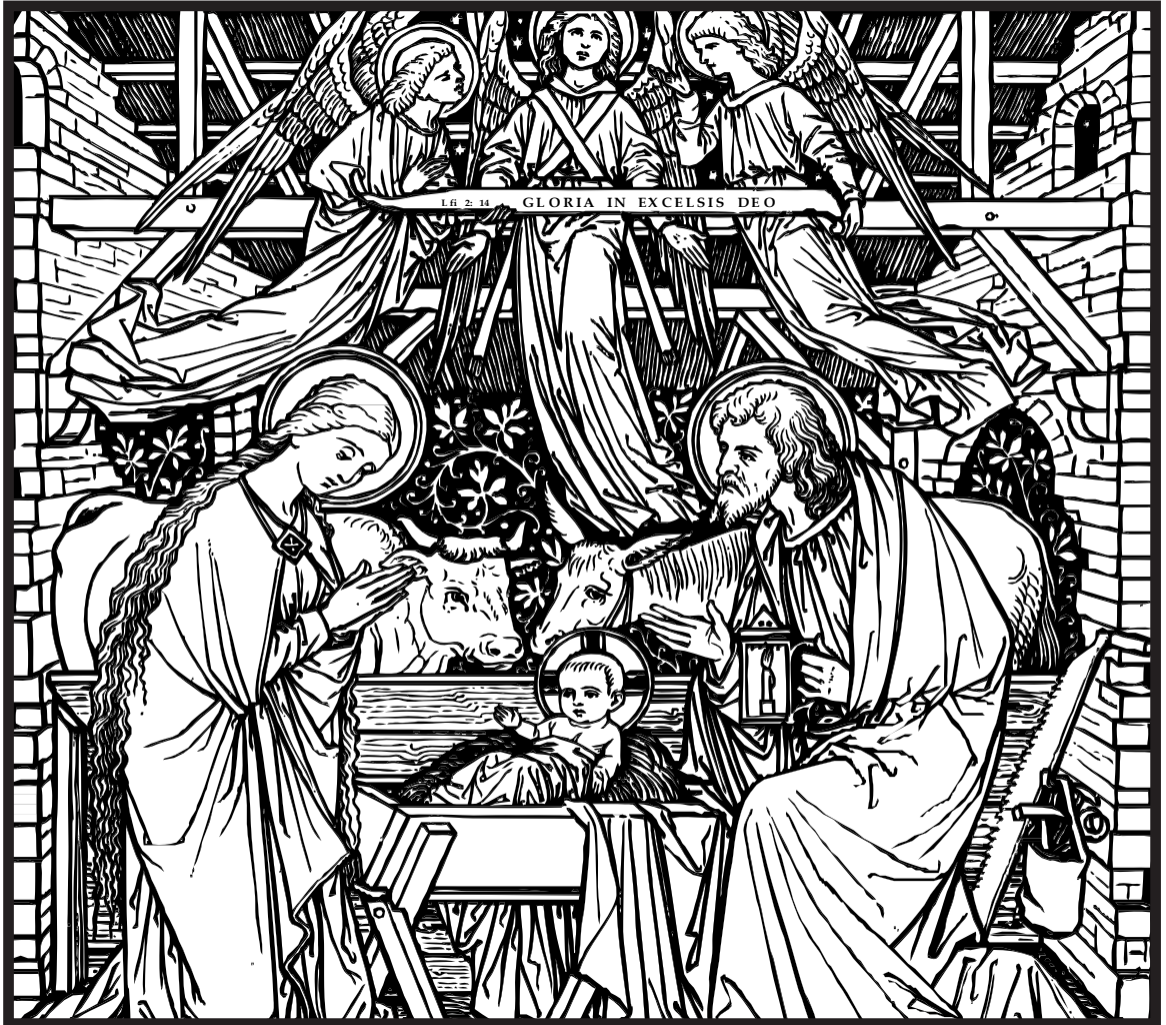


TRENHOLM ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A SERVICE OF CAROLS & COMMUNION

on

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2022 at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome

Rev. James McCoy-Bruce

PRELUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Toccata on "Adeste Fideles," by Marcel Dupre, setting by David Lowe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this holiest of nights,
we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

On this most silent night,
we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

On this night of carols and candlelight,
we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World"

UMH 246

THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting of the Christ Candle

3:00 PM The Scott Family—Stephen, Amy, Kathryn Ann, Matthew and Brady

5:00 PM The David and Ashley Waite Family

*THE RESPONSE

"The Gloria"

To the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Glory now, forevermore
be to our redeeming Lord;
Praise to God, the One in Three,
as it was and e'er shall be.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

THE FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

A decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

(LUKE 2:1-7, NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

UMH 217, stanzas 1 & 2

**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 cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.**

THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

There were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

(LUKE 2:8-14, NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

UMH 218, stanzas 1 & 4

**It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.**

THE THIRD GOSPEL LESSON

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

(LUKE 2:15-20, NRSV)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (5:00 PM)

A Christmas Blessing, by Philip W. J. Stopford

Sanctuary Choir

MEDITATION

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night, by Adolphe Adam

Kyle Collins, *baritone*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Our offering tonight will go to Epworth’s Children Home.

