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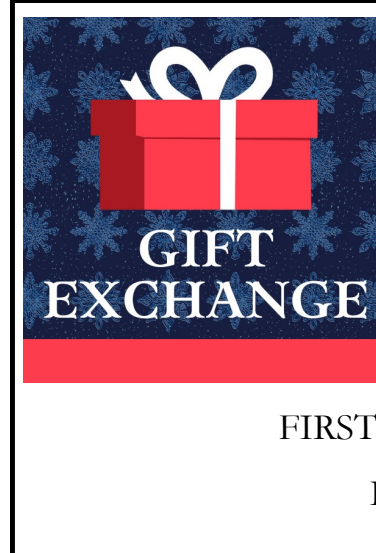
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# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Welcoming Community of  
Compassion & Faith*

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

**PRELUDE**

*Christmas is Here*

arr. Dale Wood

**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

Bonnie Barber

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Hymnal No 220

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

Everlasting God,  
you see us in our moments of darkness and despair.  
Yet in your boundless grace,  
you fill our emptiness with the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love.  
In this holy season of exchanging gifts,  
help us to be mindful of the gifts you freely give;  
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

*After each petition ending "Lord, in your mercy,"  
please respond saying: "Hear our prayer."*

## THE 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Reimer

## SENDING SONG

*Go With Them, Lord*



Go with them, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev - ery com-ing day, that



in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

## PSALTER

Psalms 148

Hymnal No 861

## SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:10-14

## SERMON

“Purpose for Meaninglessness”

Obed Aying

## HYMN

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Hymnal No 221

## TRINITY WILMETTE THIS WEEK

## GIVING OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

### Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

#### Offertory

*I Wonder As I Wander*

arr. John Jacob Niles

Annie Rasmussen, mezzo-soprano

I wonder as I wander out under the sky how Jesus, the savior, did come for to die for poor on'ry people, like you and like I. I wonder as I wander out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus, t'was in a cow's stall with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all, but high from god's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages, it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing or all of god's angels in heav'n for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the king! I wonder as I wander out under the sky how Jesus, the savior, did come for to die for poor on'ry people, like you and like I. I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

#### Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal No 94

## CLOSING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

Hymnal No 246

## BENEDICTION and CHORAL AMEN

## POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*

arr. Donald Hustad