

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

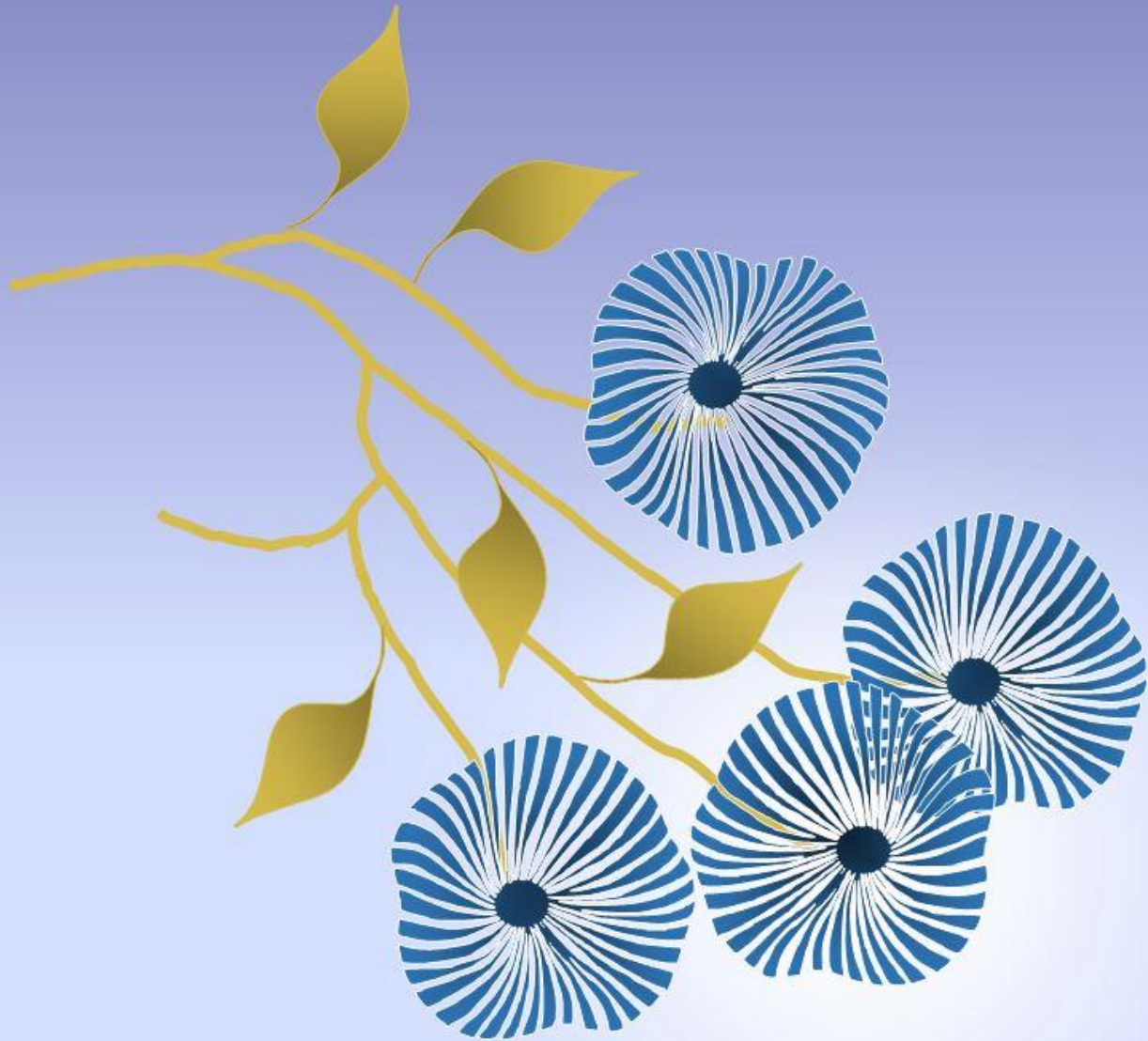
MORNING PRAYER

DECEMBER 20, 2020

8:00 A.M.

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A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



in wisdom AND truth,
come, LORD jesus.

