



Worship Service
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020 10 am

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

Gathering Music

Welcome w/ Pastor Deanna

Announcements

*** Crossing the Threshold**

*I believe in God, I believe in God,
 Even when, even when God is silent.*

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One: The loneliness of fear

All: The loneliness of fear

One: The invisibility of the next step

All: The invisibility of the next step

One: The yearning for presence

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath w/ Worship Team

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

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Prayer

One: Help us face the silence of unknowing and embrace it as the pregnant pause before joyful new beginnings.

All: Amen.

*** Opening Hymn**

Away in the Manger

*** Opening Prayer**

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 57:14-19 (NRSV)

Special Music w/ Austin Rinehart, Colette Schindler & Pastor Deanna

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:1-4, 26-45 (NRSV)

Message w/ Pastor Deanna

"I Believe in God: Ode to Joy"

*** Closing Song**

Joy to the World

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

*** Response (screen)** "Come On Ring Those Bells"

** Those who are able, please stand*

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Facemasks are required when entering the Church and the entire Worship Service. Practice social distancing also.

TODAY'S HELPERS IN MINISTRY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor - Rev. Deanna Geiter

Music Director - Colette Schindler

Secretary - Deb Shuey

Treasurer - Sheila Seaman

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



Kelli Dreibelbis - December 13

Shannon Brown - December 13

Gail Barnhart - December 14

Lori Hoffman - December 16

George Speck - December 18

Del & Lori Voight - December 19

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - Sunday, December 13 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Join us for a night of telling of the Christmas story. Youth must wear a facemask and should dress for the outside weather. Invite your friends and Join Us! Youth is for 3rd thru 12th Grades. Questions see Meredith Rinehart, Deb Shuey or Pastor Deanna.



Christmas Eve "Drive-In" Service

Thursday, December 24

5, 6 and 7 pm

Join us for a brief drive-in Christmas Eve Service in the church parking lot. Listen from the comfort of your vehicle by a FM radio transmission. Safely in your vehicle, we will sing carols and listen to The Christmas Story from Scripture.

We ask everyone to remain in their vehicles for the duration of the service. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the multi. purpose room or contact the church by phone or email the church with your choice of service time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - For all ages has been canceled until further notice.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING FOR DECEMBER - Hospital of Hope. Donations can be given thru December 20th. Contact the church if questions.

NORTHERN LEBANON UMC FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Saturday, December 19th from 1 to 3 pm at the Ono UMC parking lot. If you are in need of food, please stop by.

MINISTRY SIGN UP - Sign-up sheets for Jr. Church Leaders, Greeters and Reading Scripture for 2021 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.

UPPER ROOM AND OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS - Are available in the church lobby.

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. Our last study is Thursday, December 17 at 7 pm.

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.



Family Christmas Film Festival
Third Week of Advent: *Frosty the Snowman* - Joy

Bible Verse:

Luke 1:46-47 - *Mary said, "With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my Savior."*

Mary has just learned that she is going to be the mother of Jesus, and she is overcome with joy. Joy is more than happiness. It goes deeper. When we're happy, we smile with our faces. When we have joy, we smile with our hearts. Because joy runs so deep, it helps us get through the ups and downs of life. Let's look at some examples of real joy in *Frosty the Snowman*.

Watch the classic Christmas movie *Frosty the Snowman*.

Talking Points:

- At the beginning, point out how the children find joy in simplicity - the wonder of the first snow.
- As the children build the snowman, point out how they are experiencing the joy of working together.
- When Frosty comes to life, the first thing he says is Happy Birthday! Frosty models for all of us the joy of being alive!
- When Frosty first says, "*Happy Birthday*," this could be an opportunity to pause the movie and read:
Job 33:4 - *The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the almighty gives me life.*
- Before continuing the movie, say - One of the greatest sources of joy is the joy that comes from reaching out to help others. See how many ways helping others is shown in the movie. [Continue watching to the end.]

After-Movie Discussion:

- What were some examples of characters reaching out to help others?
[Allow children to respond. Below are a few examples.]
- Hocus Pocus, the rabbit, brings the magic hat back to the children.
- The children help Frosty get on the train so he can go to the North Pole.
- Frosty and Hocus Pocus take care of Karen when she's shivering in the refrigerated boxcar.
- The woodland animals build a fire for Karen.
- Santa ensures that Frosty stays alive by not allowing Professor Hinkle, the magician, to bully Karen and Frosty.

Reaching out and caring for (and about) others is one of the best ways to find joy. In fact, the one character who continues to think only about himself until the end is Professor Hinkle. And he is clearly the least joyous character in the movie.

When was a time you did something for someone else?

How did that make you feel?

Prayer:

Loving God,
Thank you for the gift of joy -
For the joy of simplicity,
For the joy of working together,
For the joy of helping others,
For the joy of being alive!
Amen.



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 Third week of Advent: *Following the Ninth*

Read: Isaiah 57:14-19; Luke 1:1-4; 26-56

Prayer: Loving God, gather us in and center us in the Spirit's presence. Open us to your gift of joy in the stories we have heard and in our own lives. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Introduction to the film:

Filmed on four continents, this documentary film looks at the global impact of Beethoven's hymn to humanity, his battle cry of freedom, his Ninth Symphony. The Ninth was at Tienamen Square in the Spring of 1989 during the student revolt. The same year, when the Berlin Wall came down, the Ninth was there to amplify the celebrations. Under the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile, women marched on torture prisons with the *Ode To Joy* as inspiration. And in Japan, the Ninth was there to repair and heal after the devastating Tsunami of 2011. *Following The Ninth* is both inspirational and hard-hitting, and a testament of hope.

Reflection Questions:

1. What was a particular moment or scene that surprised you or that resonated with you?
2. Billy Bragg reimagined *Ode to Joy* in his words:
*"See now like a phoenix rising from the rubble of the war,
Hope of ages manifested, peace and freedom evermore.
Brothers, sisters, stand together. Raise your voices now as one.
Though by history divided, reconciled in unison.*

*Throw off now the chains of ancient bitterness and enmity.
Hand in hand, let's walk together on the path of liberty.
Hark! A new dawn is breaking. Raise your voices now as one.
Though by history divided, reconciled in unison.*

*What's to be then, o my brothers? Sisters, what is in your hearts?
Tell me now the hopes you harbor.
What's the task and where to start?
Though speak ten million voices, every word is understood.
Furnish every heart with joy and banish all hatred for good."*

The word "joy" is not included in these lyrics until the end, but where else do you hear joy in this rendition?

3. The early Christian movement was an illegal movement at the time, and as an early Christian (much like those in this week's film who were part of movements for change), you could be punished for your allegiance. What motivated the early Christians to keep going? What motivated those who told their stories in *Following the Ninth*?
4. Throughout this film, this piece of music resonated throughout these four different events: at Tiananmen Square in 1989, in Chile, as the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, and in Japan each December following the tsunami. How did this piece resonate or relate to each event differently?

Reflection: Please take a couple minutes to reflect and journal. Fill in the blanks with words that those in the film - in China, in Chile, in Germany, or in Japan - might have used complete this statement (and how would you?):

"I believe _____, even when _____."


Closing Prayer:

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Welcome to:

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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.

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