

Trinity Church
December 18, 2016
Classic Worship 8:30 a.m.

Prelude "Silent Night" Tori Mann
arr. By Bober

Lighting the Advent Candle

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Invocation Stephen Starnes

***Opening Worship**

"Once in Royal David's City" p.155 vs.1,3,4
 "I Wonder as I Wander" p.139 vs.2,3,4
 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" p.131 vs.1,4

Morning Offering "Sing, Noel, Noel!" Tori Mann
arr. By Ray

Welcome Stephen Starnes

If you are seated on or near an aisle, please take out the red attendance register, sign it, and pass it on. Thank you!

Announcements Dr. Marc Putnam

Morning Prayer Dr. Marc Putnam

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:26-38

Morning Meditation "Gifts" Dr. Marc Putnam

***Closing Hymn** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" p.127 vs.1,5

***Benediction**
**Congregation stands*

Announcements:



Come listen and be blessed this evening! **Tonight at 5:30pm is our Choir Christmas Cantata "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"**, followed by a reception in the Atrium. Don't miss this special time to meditate on Christ's birth through uplifting music. And enjoy visiting with friends afterwards!

In this season of remembering the blessings God, we want to remember those around the world who have so little to eat. **We ask each family to pick up an Advent Box** in the Atrium and fill it with change during the holiday season, then return it after Christmas. This money will be used to kick off our Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon on Feb. 11th. **Return your boxes on January 1st.**

Remember to bring your Christmas cards for Trinity members and put in the large mailbox in the atrium. Trinity Youth Fellowship is sponsoring our **Christmas Mailbox** and will sort them and "deliver them" to a pick up box where you can find cards addressed to you in alphabetical order by last name. So plan to mail your cards here and also remember to stop by the box each week to receive cards addressed to you! And don't forget to thank a teen for this loving service! **Donations are accepted for this youth project and will be used towards the Trinity Youth Mission Trip in June.**

Honor/Memory Tree We will have our Honor/Memory tree in the Atrium during December. This is a wonderful, simple way to honor a special person in your life or remember one that has passed on. You may **purchase an ornament for \$3 in the Atrium** – write the name of that special person on a tag and place on the tree. The week of Christmas, please take your ornament home to enjoy. Your \$3 gift will go to support our February Pack-A-Thon for Feed the Hunger.

Join us for coffee, rolls, song and candle lighting when we gather for our **Love Feast** in the Moravian tradition on **Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th from 5:30-6:30 pm.**

Attention KidZone children! On **Christmas Day**, we will enjoy a Happy Birthday Jesus Party together! So don't miss this special time!

Christmas Morning, Sunday, December 25th – there will be no early service or Sunday School. **Join us for a combined service at 10:30 am** as we hear readings from the Bible of Christ's birth, sing carols and celebrate the "reason for the season!"

Mark your calendars - **Saturday, December 31st at 5:30 pm** is our **New Year's Eve Service**. This is a special time to stop and thank God for all His blessings of the past year and commit the coming year into His hands.

Join us for a **combined service at 10:30 am on Sunday, January 1st**. There will be no early service or Sunday School. All Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

Assistance is needed serving at our Christmas Eve Love Feast. Can you help? Contact Marty Smith 336.854.3908.

A BIG Thank You to all of our Salvation Army Bell-Ringers! Everyone had lots of fun and many shoppers stopped to give money. Our ringers raised \$431.16!

We had 31 Carolers go singing to our homebound members. A joyful sweet time it was! We returned to delicious chili, cocoa, popcorn and cookies at the church – thanks to Frank & Margaret Wilder and Nolan McDowell!

There will be no prayer meeting this Wednesday, December 21st.

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***Opening Worship** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" p.143 vs.1,2
 "Angels We Have Heard on High" p.132 vs.1,3,4

***Connections** "The First Noel" p.136 vs.1

Morning Prayer Dr. Marc Putnam

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Announcements Dr. Marc Putnam

Offertory "Child of Bethlehem" Four The Light
arr.by Marty Parks

Offertory Prayer Doug Snyder

Anthem "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Chancel Choir
arr. John Rutter

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 7:1-17

Sermon "The Grinch, Scrooge and Ahaz" Dr. Marc Putnam

***Closing Hymn** "Away In A Manger" p.157 vs.1-3

***Benediction**
**Congregation stands*



Today's Greeters:

Bill & Christine Distelhorst, Bill & Annabelle Cunane

Announcements Continued:

As we change the vision for our library, we are clearing out the old to make way for the new. **Books on any of the marked shelves are FREE** and available for the taking. Please take a moment to look thru and take home any books you and your family may enjoy.

On **January 8th** we will have our **PULSE Survey**, the next step in our Congregational Vitality. This stage will be an important part of preparing for our strategic plan for 2017.

Financial update: Of our 4th quarter goal of \$144,000, \$101,096 has been received. God and our congregation have always been faithful in providing for our needs and we are confident that the remaining \$42,904 needed to fully fund our ministries will be gifted to Trinity during December. Thank you for the many ways that each of you bless our Church.

Trinity Church will honor the memory and ministry of former associate pastor, David Bowden on **Sunday, January 15th**, at the 10:30 worship service. Following the worship service, there will be a reception in the Christian Life Center. At the reception, Pastor Marc will announce the naming of the Christian Life Center for David. Please plan to join us and invite anyone that knew David to attend.

Trinity's **Mission trip to Nicaragua** will be **June 21-28, 2017**. Approximate cost will be \$1,400 per person. Please pray about joining this trip to see what God is doing in Esteli.

Please know how much your cards, prayers, and words of sympathy and encouragement meant to me and to our family during the recent loss of my brother Thank you so much! Al & Sandra Powell

The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Ginger Alligood on her heavenly birthday by Bud Alligood.

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low for You; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

What's Happening

Sunday, December 18th

- 8:30 a.m. Classic Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Reading Class
- 9:15 a.m. Sonshine/Fellowship Class
- 9:15 a.m. Good Medicine Class
- 9:30 a.m. Family Focus Class 111
- 10:30 a.m. Family Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Slavic Church
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 5:30 p.m. Choral Cantata "Festival of Lessons & Carols"

Tuesday, December 20th

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Fitness at A.C.T.

Wednesday, December 21st

- * No Prayer Meeting
- * Bulletin announcements due by Noon.

Thursday, December 22nd

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Fitness at A.C.T.
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Saturday, December 24th

- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Love Feast

Sunday, December 25th

- 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Slavic Church

Church office will be closed December 26th & 27th.

Pioneers Club will resume on Sunday, January 8th at 5pm.

Each Sunday: 3 yrs. – grade 3

- 9:30 – 10:15am Sunday school, Bible stories, crafts, and learning activities
- 10:30 – 11:00am Worship experience in sanctuary with parents
- 11:00 – 11:15am KidZone: children dismissed for life lessons from the Bible
- 11:15 – 11:35am Snacks and guided recreational activities

Our Nursery Workers:



December 18th – Donna VanErden, Elizabeth McClellan
December 25th – Donna Battaille, Gracie Battaille

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Rev. Dr. Marcus B. Putnam

8:30 Classic Worship
and
10:30 a.m. Family Worship

Fourth Sunday in Advent