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MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

8:00 A.M. VIA TELEPHONE

WELCOME

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Officiant The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God, BCP 79
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips;
 All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is
 now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Officiant Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

VENITE Psalm 95: 1-7 BCP 82

Please read in unison.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary (*Magnificat*)
Please read responsively by verse.

BCP 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

*From this day all generations will call me blessed: **
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

*He has shown the strength of his arm, **
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

*He has filled the hungry with good things, **
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

*The promise he made to our fathers, **
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Please read in unison.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE 9 THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH
Please read in unison.

BCP 86

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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CANTICLE 16 THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

BCP 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come

upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her..

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC)

Silence for reflection.

Officiant Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

BCP 96

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

BCP 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

Officiant Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

Officiant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 100

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

All *Amen.*

*At this time, you are invited to share your prayers either silently or aloud.
If you pray aloud, please end your prayer with "This is my prayer"
Everyone else should respond "This is our prayer."*

Officiant Let us join together in the words of the General Thanksgiving.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
All *Amen.*



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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Linda Eckert; Bret, Lori, Max & Tess Anne Eckhardt and the lay readers that have and will in the future participate in Duncaster services.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport, for the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

We pray for Alexandra Adams, Juhudi Mgombo, Nancy Crandall, Fred Margeson, Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Jo-Ellen Jansing, Katie Reynolds, Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Tori Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Diane Bodine, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtenga; Alice Turcotte; Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Joseph Negrelli Jr. and his family, Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, Amy Williams, Ken Rousseau (Casey Rousseau's dad), and Diana Perkins (friend of Suzanne and Boo), Jessica Compfer, Raldah Stephens, Joan and Ean Walsh (family of Jennifer Stephens) and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, and immigration and refugee policies, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D Littlepage – Presider

The Rev. George A. Chien, (UMC, MCC) – Preacher

Coffee Hour Convo after 10:00 A.M. Service - Share a Tradition



Today we're inviting people to share a holiday tradition with their 10:00 am coffee hour break-out groups. It might be a special decoration or food or music or activity. It might be something you do every year or something you're doing differently this year. Please take a moment to share a bit of your Christmas season with your church family!



Silent Night Collaborative Video for Christmas Eve

Want a cozy snowstorm project? Join us in singing Silent Night! Film yourself singing along by candlelight with this video and send it to Michelle at

mhorsley@trinityhartford.org on or before midnight, Sunday, December 20th.

The collaborative video will be aired on Christmas Eve. To participate, watch this video and follow along with the recording instructions here.

<https://youtu.be/JxPrGTAuozQ>

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THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

A Taste of Trinity: Recipes from Around the World

This Christmas, give a wonderful cookbook to your favorite cooks and at the same time support the **Kateri Medical Mission**, which serves adults and children throughout Nigeria who would otherwise have no access to medical care. Every dollar from sales is donated to Kateri!! Find recipes from virtually every corner of the globe, representing the rich multicultural parish of Trinity Church.

Please contact the Trinity Office at office@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext 204 to schedule your pick-up now.

\$12 per copy; \$30 for three copies.



Giving Tree Gratitude

Thank you!!

Thanks to all who contributed to this year's Giving Tree for the benefit of students at Trinity Academy! Trinity Church will be providing twenty-five \$25 gift cards to the 1st-4th grade students at Trinity Academy, to be used to buy a Christmas gift, making Christmas a bit merrier for them and their families. Thank you!

Joy
and
Comfort
to
All
Things

Christmas Eve at Trinity Episcopal Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2020



2:00 P.M. CAROL SINGING, PRAYERS, SCRIPTURE & CANDLE LIGHTING.

4:00 P.M. NO-REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PLUS CAROL SINGING, PRAYERS, SCRIPTURE & CANDLE LIGHTING.

6:00 P.M. CAROL SINGING, PRAYERS, SCRIPTURE & CANDLE LIGHTING.

The three in-person services listed above will be held outdoors (weather permitting—otherwise in the church), with all participants masked and practicing social distancing. Each service will last 30-35 minutes. Music will be led by members of The Choir School of Hartford and the Trinity Choir.

10:00 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST WITH SPECIAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS - VIA ZOOM ONLY.

