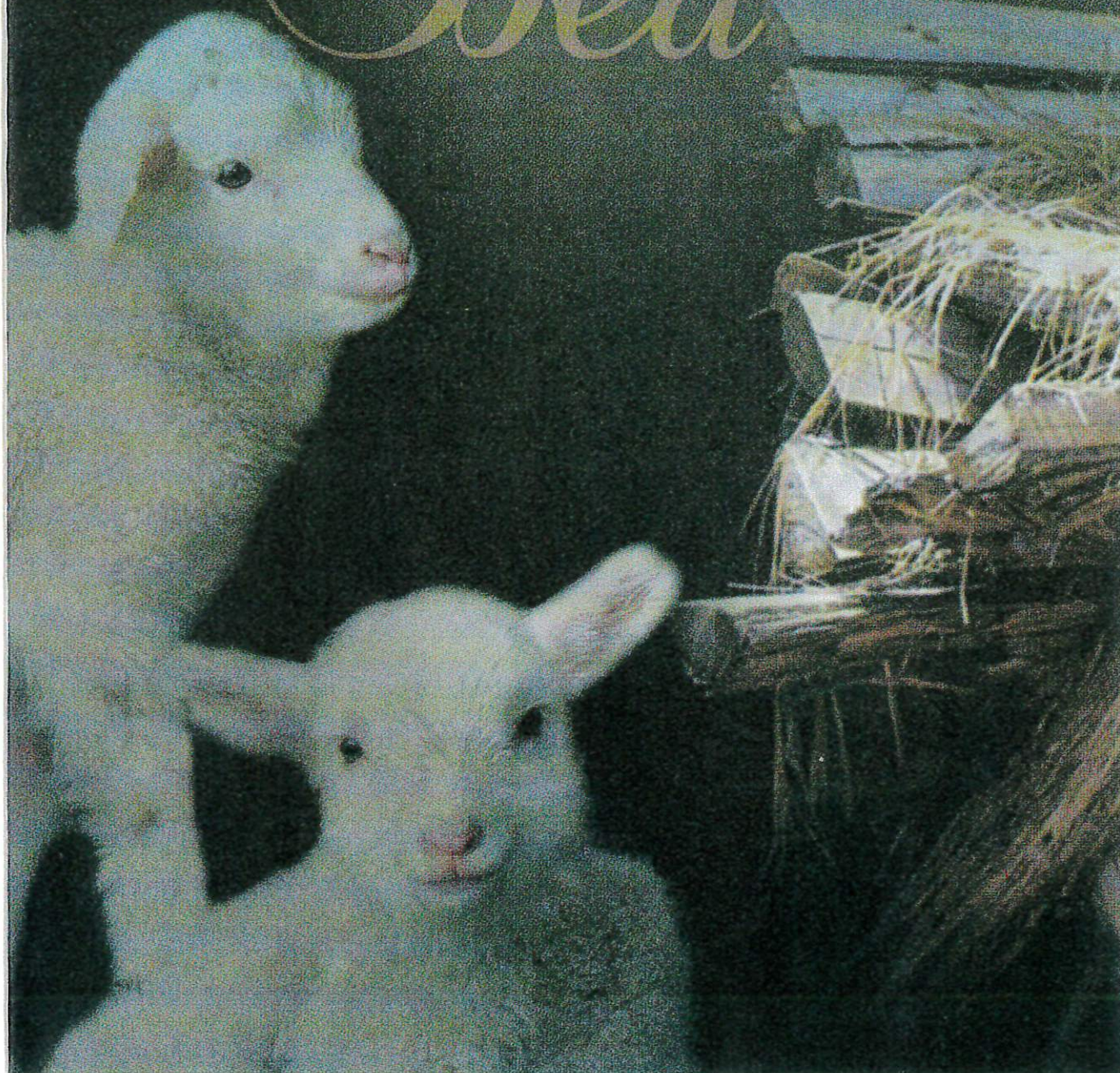


Away in a  
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*Trinity United Church of Christ*  
*A Service of Carols and Candlelight*

**December 24, 2021**

**Gathering Music - 7:00 p.m.**

**Service of Worship - 7:30 p.m.**

*Gathering Music*

**Selection of Christmas Songs**

**Adam Petrosino**

**Precious Promise**

**Sung by Carol Smith**

**By Steven Curtis Chapman**



# **CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH**

## **PRELUDE**

**Trinity Handbell Choir**

**"Angels We Have Heard On High Angels From The Realms of Glory"**

arranged by James Montgomery and Henry Smart.

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

**See Insert**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

***Welcome & Introduction***

## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

## **THE FIRST CAROL SING**

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born, Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious Throne.

***The First Noel***

The first Noel, the angels did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel

### **PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### **THE FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Adam Petrosino**

### **A TIME FOR GENEROSITY: A STORY OF INNKEEPING PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **THE SECOND READING**

**Luke 2:1-7**

### **A CHRISTMAS STORY: Room for a Little One      Susan Bussan By Martin Waddell & Jason Cockcroft**

### **THE SECOND CAROL SING**

#### ***Angels We Have Heard on High***

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid. With us sing our Savior's birth.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

***Away in a Manger***

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**THE THIRD READING                      Luke 2:8-20**

**A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE                      Pastor David Brown**  
**The Innkeeper's Christmas**

**CANDLELIGHTING & SINGING OF SILENT NIGHT**

***(Sing one verse, Hold up candle and hum one verse.)***

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
    'Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
    Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

***(Candles are to be extinguished as the Sanctuary Lights brighten.)***

**BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**See Insert**

***Joy to the World***

**POSTLUDE**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Welcome!

**Trinity is a Praying Church!** Take a moment to pray for our church family at 7:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

**Email Newsletter:** Do you wish to receive our weekly newsletter, **Trinity Topics** by email? Please send an email to the church office at [trinucc@att.net](mailto:trinucc@att.net)

**New Address?** Please leave a note in the church office if your address or phone number has changed. Thank You!

**Candle Safety:** Please see an usher if you need a candle. To light your candle, tip your UNLIT candle so your wick touches the flame of your neighbor's candle.

