Giving Goal Cards for 2022** Looking ahead with hope! It’s never too late to turn them in! Please return them ASAP.
- ❖ **Paper Poinsettias and Lights of Love Luminaries...** See the red sheet, and please return it by December 16 so we can have everything ready for Christmas Eve.
- ❖ **13th Month Giving...** one extra month of giving from you could be just what’s needed to clear up our financial obligations and set us on a strong path for 2022.

Facebook Live Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Go to <https://www.facebook.com/imtrinityumc>

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