

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**November 19, 2023**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion Sunday**

Prelude	“Thanks Be to Thee”	G. F. Handel
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Introit	“It Is Well with My Soul”	
Call to Worship		
Hymn	“We Gather Together”	336
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Time for Silent Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
Gloria Patri		
Children’s Message		
Anthem	“Communion”	Douglas E. Wagner
Old Testament Reading	<i>Psalm 90:1-6</i>	
**Hymn	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	14
New Testament Reading	<i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>	
Sermon	“Faithful Choices”	
Invitation to rededicate all we are and all we have to God		
Prayer of Dedication		
**Doxology		
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Passing the Peace		
Hymn	“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”	687
Benediction		
Choral Response	“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”	
Postlude	“Now Thank We All Our God”	arr. Jim West

*Leaders in and for Worship Today*

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*Preaching Today*  
*Liturgist*  
*Music Director*  
*Organist//Pianist*  
*Audio/Video Technicians*  
*Greeter*  
*Ushers*

*Rev. Dr. Michael Stanfield*  
*Karen Kennedy*  
*J. West*  
*James West*  
*Bill Kennedy, Debbie Newkirk, Odell Newkirk*  
*Anne Seymour*  
*Chris and Steve Sheriff*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to worship at Trinity! We're glad you are here today. If you are a first-time visitor, we'd love to get to know you better. Please leave your contact information in the guest book by the front door, and Pastor Michael Stanfield will be in touch with you soon. You can also reach us by using our website contact form or by texting your name to (573) 284-8084.

**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE:** The Mission Committee is concluding its annual Holiday Food Drive today. A Food Bank barrel is in the lobby for donations of non-perishable food items. Monetary donations may also be made (checks payable to Trinity with "food drive" on memo line).

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING:** Thanksgiving Theme: **Tonight from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Community Methodist Church, 3301 W. Broadway.** All youth in grades 6-12 are invited. Please bring a dish to share.

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:** The church offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Please stay after worship on Sunday, December 3rd for a short, informational meeting about the progress of our building renovation projects and an update on the improvements to the church kitchen and Fellowship Hall

**ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3:**

**Saturday, December 2 - 9:00 a.m.-noon** - Come hang the greens, decorate the Christmas trees, and prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Refreshments will be provided.

**Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent** - We'll have Advent devotional booklets available for all ages.

**Sunday, December 10 - Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt for children, Potluck Luncheon** (pulled pork provided by the Outreach Committee), **games for all ages, narrative reading** - Please bring a side dish to share.

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP:** A flower calendar is now posted on the kiosk in the lobby where you can sign up to provide flowers for worship one Sunday. Please contact the church office if you'd like a sentence or two added to the worship bulletin.

**REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** Members of the Fellowship Committee rotate months for hosting the after-service refreshments. If you'd like to help out the committee members by hosting one week, please sign up on the form on the kiosk. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.