

News update for December 21 2022

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This Week at Trinity

Thursday (December 22nd)

- 7:00pm Blue Christmas Service

Friday (December 23th)

- Office Closed
- 7:00pm N.A.

Saturday (December 24th)

- 6:30pm Christmas Eve Family Services
- 11:30pm Candle Light Services
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Sunday (December 25th)

- 9:30am Donuts before worship
- 10:10am Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship on Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF>
- 7:00pm N.A.

Monday (December 26th)

- Office Closed for Holidays
- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2

Tuesday (December 27th)

- Office Closed for Holidays
- 7:00pm NA Book Study

Wednesday (December 28th)

- Office Closed for the Holidays
- 10:00am Upper Room via Zoom

Worship on 12/25

Theme: The Gift Has Arrived

Sermon: "Do We Welcome the Light,
Or Does the Light Welcome Us?"

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God. This celestial Word remained ever present with the Creator; His speech shaped the entire cosmos. Immersed in the practice of creating, all things that exist were birthed in Him. His breath filled all things with a living, breathing light, a light that thrives in the depths of darkness, blazes through murky bottoms. It cannot and will not be quenched. A man named John, who was sent by God, was the first to clearly articulate the source of this Light. This baptizer put in plain words the elusive mystery of the Divine Light so all might believe through him. Some wondered whether he might be the Light, but John was not the Light. He merely pointed to the Light. The true Light, who shines upon the heart of everyone, was coming into the cosmos. He entered our world, a world He made; yet the world did not recognize Him. Even though He came to His own people, they refused to listen and receive Him. But for all who did receive and trust in Him, He gave them the right to be reborn as children of God; He bestowed this birthright not by human power or initiative but by God's will. The Voice took on flesh and became human and chose to live alongside us. We have seen Him, enveloped in undeniable splendor – the one true Son of God – evidenced in the perfect balance of grace and truth.

© The Voice

UWF News

Happy Holidays to All!

We enjoyed a festive Christmas gathering on the 8th. There were a lot of



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Women
in Faith

yummy treats, fun games, and caroling (with a little business thrown in). Kay Pottorff was given special mission recognition for her years of membership and dedication to the office of program resources (our UWF reading program). Thanks, Kay, for all your book reports.

A special offering was taken for Promise Ridge. The year-end giving from our unit will be \$100 to each of the following: CASA, FISH, Hospice of Eastern Idaho, the soup kitchen, and the GED program.

Remember there will be no unit meeting in January. However, it is UWF Sunday January 22nd. Mary will give a "UWF Moment" during the service. Mark your calendars. The next unit meeting will be February 9th. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend. For those of you who attend St. Paul's, be sure to let the ladies there know they are welcome to attend.

There will be a 6:30 family Christmas Eve service at Trinity. Betty Anderson is asking for donations of cookies and treats for after the service. Contact her if you are able to help. Thanks.

Enjoy this Christmas season celebrating the birth of our Savior!

John Wesley Quote

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.



Rule of Conduct "in Letters"

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We are expanding our Sunday food to add some variety.

- **December 25th** -No Potluck
- **January 1st**- Soup & Bread Potluck Brunch (Chili is considered a soup)
- **January 8th** – Potluck Brunch bring your favorite dish to share
- **January 15th** Scouts Brunch
Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) – This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit



Last Week's Sermon 12/18

"Is This What We Have Been Waiting For?"



All through Advent I have been preaching about waiting, so finally today, let's look at whether we are there yet! Perhaps if we revisit some of the scriptures that lead up to today's part of the story there will be clues. For those of you who have participated in the Advent book study, it has been clear that both the writers of Luke and Matthew have agendas in mind. Each of those books begin with a genealogy of Jesus. Luke, who wants us to envision Jesus as the new Adam, traces Christ's lineage through all of the males back to Adam and then God. Matthew however, who wants us to see Christ as the new Moses offers up a lineage only goes back to Abraham and curiously includes four women whom society would scrutinize harshly, but are beloved and honored by God.

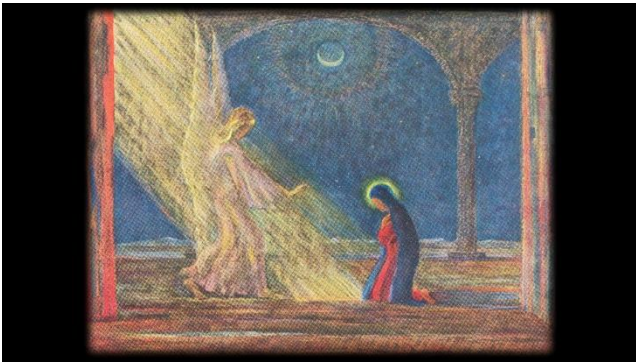
Perhaps the first clue is that being beloved and honored by God is not dependent on your genealogy.



Our next scripture stop is from the gospel of Luke when the angel Gabriel announces to Zechariah that he and Elizabeth would become parents even though they were well past child bearing age.

When Zechariah does not believe that God can accomplish this, Gabriel takes away Zechariah's ability to speak until after the child is born, and Zechariah follows Gabriel's instructions to name the baby boy John.

