



Offering Link

Christmas Poinsettias Are Here!

It's that time of year again time to fill our sanctuary with the beauty of Christmas!

Order forms for poinsettias are ready and waiting for you! Stop by the table under the Narthex TV to pick up your form and place your order today. Let's make this holiday season bright and blooming!



2025 Wooster Alternative Gift Market

Give the gift of hope! Shop \$5 shares in global and local humanitarian projects, browse fair trade items, and enjoy lunch.

December 14 • 11:30am–2pm

First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Ave.

Featuring 22 projects supporting needs around the world and in our community. Lunch at 11:30am by donation to benefit Homeward Bound.

Questions? Nancy Lilburn: 330-234-6848.

- This Week at Trinity**
Breakfast Program 8:30a-9:30a
Monday - Friday
Monday, December 1
7pm AA Group
Tuesday, December 2
12pm "Voices of Advent" Book Study
6-7:30p Faith Formation Meeting
Wednesday, December 3
9am Interfaith Partnership Meeting
4:30-7pm C.A.T
6:30pm AA Group
Thursday, December 4
5:30-6:30pm Choir
7-8pm Bells
7pm NA Group
Friday, December 5
11am Knit, Pray and Crochet
4-7pm Downtown Church Walk
Saturday, December 6
8am Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, December 7
9am Sunday School for Adults
9:15am Sunday School
Second Sunday of Advent
10:30am Worship Service
Advent: "God's Promise is Born"
After Worship In Fellowship Hall

Please Sign up to serve on Sunday morning! Usher, greet, provide coffee hour, or be a reader. If you sign up for altar flowers, please let the office know if the flowers are given for a special celebration in honor or in memory of someone so that it may be included in the bulletin.

Trinity United Church of Christ



November 30, 2025 - 10:30am
Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin
We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship today.
The * is to stand.
The bold print is Unison.

If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care or prayer support, please reach out to the church office. Whether you're facing a difficult time or simply need someone to talk to, we're here to offer care, comfort, and prayer.

- Prayers needed:****Home:** Ayden Varno
Wayne County Care Center:
Bob Chizmadia
Danbury: Irene Winner, Dot Blum, Lucy Baus
Westview Manor: Janet Landers, Becky Grindstaff
Brookdale: Lois Wagner
Ravines at Taylor: Joanne Orr



Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin, Senior Minister
Suzanne Feltner, Faith Formation and Arts Director
Luke Tegtmeier, Organist
Phil Starr/Jack Senn Business Managers
Joi Griffith, Administrative Assistant
Connie Plant/Larry Keiner, Custodian
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Layreader: Liz Harris



Dec. 21

- Dates for your Calendar:**
December 2 - Faith Formation Meeting 6-7:30p
December 3 - Interfaith Partnership Meeting 9a
December 5 - Downtown Church Walk 4-7p
December 6 - Men's Breakfast 8a (FH)



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Prelude: Bach - Wachet Auf (Oxford Christmas)

Prayers of the People

Welcome and Announcements/ Share the Good News, and Joys

Call to Worship

One: As the sun rises on this new season, we turn within and ask God to renew hope in each one of us.

Many: **For the sake of my relatives and friends, proclaim with joy, “Let us go to the house of our God and find hope within!”**

One: Though the days are hard, and the news, grim, we turn to our siblings here asking them to trust God, as we have so many times in the past.

Many: **For the sake of my relatives and friends, we proclaim with joy, “Peace be within the walls of this house, that our hope might spread beyond!”**

One: In our fears and our desperation, in our exhaustion and our pain, God wraps us in bands of hope, holding us together so we may continue the struggle for justice and peace.

Many: **For the sake of my relatives and friends, we proclaim with joy, “I will seek all that is good within the house of God, and I will carry it with me wherever I go!”**

One: Emmauel, we come here today to renew ourselves in the generosity of God’s hope. We will climb the mountain hand in hand that we may learn again of God’s promise to be with us, both in the valley and on the peaks. Let us set down our despair and rest in the light of God until we are renewed! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn NCH#122 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

Advent Candle Lighting (see the insert)

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,³ and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; **and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;**

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Sermon: Advent Ethics

Silent Pastoral and Lord’s Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity: Hope is not only fuel that sustains our spirits. Hope lives within the tangible gifts we give each week to support the most vulnerable among us. In our generosity, we act on God’s behalf, ensuring the needs of our community are met.

Offertory: Krapf - Veni Emmanuel

Offering Response: “We Praise You O God” Verse 1 #420

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad raises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: **Beloved Creator, we offer these gifts to you in the spirit of Hope. We place our trust in you and in those who faithfully care for your people, that these gifts will be used to protect and uplift those who are in need. Help us to remember our role to act as agents of your grace each and every day. Amen.**

Hymn: NCH#102 “O How Shall I Receive You”

Benediction: **When we leave this place today, let us carry the flame of Hope within us, no matter how small it may seem. We feed it with the knowledge that God’s love is incendiary. Our Beloved’s breath blows through us, allowing the flames to rise and catch and give us strength all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Sending Song: **Oh God, send me to do your work.**

Oh God, send me to do your work.

Oh God, send me to do your work.

My—Sweet—God.

Postlude: Bach - Nun Komm (from Orgelbuchlein)