

La Trinidad United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

WELCOME Rev. Raquel C. Feagins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You know what time it is,
**how it is now the moment
for you to wake from sleep.**

For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers;
the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light. (ROMANS 13:11-12)

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN MVPC 16
Te loamos, oh Dios

INVITATION UMH 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH 12

BLESSING ON THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised
to come again. Let us pray that we may always be
ready to welcome him. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to
God's love, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness
of sin, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the Advent wreath may constantly remind us
to prepare for the coming of Christ,
Come, Lord Jesus.

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace
and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Let us pray.

**Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the
coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the
Advent Candles. May their light reflect the
splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

*For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the
peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory
will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.* (Isaiah 60:2-3)

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to
show us the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*HYMNS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates UMH 213
Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending UMH 718

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OFFERING UMH 588

**All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of
your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy
what you say to us today.**

*SCRIPTURE Mark 13: 24-37

SERMON Rev. Raquel C. Feagins
"Preparing for Christ "

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

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, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC TFWS 2254
In Remembrance of Me

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 706
Soon and Very Soon

***BENEDICTION**

The Altar Flowers are given by Michelle Garibay-Carey in memory of her father Randy Garibay's Birthday.

**Please stand if you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship service is being broadcast live on YouTube.
<http://youtube.com/latrinidadunitedmethodistchurch>

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS SALE ENDS TODAY
Envelopes and order forms in the lobby. \$10 each.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

You may designate an additional gift this month as "Christmas" in gratitude for God's gift to us in Christ.
May God bless you for your generosity.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NAVIDAD BLANCA
Saturday, December 9 from 10 AM – 12 NOON

Program & Brunch

Theme "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts."
Bring gloves, mittens, winter hats to donate.

ACADEMIA AMERICA BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday, December 9. 5:00 PM. Cost \$10.

COOPER ACADEMY AT NAVARRO FOOD DRIVE

Help alleviate food insecurity for eight young families. Bring non-perishable items by December 13 for Christmas Holidays.

**SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE AND
HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

Sunday, December 17.

RSVP for Luncheon.

CAROLING AND LAS POSADAS

Friday, December 22 at 5 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24 at 6 PM

CHILDREN CLOTHES AND SHOES COLLECTION

New and gently used clothes and shoes. Sizes 3-12. Also unexpired car seats. Contact: Moses Contreras

ONLINE GIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

<https://latrinidad.churchtrac.com>



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