*THE RESPONSE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH 238, stanza 3

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, please forgive us:

when our lives cast deep shadows that dim your Light;

when the tinsel of Christmas means more to us than your truth;

when our hearts of stone resist the pain and brokenness around us.

**Have mercy on us, healing God, and tear down the walls we have built
to keep your love away;**

so we might seek your justice for our brothers and sisters;

**so our hearts would become cradles for your Son, our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING FORTH

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

During the singing of the carol, the pastor lights his candle from the Christ Candle and in turn lights the candles of the ushers, who then pass the light onto the congregation. The Light of Christ comes into the darkness in the world, as we share our light with one another. Please tilt your unlit candle into the flame of the lighted candle, which should always be held upright.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CAROL

“Silent Night”

UMH 239

NEWSWORTHY

SPECIAL THANKS

The clergy and staff would like to extend their sincere thanks for the many kind gifts and expressions of support given by members of the congregation during this Advent and Christmas season.

Poinsettias

If you wish to pickup your poinsettia today, please choose a poinsettia from the poinsettia tree in the west foyer. The poinsettias in the sanctuary *will be available for pickup after Christmas Day worship.*

Christmas Worship

We will have Christmas Day service at 10am. All are welcome to come as you are. Pajamas, jeans, Christmas sweaters are all welcome. Sunday school is cancelled.

Pledge Commitments for 2023

There are pledge cards in the West Foyer and Narthex if you have not turned in your pledge for 2023. You may place these in the offering plate or mail to the church at 3401 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204.

Christmas Closings

The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 - Wednesday, Dec. 28 in observance of Christmas.

YOUTH UPDATES

- **Wednesday Evenings resume January 11**
- **No MYF Tonight-** MYF resumes Jan. 22
- **No Discipleship-** Dec. 28 or Jan. 4
- **No Sunday School on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1**
- **Confirmation 2023-** 7th grade students (and any 8th grade that may have missed) please contact – youth@trumc.org

- **Revolution-** Saturday Jan. 28, 7:00pm. Use this link to register by Dec. 28!
<https://forms.gle/LDMr2Lre3wpUumpC9>

Next Sunday services – Two services

We will have 2 services next Sunday, New Year's Day. The first service starts at 8:45am and the second service starts at 11:00 am.

Year End Giving

The deadline for 2022 Tithes and Gifts: You can hand deliver to Catherine in the Business Office or drop in the safe by Friday, December 30 between 7:30 am- 3 pm. If you send via USPS, the envelope must be postmarked 12/31/22 or earlier.

Prayers Within The Trenholm Road Connection

- Suzanne Wise
- Beth Leaptrott
- Angela English
- Jan and Dave Fary
- Pam Younts
- Sharon Lentz
- David and Glenna Kinard
- Summers Duffie
- Debby Joyner
- Nancy Cooper
- Myra & Jess Torres
- Stella Wilkins
- Robbie Bowers
- Vernon Bowen
- Carol Parrish
- Nancy Howarth
- Tiffany Helms
- Jack Hollis
- Dave Ramsey (loss of his son)

“ On the one hand Mary was just a girl, an immature and frightened girl who had the good sense to believe what an angel told her in what seemed like a dream. On the other hand, she was the mother of the Son of God, with faith enough to move mountains. When we allow God to be born in us, there is no telling, no telling at all, what will come out.”

(MADELEINE L'ENGLE)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

PREACHER

Rev. James McCoy-Bruce, *Pastor*

MUSICIANS

Trenholm Road Sanctuary Choir

Kyle Collins, *baritone*

Eben Trobaugh, *Guest Conductor*

Sarah Fletcher, *Music Director*

USHERS

Arch & Jenny Fowler, 3pm

ACOLYTE

Bates Trobaugh, 5pm

CRUCIFER

Elizabeth Anne Trobaugh, 5pm

WELCOME

to TRENHOLM ROAD

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and welcome you to Trenholm Road United Methodist Church. Whether you have attended regularly for years, watch our broadcasts (*Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on WACH Fox 57, cable channel 6, or Facebook Live*), or are a first-time guest, we are glad that you are here.

We ask all new visitors to complete a Guest Information Card, located in the pew rack, and to place it in the offering plate. We offer many opportunities for further worship, fellowship, and service, and we look forward to sharing these details and getting to know you better.

OUR MISSION
**COME AND WORSHIP,
GROW IN FAITH,
SHARE THE WORD,
GO AND SERVE**



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Welcome to TRUMC!

We are so glad to have you visit with us today. We would love to get in touch with you and answer any questions you might have about our church. Please scan this QR code to provide us with your contact information so we can touch base.

We hope to see you again soon!



In Christ,
The Hospitality & Evangelism Core Team