

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marjorie Cassady, Ember Lou Eigenbauer (Diana Eigenbauer's great-granddaughter), Chloe Johnson, Char Dunk-Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Doris Wallace.

Thank You for the cards and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my sister-in-law, Maryann Bara. The plant sent from Trinity was beautiful and most appreciated.

Lorraine Weszely

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Senior Pastor
Stuart SealeDirector of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Christina Palazzolo.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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Why We Celebrate Christmas



An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.
- Luke 2:9-11 (NIRV)

✝ Third Sunday of Advent ✝

December 16, 2018 10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Lighting of Advent Candle Mike & Jennifer Davies family

Isaiah 12:2-6 (Moirra and Aven)

Call to Worship

Deck the Halls, It's Christmas Time Again

*Carol 147 BH O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

Scripture Readings OT Zephaniah 3:14-20

NT Philippians 4:4-7

*Gloria Patri (BH # 109)

Pastoral Prayer & Confession/Assurance

Children Go Where I Send Thee

The Christmas Alphabet

Announcements – Life Together

Offering *This is My Wish*

Doxology

Noah's Ark Preschool Songs - *10 Little Angels, Christmas Lights*

For to Us a Child is Born

THE NO-STRESS NO-FUSS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Carol 178 BH Mary had a Baby

Part I – Mary and Joseph

Carol The Friendly Beasts

Part II – The Animals

Carol 157 BH Hark the Herald Angels Sing vs. 1,2

Part III – Angels

Carol 188 BH Go Tell it on the Mountain

Part IV – Shepherds

Carol We Three Kings

Part V – The Kings

Part VI – Conclusion

Carol 146 BH Joy to the World

Kingdom Kids, Noah's Ark Preschool –

Glory to God, Christmas Medley

*Benediction

Postlude *Feliz Navidad*

Thank you to the Kingdom Kids and Noah's Ark Preschool for participating in Trinity's Christmas Program:

Kingdom Kids

Aven Davies, Moira Davies, Ally Ford, Luke He, Jonathan Jin, Emmy Klutcharch, Clara Panush, Dominic Panush, Ella Yah, Isabella Yah

Noah's Ark Preschool

Peyton Banis, Amaiah Brazier, Delaney Cox, Lucien DeVivo, Dominic Gonzalez, Georgio Gonzalez, McKenzie Judge, Ana Martin, Liam McCann, Keatan Murphy, Jenna Pitcher, Grace Smith, Jaxson Smith, Audrey Vanek, Evelyn Wada.

Sunday December 16
Christmas Concert 4 P.M.
Chi-Tung Dinner 5 P.M.
Cost for dinner is \$7 adults, \$3 children under age 12

Christmas Eve Service
of Candles and Carols at 5 P.M.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room
10 A.M. Children's Christmas Program
11 A.M. Light refreshments, Peterson Hall
4 P.M. Christmas Concert
5 P.M. Chi-Tung Dinner, Peterson Hall

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
Fri. 11 A.M. Noah's Ark Cookies with Santa

Next Sunday:

9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room
10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
10 A.M. Worship
11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class

December 23 – Nursery Helper: Jennifer Davies
Greeters: Pat & Kellie Lee, Shannon, Justin

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School - Class starts at 9:00 A.M.

The December Adult Class will be led by Greg Goetz on the topic "Monasticism". It is never too late to increase your knowledge - please join us in the Fireside Room.

Coats and Outer Wear for Families in Need

Covenant Women are sponsoring the annual Coat and Outer Wear Project for Worth Township during this Christmas season. New and gently-used clean coats/jackets and new outer wear such as scarves, mittens, gloves, hats and boots for children are needed. Coats can be brought to the overflow room and placed on the table; hats and mittens can be placed on the Christmas tree or in the boxes below the tree in the Narthex through Sunday, December 23. Your donation will bring warmth, joy and the spirit of Christmas this holiday to all of those less fortunate. Thank you for your support and donations.

Worth Township Youth Commission Events:

11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip, youthcommission@worthtownship.com
Office: 708-371-2900.

Coat Drive

Residents in need of a winter coat are welcome to come to the Township during normal business hours now through January 31 and choose a coat. Residents can check back as often as needed throughout the season as donations come in daily.

Today's Scriptures:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. ¹⁶On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

¹⁸"I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. ¹⁹At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. ²⁰At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:

Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.