

JOURNEYS

The Christmas Star

Old Star (voice)	Brooks Buhrman
Old Star (puppet)	Quinton See
Young Star (voice)	Ira Haake
Young Star (puppet)	Wyatt Hunter
Mary	Charlotte Klinginsmith
Joseph	Parker Wilsey
Gabriel	Alex Velasco
Christmas Star	Aviana Directi
Little Stars	Willa Hope, Jackson Schroder, Zoey Orcutt, Otto Metcalf, Ty Person, Alaya Directi
Caesar Augustus	Jordan Smith
Shepherds	Will Klinginsmith, Reid Buhrman
Angels	Hanna Hill, Harper Schroder
Wisemen	Nolan Buhrman, Andrew Wegehaupt, Owen Wilsey
King Herod	Jace Heathers
High Priest	Quincy Haake
Boy Jesus	George Klinginsmith
Stage help	Jaxon Smith, Rylin Stoffel

Want to write a Journeys article?
We'd love to read your story.
Call the church office at **(308) 382-1952**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
ADVENT CANDLE #4.....(ON SCREEN)
A: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.
CALL TO WORSHIP.....(ON SCREEN)
L: Beloved, God calls to us—like Joseph—through angels and messengers, inviting us to listen for the Spirit's guidance in the midst of half-truths and distractions.
P: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.
L: Sometimes, angels surprise us (as they did Mary) with good news too fantastical to believe and yet too real—realer than real—to ignore.
P: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.
L: For generations, God has sent signs of God's coming kingdom in unexpected places—the birth of a child, the wisdom of the lowly, the faithfulness of a carpenter.
P: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.
L: Come! Let us worship God who calls out to us, inviting us to faithfulness as we watch, wait, and work for the day when the whole world knows the abundant love and grace of Emmanuel, God-with-us.
A: Come! Let us worship as we listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.
OPENING HYMN....
#220 "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"
OPENING PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)
God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen
OFFERTORY.....(ON SCREEN)
DOXOLOGY.....#94
PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(ON SCREEN)
Faithful God of unfolding plans, when our certainty falters and our expectations collapse, you are still at work, inviting us into grace that redefines and redeems. Like Joseph, we bring our gifts and lay down our plans, trusting that your Spirit can shape our offering into something greater than we imagined. Let these gifts and our lives be signs of obedience, humility, and hope. May they help carry Christ into a world still longing for peace, hungry for love, and needing redemption. We pray in the name of the one who is Emmanuel—God with us. Amen.
CALL TO PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....(ON SCREEN)
LORD'S PRAYER.....#895
HYMN OF PREPARATION....
#230 "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"
SCRIPTURE LESSON.....MATTHEW 11:18-25
SERMON....."OBEDIENCE"
APOSTLE CREED.....#881
CLOSING HYMN.....#245 "THE FIRST NOEL"
BENEDICTION

Assistive listening devices are available to anyone that needs it to experience our worship services to the fullest.



4th Saturday of Advent
9:30 AM Traditional Worship
December 20th, 2025

SENIOR PASTOR...Rev. April Wegehaupt
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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL
Traditional.....6 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY
Traditional or CrossPoint....9:30 AM

WELCOME ☆ CONNECT ☆ DISCOVER
We speak to God before the service,
God speaks to us during the service,
We Speak to each other after the service.

Volunteers For Service

Greeters	Reader
Linda Sample, Pam Balderston	Lynne Coates
Ushers	Advent
Becky & Don Owings	Sherri Hiatt, Rhonda Hawthorne

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Weekly offering envelopes . . .

Envelopes will be available beginning the weekend of December 21 & 22 on the big pink table in The Gathering Place. If you don't see any envelopes with your name, please let the church office know.



Half Days close at Noon



Questions or comments?

Please contact the church during office hours. Thank you.

We Cordially Invite Everyone . . . in this congregation to become a member of this church, a working member. Call the church if you would like to talk it over with someone.

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Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution . . .

January 10th, 2025 at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at **9:30 a.m.** until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 a.m. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain . . .

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to be visited or put on the prayer chain for prayer, please get in touch with the office. *Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center cannot release the names of patients to the church.*

Get your roof donation before the end of the year!

Everyone that donates or pledges to the roof this December, will receive a hand-crafted Nativity. Thank you.

Blue Christmas Service . . .

Have you struggled finding joy throughout the Christmas season? If so come to this worship service **Dec 27th at 6pm** and lets release grief for joy as we enter into 2026.

Year End Giving or 13th Month . . .

Please note that all financial giving to the church needs to be postmarked by **December 31** to count for 2025. You are also able to give during the offering time at worship, drop off a check in the office (the office closes at noon on New Year's Eve), or online at our website (trinityumcgi.org) using the **"Give"** button. You will be redirected to our secure online giving site. Thank you for prayerfully giving to Trinity's ministry!



Wednesday Night Meals Resume on January 7th!



CALENDAR

December 21st - 28th

Sunday

9:30 AM Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary, Nursery
10:30 AM Jesus' Birthday Party, Miller Hall
2:00 PM Rev. April's Christmas Open House

Monday

4:30 PM Senior Wii Bowling, Room A

Tuesday

2:00 PM Bulletin Folding, Parlor

Wednesday Office Closed at noon

5:00 PM **Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary, Choir**
8:00 PM **Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary**
10:00 PM **Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary**

Thursday Christmas Day | Office Closed

Friday Office Closed

Saturday

5:00 PM Scripture Discussion, Parlor
6:00 PM Blue Christmas Worship, Gollaher Chapel
7:00 PM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place

Sunday

9:30 AM CrossPoint Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery
10:30 AM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place
PreK-Elementary Sunday School, Nursery
Sharing Our Life Stories, Room A