This service will feature a variety of special musical offerings, including a video production of "Carol of the Bells" arranged by our Director of Music Ministries, Michelle Horsley, and featuring members of The Choir School of Hartford in a number of different roles.



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NEEDED FOR THE MINYEKO FAMILY!

Trinity's newest refugee family, Jeannette Minyeko and her 6 children, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, are in need of some specific types of assistance right now.

1st, the family's car is no longer usable, and they very badly need another. The two oldest sons, Abedi and Roger, use the car to get to work. Although they have now lost their jobs due to the pandemic, they require a car to search for new jobs and to drive themselves and other family members to medical appointments. Do any of you have (or know someone who has) a **used car in good condition** that can be donated to them?

2nd, the family badly needs to relocate from their current apartment. The Resettlement Committee is looking for a rental house in Hartford or West Hartford near Farmington Avenue, a major bus route. However, the family dreams of buying a house. Is there a parishioner who can provide information, or do research, about **federal and state programs of financial assistance for first-time home buyers**?

3rd, Jeannette's granddaughter, Jeannette Jr., 1½ y/o is not hearing English spoken, since the family all speak Kiswahili in the home. Looking ahead to school-readiness, we'd like some **English-language board books and toys** for her. Can anyone help?

Please contact Anne Rapkin if you can help (860-521-5992, a.rapkin@snet.net).

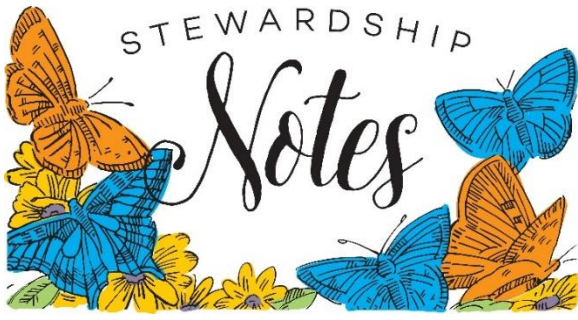
Notice: Phone Charges May Apply

If you are joining us by using your land-line for Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist, please be aware that long-distance charges may apply and appear on your next phone bill. In order to avoid those charges, we recommend you use your mobile when calling in. If long distance charges would be a hardship for you, please reach out to Rev. D.

We just found out from a parishioner that charges apply when using a land-line.

Any questions, please let us know.

Thanks!!!



(Re)connect

Reminder: If you put your pledge packet aside to take care of after Thanksgiving, now is the time to pull it out of the mail pile, complete the pledge card and mail it in, and most important, write the note to your fellow parishioner to reconnect! Thank you!

Financial Contributions – Tax Credit in 2020

All financial contributions received by the parish office, postmarked on or electronically submitted before December 31, 2020, will be included in year-end statements.

If you would like to make a gift of stock, please contact Trinity's Finance Manager, Fran Times-Mack at either 860-527-8133 ext 206 or ftimesmack@trinityhartford.org for stock transfer instructions.

REMINDER: Please make every attempt to turn in your 2021 Pledge Card before the year's end.
Please contact the office (office@trinityhartford.org) if you need a pledge card.
Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 20th The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. Call-in Morning Prayer – Zoom
10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist Rite II (with Spiritual Communion) – Zoom

Monday, December 21st

8:15 A.M. Trinity Academy – Virtual Learning

Tuesday, December 22nd

8:15 A.M. Trinity Academy – Virtual Learning
5:15 P.M. Bible Study – Zoom
6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 23rd

Trinity Academy – Closed for holidays – resumes January 11

Thursday, December 24th -- Christmas Eve

2:00 P.M. Carol singing/Prayers/Scripture/Candle Lighting – Outside -The Close
4:00 P.M. No-rehearsal Christmas Pageant – Outside - The Close
6:00 P.M. Carol singing/Prayers/Scripture/Candle Lighting Outside The Close
9:30 P.M. Pre-service coffee hour (Zoom) Music prelude/Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Spiritual Communion via YouTube only

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Saturday, December 26th

Sunday, December 27th The First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 A.M. Call-In Morning Prayer – Zoom
10:00 A.M. – Lessons and Carols with ECCT Lessons and Carols with Rev. D Presiding at Spiritual Communion (via Trinity Zoom)



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