

10:00 a.m. Service

December 31, 2023

Gathering For Praise

Hymn of Welcome ‘There’s a Song in the Air’ UMH 249

Christmas Candle Liturgy & Lighting

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

We wait for you no longer, Lord Jesus, you have come!

God has increased our joy, for a child has been given to us, a Son has been born to us!

We wait for you no longer, Lord Jesus, you have come!

His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His name is Lord Jesus Christ, and He has come!

We light the Christ candle today, along with all the Christmas candles, to knock holes in the darkness.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out! Amen!

Light all four candles of the Advent wreath and the Christ Candle in the middle.

***Hymn of Praise** ‘Joy to the World’ UMH 240

Children's Disciple Moment

The PrayerGround Table is for children 6 and younger to use during the sermon. Parents should sit near the table to assist.

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 21-40 (The Message)

Christmas Hymn Sing (by request)

Responding to God’s Word

The Pastoral 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

UMH 94

To the tune ‘The First Noel’

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host Praise

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Noel, noel, noel, noel,

Born is the King of Israel.

***The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic ** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ as part of this congregation, please see Pastor Brian or Pastor Christine after the service. They would love to point you to some discipleship opportunities and ways to serve Christ here at TRUMC.

Going Forth to Serve God’s World

***Hymn of Sending**

‘Go, Tell it on the Mountain’

UMH 251

Sending Forth

Stewardship & Attendance Report

		Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
One Fund Monthly Goal 2023	\$47,808	12.3	52	252	n/a
One Fund Actual MTD	TBD	12.10	54	218	n/a
Deposits Week Ended	TBD	12.17	TBD	263	n/a
Building Project Fund as of November	\$1,365,238	12.24	TBD	TBD	n/a

Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR Code and fill out the form
- Online at trmethodist.net
- Text-to-Give: Text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135 and continue with steps.



YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

The office will be closed the last week in December. Donations can be mailed to the church office or given online. All contributions must be received by online or postmarked December 31, 2023 in order to be included on your 2023 contribution statement.

Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson, James White, Dee Hughes, Patrick O'Dell, Reggy O'Dell, Frances Lockaby, Barbara Floyd, Martha Foster, Mary Greene, Fred Dyal

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle
Martha Foster

FRIENDS OF TRUMC

Lorretta Sigenow
Boinne Hovda

OTHER REQUESTS

Israel & Gaza

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team: prayer@trmethodist.net

Connect with TRUMC

Worshiping here for the first time?

Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members. Or scan the QR code and fill out our contact form. We'd love to hear from you!

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