THE PIPER



DECEMBER 19, 2021

Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45[46-55]

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PRAYER LIST

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Poinsettias have been ordered and will be in the worship space on Christmas Eve. If you would like one please feel free to take one or two after whichever service you attend on Christmas Eve. Enjoy them as our gift to you.

Soups have ended for now. We hope everyone enjoyed them. We will again have them during Lent. Please watch for the menu of soups starting again in early March.



Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 pm

Christmas Caroling in the Sanctuary

Come get in the Christmas Spirit

with singing all the carols you have loved.

We look forward to seeing you here. Masks and social distance, please



TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 8:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:45 am Worship w/Communion YouTube Worship Service Recorded 12:00 pm Deeper Waters Zoom 4:00 pm Christmas Caroling - Indoors **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21** 5:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Council Zoom Meeting WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 8:00 am Faith & Fitness in Church 7:00 Holden Evening Prayer THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 12:00 Noon Worship w/Communion 3:00 pm Worship w/Communion 5:00 pm Worship w/Communion 7:00 pm Worship w/Communion SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS** 10:00 am Worship w/Communion SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 8:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:45 am Worship w/Communion

Ronica Brownson's Grandfather, Carl Skarphol, passes away on December 2nd at 98 years of age. Please keep the Brownson & Skarphol families in your thoughts and prayers.

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

From the Pastor's Desk



December 18 & 19, 2021

Dear Beloved of God,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – well, almost! Even though I know the calendar, I find it hard to believe that Christmas is upon us! Most of my shopping is completed, except for the Christmas Dinner. Gifts still await wrapping! Cards have been sent – thanks to my wife! So, we are getting there, nonetheless, I find it hard to comprehend that the year is nearly over!

Like 2020, we may be glad to see 2021 come to an end. COVID-19 is still plaguing us. As I write this, new infection numbers continue to spike even as the Mt. Nittany Medical Center, like so many other hospitals, are overwhelmed with patients. Many with all the beds occupied! I guess it is good that Christmas is here! We certainly can use some of the hope and joy that come with the Good News we proclaim at Christmas!

Like many others, I too, look forward to Christmas Eve worship. This year, in light of the pandemic, we have decided to offer various service times to help limit the number of worshippers at each service.

12 pm - A spoken liturgy, no music; Communion and Candle Lighting are included

3 pm – Family worship, with Communion and Candle Lighting

5 pm - Family worship, with Communion and Candle Lighting

7 pm - Traditional Christmas Worship with Communion and Candle Lighting

Because we attract so many visitors for Christmas Eve and to help keep us safe from the coronavirus, we have taken some special steps:

- 1. We ask everyone to wear a mask at all of the worship services
- 2. Pews have been marked off with rope to encourage and guide Social Distancing
- 3. For the Candle Lighting, to maintain safety, we will have small metal thimbles to snuff out individual candles, so people need not blow candles out
- 4. For the 7 pm service, we may need to adjust how Communion is distributed

Other than these few steps, we will seek to keep worship as usual!

Thanks, in advance, for understanding and for your cooperation!

May we have a much better 2022 and "may God bless us, everyone!"

The richest of Christmas blessings to you and all your loved ones!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ron

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Memoir Club

Do you have a story to tell? A cherished memory to recapture? Of course you do. EVERYONE does. Now you have an opportunity to not only share your story but also hear others tell THEIRS.

A Memoir club is forming at Trinity. At least the first few meetings will be via Zoom, starting Thursday, January 13th, at 7 PM. Carol Smith will be facilitating.

Everyone from ages 16 to infinity are welcome to attend this initial INFORMATION meeting where we will discuss exactly what a memoir group is, what the format is like, etc..

It's a wonderful way to shake off the post holiday blues, get to know others, and spend some winter evenings reminiscing.

If you are interested in learning more, please email Beth at tlcoffice2@comcast.net so she can make sure you receive the Zoom invitation via email.

Any questions? Feel free to contact Carol Smith at piffy1957@gmail.com.

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