



**Worship Service**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 17, 2023 10 am**

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

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude w/ Jr. Praise Team (screen)**

*Baby Jesus, We Love You*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call To Worship (screen) Psalm 126**

*One: When the LORD turned back the fortunes of Zion,  
 we were like those who dreamed.*

**All: Then our mouths were filled with laughter,  
 our tongues with songs of joy;**

*One: Then it was said among the nations,  
 "The LORD has done great things for them."*

**All: The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy!**

*One: Turn back our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the desert.*

**All: Those sowing with tears will reap with songs of joy.**

*One: Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,*

**All: will return with songs of joy, carrying their sheaves!**

**Third Sunday of Advent ~ Joy (w/ the Reynolds family)**

*We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise  
 of God's presence make us rejoice in our hope of salvation! Let us pray,  
 inviting God to encounter us this day:*

**Unison Prayer (screen):**

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;  
 and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful  
 grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our  
 Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

**\* Congregational Carol (screen)**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing w/ Blake Simniskis**

**Ave Maria w/ Kevin Reichert and Colette Schindler**

**Sung Prayer for Illumination (screen)**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord,  
 And all people will see the salvation of our God... (2xs)*

**Scripture Lesson (screen) w/ Charlie Werner**

*Isaiah 61:1-4*

*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

**Ding Dong Merrily on High w/ Caris and Josiah Rhea**

**Sharing of Praises and Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Leise Rieselt der Schnee (Quietly the Snows Piling Up) w/ Kreiser Family**

**Offering**

**Christmas Hymn w/ Jill Leidhecker, Tammy Reichert & Colette Schindler**

**Doxology (screen)**

**What Child Is This? w/ Riley Werner and Bernie Rollman**

**Message w/ Pastor Brian (Luke 1:68-75)**

*Rejoice!*

**The Apostle's Creed (screen)**

**\* Closing Song (screen)**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory (H124)*

**\* Dismissal with Blessing**

**\* Response w/ Natalie George & Brynnley Kreiser**

*We Wis*

*h You a Merry Christmas*

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

**PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

Thursdays at 11 am in the Sanctuary. A simple service of Scripture,  
 sharing, extended time for prayer, and gathering at the Lord's Table.

*All are welcome.*

**TODAY'S HELPERS IN MINISTRY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor - Brian Rhea

Keyboardist - Caris Rhea

Worship Band Leader - Bernie Rollman

Secretary - Deb Shuey

Treasurer - Kevin Dreibelbis

Sound Technician - Josiah Rhea

Ushering Team - Sue & Jeff Werner

Head Usher - Lynn Werner

Prayer Request - If you have a joy or concern that you would like prayer for  
 contact the church office at 717-865-4361 or Pastor Brian at 908-499-7097  
 or send an email to trinitylickdale@gmail.com.

**This Week's Calendar: December 17 to 24**

**Sunday**

9 am

Sunday School for all ages

10 am

Worship w/ Christmas Musical Celebration

4:45 - 7:30 pm

Trinity Kidz Group Christmas Caroling

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm

Worship Team Practice

**Thursday**

11 am

Prayer & Holy Communion

**Sunday**

9 am

Sunday School for all ages

10 am

Worship

4 & 7 pm

Christmas Eve Worship Services

**Monday**

10 am

Christmas Day Worship



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week**

George Speck - December 18  
Sue Moriarty - December 20  
Del & Lori Voight - December 19



### **TRINITY KIDZ GROUP CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll be spreading Christmas cheer for all to hear! We will meet at the church at 4:45 pm and be back at 7:30 pm. Group is for kids Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. High Schoolers may also attend as junior leaders. Questions contact Jan Rhea.

### **Christmas Eve Worship Services w/ Candlelight**

**Sunday, December 24 4 pm & 7 pm**

Join us for a candlelight service honoring the birth of our Savior with the singing of your favorite Christmas carols, Scripture and a Christmas message from Pastor Brian.

*We will have hot chocolate and cookies after the 4 pm service and before the 7 pm service.*

*If you have extra cookies, please bring a dozen or so to share that night.*

**Bring your family and friends and Join Us!**



CHRISTMAS  
DAY  
WORSHIP



### **Christmas Day Worship**

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Join us for a casual service and Worship.

We invite the kids to come in their Christmas pajamas.

***Christ is Born! Let Us Rejoice!***



### **New Year's Eve Worship Service**

Sunday, December 31 at 10 am

It's the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas and it's also New Year's Eve.

We will celebrate our Savior and prepare for 2024 by renewing our covenant with God.

We will have Sunday School at 9 am.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:15 pm. Men meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. Bring your Bible and come out for an evening of fellowship and studying God's Word. Questions see Terry Binkley.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will be studying the three stages of Epiphany. Bring your Bible and join us for fellowship, discussion and prayer. Questions see Deb Shuey or Judy Warner.

**MINISTRY SIGN-UP** - Sign-up sheets for Greeters, Scripture Readers and Jr. Church Teachers are located on the table in the lobby. Sign up for a week.

**NL UMC FOOD DISTRIBUTION** - Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm (while supplies last) in the parking lot at Jonestown UMC.

**BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION OR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** - Would you like to find out more about being baptized, confirmed, or church membership? Contact Pastor Brian (cell: 908-499-7097; enoch153@gmail.com).



Welcome to:

 **Trinity United Methodist Church - Lickdale**

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Church office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 1 pm  
Pastor drop-in office hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 11 am to 1 pm

Eastern PA Conference ~ The United Methodist Church West District  
Rev. John Schol, Bishop  
Rev. Jennifer Freymoyer, 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.

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