



Worship Service
1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020 10 am

“To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily.”

Gathering Music

Welcome w/ Pastor Deanna

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

*** Crossing the Threshold**

*I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun,
 Even when, even when it's not shining.*

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 Even when, even when it's not shining.*

One: The place without light.

All: The place without light.

One: The depth of night.

All: The depth of night.

One: The pit of unknowing.

All: The pit of unknowing.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath w/ Worship Team

One: Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of untiring hope. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle - even when our view is obscured by clouds of doubt, ignite the fame of hope within us,

All: That we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

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 Even when, even when it's not shining.*

*** Opening Hymn (screen)**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*** Opening Prayer**

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 (NRSV)

Special Music w/ Kelly Shuey

“Breath of Heaven”

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:1-15 (NRSV)

Message w/ Pastor Deanna

“I Believe in the Sun: Hope for Tomorrow”

*** Closing Song (screen)**

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

*** Response (screen) “Come On Ring Those Bells”**

** Those who are able, please stand*
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TODAY'S HELPERS IN MINISTRY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor - Rev. Deanna Geiter

Music Director - Colette Schindler

Secretary - Deb Shuey

Treasurer - Sheila Seaman

Jr. Church Leader -

Head Usher - Jeff Werner

Greeter(s) -

Email Prayer Chain Contact - trinitylickdale@gmail.com

(If you have a joy or concern that you would like prayer for contact the church office at 717-865-4361 or Pastor Deanna at 717-989-0333 or send an email to trinitylickdale@gmail.com.)

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Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week



Dennis Swoyer - December 1

Tim Shuey - December 3

Jeff & Sue Werner - December 1

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Orders are due TODAY! Order information is on the table and can be given to Deb Shuey or Kitty Werner. If you forgot your money, but would like a Poinsettias, see Deb or Kitty. Cost is \$7 each. Flower(s) may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Services.

CHARGE CONFERENCE - Reminder for all Committee Chairpersons. For Trinity UMC is Monday, November 30th at 6 pm via Zoom. Zoom link was sent from the church email to attend from home or you may attend thru the zoom link at the church.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Will meet Monday, December 7th at 7 pm. Bring your Bible and come out for an evening of fellowship and studying God's Word.

UPPER ROOM AND OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS - Are available on the table in the multi. purpose room.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - Sunday, December 13 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Join us for a night of Christmas themed activities. Dress in your favorite Christmas sweater, socks, Santa hat, reindeer antlers etc., and join us for a night of Christmas fun. Invite your friends and Join Us! Youth is for 3rd thru 12th Grades. Questions see Meredith Rinehart, Deb Shuey or Pastor Deanna.

CHURCH WORKDAY - Saturday, December 5th starting at 8 am. Everyone is encouraged to come and help get the Church ready for winter. Questions see Chris Werner or a member of the Trustee Committee.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING FOR NEXT SUNDAY - Hospital of Hope.

MINISTRY SIGN UP - Sign-up sheets for Jr. Church Leaders, Greeters and Reading Scripture are on the table in the multi. purpose room. Sign up for a week or two.

We also need additional volunteers to help run the computer for the Worship Service, lead in a Children's Message and volunteers to help sanitize following Worship Services.

Altar Flower Chart for 2021 is posted.

See Pastor Deanna or Deb Shuey if you can help or questions.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Incarnation - Join us this season for an Advent Bible study titled, *Incarnation*. This study is based on Adam Hamilton's book with the same title. In this study, we will explore the incarnation of Jesus, of God becoming flesh, here on earth and what that means for us. We will explore seven different names of Jesus, how they have been understood and what they mean to us. We will rediscover the significance of Christmas.

Study is a four week study: Thursdays at 7 pm on December 3; December 10; December 17. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending. Also, if you would like a copy of the book, you can purchase it online or contact the church office (the book is not needed). The cost for the book is \$13.49.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Thursday, December 24th

(Services held in multi-purpose room)

4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

7 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

Join us for an evening of Christmas music, Advent Candle lighting, Scripture and a pilgrimage to the Nativity Scene (outside) with singing of Christmas carols and a message from Pastor Deanna.

Join us for one of our Christmas Eve Services (both services are the same).

Celebrating the birth of our Lord.

(During the pandemic, we will be asking church families to sign-up for the Worship Service they would like to attend. A signup sheet is on the table in the multi.-purpose room or contact the church office to RSVP.)

SCIENCE PROGRAM AT TRINITY UMC - Saturday, May 8, 2021. Join us for the "The Amazing Chemistry Show" with Josh Denhart. Have questions or want to help, contact Meredith Rinehart.



Film Festival for Advent 2020

This Advent season we are focusing on the power of music in our lives and in the world. Music often provides hope and brings people together, especially during difficult times.

Please note: These films are not appropriate for young children because of the difficult circumstances that are shown through the films. Please use the

Family Christmas classics for your young children.

The First week of Advent: *Defiant Requiem*

Read: Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-15

Prayer: Gracious God, Gather us in and center us in the Spirit's presence. Open us to your hope in the stories we have heard and in our own lives. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Introduction to the film:

This first week's film is called "*Defiant Requiem*." It was chosen because the theme song for our worship series "*I Believe*" is based on an anonymous poem, believed to be written by a Jewish person hiding from the Nazis in the 1940's. This week's documentary is also about that time period.