**~PLEASE DO NOT TIP A LIT CANDLE!~**

During the humming of the second verse of Silent Night we will raise our candles and enjoy the beautiful glow.

**Pick Up Your Poinsettia** after tonight's service. Flower stewards will be here to help you.

**The Church** will be closed on December 25 and January 1 for the holidays. We will worship together on Sunday, December 26th at 10:30 a.m.

*Merry Christmas*

from your church staff:

Pastor David Brown, Adam Petrosino,  
Leeanna Swisher and Edward Long.

## **2021 AT TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**We** have a 7-member Council consisting of President Judy Wagner, Vice President Carol Smith, Secretary Deb Thomas, and members, Sandy Baer, Wendy Fincham, Larry Lee, and Joey Russo.

Greg Price is our Treasurer.

**David Brown** has completed his fourth year as our Pastor. He is also the Treasurer of the **Living Water Association**, and serves on the Heartland Conference Board.

**Our Trinity in the Community (T'nC)** local mission program continued to provide clothing and utility assistance to area residents in need.

**Our Empowering Scholars Program (ESP)** provides children's clothing. ESP helps fund school programs.

**We** assembled food boxes for families at Findley CLC, and provided Christmas Gifts for 20 children.

**We** host Scouts, and daily 12-step Recovery meetings. The Serenity Singers rehearse in our Choir Room. The Akron Aviators and a Cheerleading group have used our gym. The Glorious Gospel Church (Nepalese) and Congolese Christian Church use our building on Sunday afternoons.

**Trinity's women** gather at restaurants on the second Tuesday of each month for Ladies' Night Out - a time of food and fellowship.

**The Men's Ministry** meets on Thursday mornings and works on projects around our church building.

**Major projects** this year included grounds clean-up, cleaning inside the building, plumbing and electrical repairs. We have contracted for painting and slate roof repairs.

**Our church** received recognition for more than 100 years of service to the North Hill community.

**What will God do in our church  
and in our community in 2022?**



## O Come, All Ye Faithful 145

*Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. Luke 2:15*

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O  
 2. Sing choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, O sing, all ye  
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come and be-hold Him, born the King of  
 bright hosts of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the  
 Thee be all, glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-

*Refrain*

an-gels!  
 high-est! O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,  
 pear-ing!

*(slight rit. last time)* *Optional transition  
to "For Unto Us"*

O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord! Lord!

## Joy to the World! 125

*Bethlehem . . . , out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Mic. 5:2*

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Northorns in - fest the ground;  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,  
 Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing joy,  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
 And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His love,  
 1. And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture sing,

And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

ture sing, Choral Ending on the following page.

TEXT: Isaac Watts

MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, arranged by Lowell Mason;  
 Choral ending arranged by Tom Fettke

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 C.M.

## ***Christmas Poinsettias***

<b>In Memory of Ann Lewis</b>	<b>Sandy Baer</b>
<b>In Memory of Bettene Winch</b>	<b>Judy &amp; John Bonard</b>
<b>In Memory of Donald Bowman</b>	<b>Ruth Bowman and Family</b>
<b>In Memory of Mary &amp; Lloyd Schmid</b>	<b>Ruth Bowman and Family</b>
<b>In Memory of David &amp; Thora Brown</b>	<b>David &amp; Janice Brown</b>
<b>In Honor of Dan &amp; Mary Gleghorn</b>	<b>David &amp; Janice Brown</b>
<b>In Memory of Art &amp; Margaret Shaffer &amp; In Memory of our Grandparents</b>	<b>David &amp; Janice Brown</b>
<b>In Memory of The Pancoast Family</b>	<b>Sue Bussan</b>
<b>In Memory of Jack &amp; Edith Turner</b>	<b>Alan &amp; Debbie Casanova</b>
<b>In Memory of Al &amp; Ruth Casanova</b>	<b>Alan &amp; Debbie Casanova</b>
<b>In Memory of Loved Ones</b>	<b>Alan &amp; Debbie Casanova</b>
<b>In Honor of Jesus' Birth (Mini Poinsettias in the side windows)</b>	<b>Alan &amp; Debbie Casanova</b>
<b>In Memory of My Loving Husband Al Coburn</b>	<b>Doris Coburn</b>
<b>In Memory of Bonita Eroskey</b>	<b>Richard Eroskey</b>
<b>In Memory of John Evans &amp; June &amp; Norman Leighton</b>	<b>Patricia Evans</b>
<b>In Memory of Our Loved Ones</b>	<b>Todd &amp; Wendy Fincham</b>
<b>In Honor of Our Parents:</b>	<b>Todd &amp; Wendy Fincham</b>



In Memory of Dennis Gimmel	Nancy & Bill Folk
In Memory of Rob Bensinger	Nancy & Bill Folk
In Memory of Bonnie Eroskey	Robert & Nancy French
In Memory of Donna Derr	Robert & Nancy French
In Memory of Bill, Blanche, & Jeff Messner	Ron & Judi Messner
In Memory of John, Ann, Jim & Emily Hedgepeth	Ron & Judi Messner
In Honor of Our Grandchildren	Peg & David Moore
In Memory Greg & Joseph Schidlowski	Barb Schidlowski
In Memory of Lee & Ed Smith	Gary & Carol Smith
In Memory of Loved Ones	Leeanna Swisher
To the Glory of God at Christmas	Tom & Judy Waple

