

JOURNEYS

This is the first weekend after the birth of our Lord. In the 12 days of Christmas, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> day. These days lead up to the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. As Christianity spreads from the east, the less celebrations are had on the 12 days of Christmas. To bring back one tradition from history of the Catholics, here is a list of common symbols that children might have remembered for each day. This is similar to Advent Song with a new verse each day.

- 1. Partridge in a Pear Tree:  
**Jesus** (willing to sacrifice for young)
- 2. Two Turtle Doves:  
**Old & New Testaments**
- 3. Three French Hens:  
**Faith, Hope, & Love** (from 1 Corinthians)
- 4. Four Calling Birds:  
**The Four Gospels** (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- 5. Five Golden Rings:  
**First five books of the Old Testament** (Torah)
- 6. Six Geese a-Laying:  
**Six Days of Creation**
- 7. Seven Swans a-Swimming:  
**Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
- 8. Eight Maids a-Milking:  
**The Eight Beatitudes**
- 9. Nine Ladies Dancing:  
**Nine Fruits of the Spirit**
- 10. Ten Lords a-Leaping:  
**Ten Commandments**
- 11. Eleven Pipers Piping:  
**Eleven Faithful Apostles**
- 12. Twelve Drummers Drumming:  
**Twelve Articles of the Apostles' Creed**

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

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP.....(ON SCREEN)  
L: We meet in the name of a loving God. Who knows our needs, Hears our cries. And heals our wounds.  
**A: We meet together to release Grief and find Joy in Christ.**

OPENING HYMN.....#221 “IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER”

POEM.....GOD’S TIMING

OFFERTORY.....(ON SCREEN)

DOXOLOGY.....#94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(ON SCREEN)  
**Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....(ON SCREEN)

LORD’S PRAYER.....#895

HYMN OF PREPARATION....  
#211 “O COME O COME EMMANUEL” VS 1-4

SCRIPTURE.....PSALM 23

INVITATION TO RELEASE GRIEF

CLOSING HYMN.....#246 “JOY TO THE WORLD”

BENEDICTION

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



Blue Christmas  
6 PM Worship  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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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	
Usher	Reader
Margie Balderston	Linda Harris
Greeters	
Linda Clark, Pam Balderston	



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Weekly offering envelopes . . .**  
are 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.

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Half Days close at Noon

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**Year End Giving or 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!



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**Wednesday Night Meals . . . . .** Resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>!

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**Questions or comments?**  
Please contact the church during office hours. Thank you.

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**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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution . . .**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

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**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.*

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**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.

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# CALENDAR

*December 28<sup>th</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026*

**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

**Monday**  
4:30 PM Senior Wii Bowling, Room A

**Tuesday**  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place

**Wednesday New Year's Eve | Office Closed at 12 PM**

**Thursday New Year's Day | Office Closed | 2026**

**Friday**  
1:00 PM Bulletin Folding, Parlor

**Saturday Communion**  
5:00 PM Scripture Discussion, Parlor  
6:00 PM Worship, Communion, Gollaher Chapel  
7:00 PM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place

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