Defiant Requiem highlights the most dramatic example of intellectual and artistic courage in the Theresienstadt (Terezín) Concentration Camp during World War II: the remarkable story of Rafael Schächter, a brilliant, young Czech conductor who was arrested and sent to Terezín in 1941. He demonstrated moral leadership under the most brutal circumstances, determined to sustain courage and hope for his fellow prisoners by enriching their souls through great music. His most extraordinary act was to recruit 150 prisoners and teach them Verdi's Requiem by rote in a dank cellar using a single score, over multiple rehearsals, and after grueling days of forced labor. The Requiem was performed on 16 occasions for fellow prisoners. The last, most infamous performance occurred on June 23, 1944 before high-ranking SS officers from Berlin and the International Red Cross to support the charade that the prisoners were treated well and flourishing.

Reflection Questions:

1. What was a particular moment or scene that surprised you or that resonated with you?
2. The conductor stated, "when common language can't get even close to what it is we're feeling, that's when art begins." Have you had an experience where art - whether it be music or another art form - has expressed what you are feeling more than words could?
3. One survivor from Schächter's choir said that during the time of their performances they were "dancing under the gallows." What do you think hope looks and feels like when facing such fear?

4. "Libera me" of Verdi's Requiem includes,
*Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death on that awful day,
When the heavens and the earth shall be moved:
When you will come to judge the world by fire.
I tremble, and I fear the judgment and the wrath to come,
when the heavens and the earth shall be moved.
The day of wrath, that day of calamity and misery;
a great and bitter day, indeed.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

What might these words have meant to those in Terezín? How might this meaning have been different from our understanding?

Please take a couple minutes to reflect and journal.

Fill in the blanks with words that those in the chorus at Terezin might have used to complete this statement (and how would you?):

"I believe _____, even when _____."

Closing Prayer:-

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of untiring hope. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle-even when our view is obscured by clouds of doubt, ignite the flame of hope within us, that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out. Amen.



Family Christmas Film Festival

First Week of Advent:

A Charlie Brown Christmas - Hope

Bible Verses:

Isaiah 40:1-2 - Comfort, comfort my people! Says your God. Speak compassionately to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has ended, that her penalty has been paid.

These words were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Isaiah was giving God's people hope, reminding them that, even in captivity, God was with them and that there would be better days ahead.

Hope is such a powerful force. It's the belief in something happening and the confident expectation that it will.

Watch a classic Christmas movie that embodies hope -
A Charlie Brown Christmas.

Talking Points:

- Near the beginning of the movie, Charlie Brown feels certain he won't get a Christmas card...yet he looks in the mailbox anyway. Even though he's struggling with his feelings, we still see the flicker of hope in him.
- Charlie Brown goes to Lucy to talk. He's worried about not feeling happy during the Christmas season. Something feels missing.
- After Sally talks about what she wants for Christmas, this is a good opportunity to pause the movie for a moment and say:

Many of the characters have things they want.

What does Lucy want? (Real estate)

What does Snoopy want? (A prize for winning the Lights and Display Contest)

What does Sally want? (\$10s and \$20s)

- Charlie Brown wants to find what's missing in his life. All he knows at this point is that material things aren't going to fill the void.
- A want or a wish is different than a hope.

Remember, hope means believing something could happen and having that confident expectation that it will.

[Continue watching the movie to the end. Encourage the children to pay careful attention as Charlie Brown and Linus visit the Christmas tree lot.]

After-Movie Discussion:

- The great moment of hope comes when Charlie Brown and Linus go to a Christmas tree lot and Charlie sees the small, dried up Christmas tree. He sees potential in it, even when the normally-optimistic Linus isn't sure it's a good idea.

- Charlie Brown's heart is stirred. He sees something in the tree worth saving, worth investing in.
- How do the others respond when Charlie Brown brings back the little tree? (They criticize Charlie Brown, mock him, and laughed at him.)
- This almost causes him to lose hope, until Linus recites the Christmas story. This is a powerful reminder that, just as we have our own hopes, so does everyone else. We must be kind in treating one another's often-fragile hopes with care.
- After Linus recites the Christmas story, we see Charlie Brown's hope once again restored. What does he do next? (He takes the tree home and tries to decorate it, but it collapses.)
- At this point, it might seem like all hope is lost, not just for the tree, but for Charlie Brown feeling fulfilled. But his act of hope inspired all the others. They follow him home, and what happens? (They decorate the tree and it seems to spring to life. Then they all wish Charlie Brown a Merry Christmas as they sing a Christmas carol together.)

Prayer:

Loving God, We have you, And there is hope.

We have each other, And there is hope.


We wait for Jesus, With confident expectation,

And there is hope. Amen.

Welcome to:

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Rev. Bumkoo Chung, District Superintendent

Before Worship ~ Speak to God
During Worship ~ Let God
Speak to You
After Worship ~ Speak to Others

Vision Statement ~

We believe we have been called to reveal that God is real and relevant in people's lives and in our community. We strive to do this by...

- Identifying and reaching the unsaved with the Gospel and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Offering ministries to support and strengthen the family.
- Becoming a seven day a week church that is committed to Spiritual growth through: worship, Christian education, Bible study, prayer, support, accountability, small groups and Christian fellowship.
- Continuing our caring outreach with diversity that touches our church, community, nation and world.
- Providing dynamic worship that is God-centered, Spirit-filled and Biblically based.
- Identifying the spiritual gifts of each person and employing them in ministries that match their gifts.

Purpose Statement ~

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