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## **Nativity of the Lord**

**December 25, 2022 - 11:00 AM ONLY**

*“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”—Luke 2:7*

**Prelude** Gesù bambino *Pietro Yon*

**Choral Introit** Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light *J.S. Bach*

### **Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

The angel has announced it:

**Jesus, our Savior, is born!**

Like the shepherds,  
let us share the good news:

**Jesus, our Savior, is born!**

Like the angels,  
let us praise God, saying:

**Jesus, our Savior, is born!**

**Glory to God in heaven**

**and on earth peace!**

**\*Hymn 143** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of glory, your goodness and loving-kindness have come to dwell among us, and salvation has knocked on our door. Still, we confess that we have a hard time believing the news, and an even harder time living it out. Grant us faith, we pray, and help our unbelief. Fill us with the songs of the angels, until we overflow with joy we can't contain, with hope that has come alive. Amen.**

### **Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response 126, Jesus, Jesus, What A Wonderful Child**

### **Passing of the Peace**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Micah 5:1–5a

**Anthem**

My Soul Glorifies the Lord

*David Foley*

**A Prayer for Children**

**Second Lesson**

Luke 2:1–14

**Sermon**

*O Not-So-Little Town, cont'd.*, Dwight Christenbury

**\*Hymn 146**

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

John 1:14, 16–18 (*Common English Bible*)

**The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace; as the Law was given through Moses, so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father’s side, has made God known. Amen.**

**Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Offering & Blessing of the Gifts**

**\*Hymn 119**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

Ding Dong Merrily on High

*John Leavitt*

**LITURGIST(S):** Jan Prichard  
**PROJECTIONS:** Russ Russell, Bud Weeks  
**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:** 143

**LIVESTREAM:** Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,  
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker

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**WORSHIP TEAM**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dwight Christenbury  
**Minister of Visitation:** Sally Beghtol, C.P.  
**Music Director:** Stephen Klein  
**Section Leaders:** Frank Burzio, Katie Cilluffo,  
Eric McAnallen, Beth Pensiero  
**Percussionist:** Don Widmayer

**TRINITY TEAM**

**Maintenance Facilitator:** Jim Kisner  
**Treasurer:** Tom Karvonen  
**Financial Secretary:** Diane Bowers  
**Bookkeepers:** Lynne Meluch, Fitz Sthreshley,  
Carolyn Erickson, Lois Erickson, Becky Palmer,  
& Sue Robinson  
**Nursery Staff:** Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

*This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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**SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY & FIVE CENTS A MEAL**  
**11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**MONDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY**

9:00 Finance Team  
9:00 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Coffee Group  
6:30 Deborah Circle

**WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Friends in Christ  
1:00 Spanish Class

**THURSDAY**

1:30 AA Ladies

**FRIDAY**

8:00 Toastmasters  
9:30 Feed the Kids

**SATURDAY - NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**SUNDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY & COMMUNION**

**8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

**11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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**Weekly Calendar:**  
**Dec 25 - Jan 1**

**PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy:** Linda Berquist upon the loss of her mother Irene Solbakken; The family of Betsy Mixner **Hospice:** Lucille Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law) **Hospital:** Peter DeWitt (Nancy Williard's husband) **Rehabilitation/Nursing:** Neena Haskins (HH&R); Pete Pappanastos (Neena Haskin's brother-in-law); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Phil & Julia Sellers (Durham); Ruth Mills, Marian Lowry (CV Care Center); Jerry & Bea Miller (Indiana); Nancy Underwood (The Bridge); Ron Hoverson (The Lodge at Mills River). **Home:** Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Marty Zigovsky; Ron Leach (Smelker's brother-in-law); Neil Hirschfield (Marty Zigovsky's son-in-law); Emma Persigehl, Leah Epps; Ed Remington (Glenn Walker's brother-in-law); Barbara Nichols; Kim Henderson (Kisner's daughter); Scott Garrison; Bud Weeks; Mark Slaughter; Bob Pearce (Diane Bowers' cousin); Jim Emme; Darlene Tribby; Dan Green; Jim Luzadder; Sarah Overton, Irene Lunsford (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; Evans Thibodeau; Irma Baldwin, Don Cunningham (Sarah Thibodeau's brother). **Others:** Our mission coworkers and sister church, Fuente de Vida, the people of Ukraine, and for those harmed by gun violence.

**ISSUES & CONCERNS:** We will not be meeting on 12/25 and 1/1. On 1/8 we will begin a new Great Courses video series on "Searching for the Historical Jesus" ...highly recommended by our librarian Jane Presseau. The series has 15 episodes so we will likely pause for other topics at some point and then return. Please join us in Fellowship Hall.

**THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!** Get 'em while they're hot (on the Welcome Table—more in the left cabinet door).

**VISITORS,** would you like to join Trinity? Let Mark or Dwight know. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!

**PLEASE NOTE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULES:** Monday after Christmas AND New Years, the office will be closed. No Learning Hour on Dec 25 or Jan 1. No Choir rehearsal on Dec 28 BUT YES rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Jan 1.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2023** are available for order through our website under "[Get Involved --> Sign-ups](#)". You can be a part of this beautiful ministry for only \$40. Please contact Susan Mangrum for details. 828-595-7466

**SPANISH CLASS, WEDNESDAYS, 1:00PM** in the Trinity Room. Accepting new students preferably with some previous Spanish experience (high school or college is good!). Questions: [jocelyncolleson@gmail.com](mailto:jocelyncolleson@gmail.com) or 828-699-7621

**NEW MEMBERS MINISTRY** invites you to show off your Trinity pride! We have new bumper stickers with our current logo, plus our denomination (PCUSA) to give people driving around town a peek at who we are. Free and available on the "Welcome" table (the pretty one to the left of the front doors) in the Narthex.

**NOTARY NEEDED** - As a resource to church members, we were wondering if anyone in the congregation is a certified notary public. If so (and you're willing to be contacted), please let us know in the office. Thanks!

**DON'T FORGET** to check out the NEW Trinity blog for ministry updates, church & community activities, and ways you can get involved in the goings on at Trinity. Viewing options: scroll down on the home page to "Latest News", find under "News" tab, Trinity's Facebook page. Many thanks to those who've already written a post for us. Got an event, idea, theological question to discuss? Write for us! We'd love to hear your comments as well.