**Clue number two,
angels really are in direct contact
with God, so you should
believe what they tell you.**



We jump over to the gospel of Matthew for our next scripture clue.

This one involves Gabriel also, as the angel visits Mary, the mother of Jesus. When Gabriel tells Mary that she will become pregnant, she believes the messenger from God, even though she is perplexed about just how this can happen since she and Joseph are not yet having sex. Mary's response, after Gabriel's explanation that she has been chosen to carry the son of God, is one of acceptance.

**Clue number three,
with God, all things are possible.**



Don't get whiplash, but the next scripture signal is from the gospel of Luke.

It's that beautiful scene when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who is more than six months along in her pregnancy. At the mere sound of Mary's greeting, the baby, who we will come to know as John the Baptist, leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb.

In that moment, Mary breaks forth in song. But not just any song, one that proclaims that God is doing a new thing which will topple the current power

structures and bring about egalitarianism in the world.

Clue number four is that God has a clear purpose for coming to the world in the flesh!

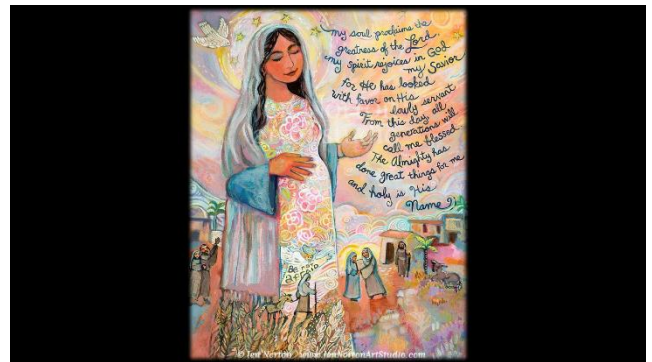


Which brings us to today's lesson from the gospel of Matthew.

Joseph breaks with societal norms, and instead of having Mary condemned to death, either quickly by stoning, or slowly because she would have no way to provide for herself and the child, he chooses to dismiss her quietly.

Joseph then chooses to listen to God, although the advice seems outlandish, even unbelievable! Joseph does what I believe God is asking each of us to do: to be co-creators of the future.

**The final clue:
We are to be co-creators
of the future.**



A future such as Mary pronounces in the Magnificat:

My soul proclaims Your greatness, O God.
My spirit rejoices in You who make me whole. For You have looked with favor upon me despite my insignificance. Amazingly, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.

You, O God, have done great things for me;
And holy is Your name.

My soul proclaims Your greatness.
You extend mercy and compassion from age to age.

To all those who hold You in awe.

You have shown Your sacred strength, dispersing the arrogant of mind and heart, casting rulers from their thrones and lifting up the lowly; filling the hungry with good things and sending the rich away empty.

My soul proclaims Your greatness.

You have come to the aid of Your servant Israel mindful of Your mercy and the promise You made to our ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants forever."

My soul proclaims Your greatness.

Yes, the clues all point to this! This is what we have been waiting for, a savior who brings about the promise of peace on earth. My friends, we are *oh so close!*

Amen

Reverend Ruth Marsh (she, her)
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Trinity United Methodist Church

Is it a Blue Christmas?

Are you depressed? Feeling hopeless, lost, or grieving this holiday season?

Service on Thursday
December 22 @
7:00pm
Is just for you.

Sometimes we don't feel very jolly at Christmas. If we are mourning the loss of a loved one. If our heart is broken for other reasons. Or if we just can't bear the short days and long dark nights. Let's get together where there will be love and even some hope.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Come and join us in our Christmas activities

Christmas Eve:

Family Christmas Worship at 6:30pm

**Thank - You
Baby Jesus**



Candle Light Worship 11:30 pm



Max Harrison Memorial

Wednesday
December 21st
2:00pm in church
Parlor



Anniversaries

December

James & Sheryl Schaffer 28th

Birthdays

December

Kathy Smith	23 rd
John Mullin	25 th
Jo Ann Rose	25 th
Aaliyah Poulter	26 th
Everyly Goodrich	27 th
Evelyn King	27 th
Rhys, McClure	27 th
Jennifer Traughber	28 th
Joanne McCray	29 th
Jason Jakovac	30 th

Staying Connected

Each Sunday Worship videos will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>).

If you go to Trinity's web page

(www.TUMCIF.org)

you can find a link to the Facebook page.

Be sure to "like" and "follow" Trinity's Facebook page if you want our content to show up in your personal Facebook feed.

Please call Ruth at 208-419-7870 if you have difficulties finding the videos.

Check Trinity's YouTube channel for videos of weekly worship at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZz1YGrdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year. Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve:

Chair of Admin Council

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Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

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Chair of Finance

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Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - November 30, 2022





Income \$129,913

Expenses \$167,889

Net Income <\$37,976>

Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			21 10:00am Upper Room 2:00pm Max Harrison memorial 6:30pm Gather at the table	22  7:00pm Blue Christmas	23 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	24 Christmas Eve 6:30pm Family Service 11:30pm Candle light Service
Christmas Day 25 9:30am Donuts & Coffee 10:10am Worship No Fellowship today Enjoy your Holiday 7:00pm N.A.	26 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	27 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	28 Office Closed 10:00pm Upper Room Via Zoom	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	31 
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