

# TRINITY CONNECTIONS

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## Notes from the Pastor:

**“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.” (Isaiah 9:2)**

Dear Trinity Family,

As we turn the page into November and the season of Advent approaches, I find myself reflecting on how powerfully this time of year invites us to wait—with hope, with wonder, and with expectation. The days grow shorter, the nights longer, and yet our hearts turn toward the promise of light. Advent is the Church’s way of reminding us that God is always at work in the waiting—that even in the stillness and uncertainty, something holy is being born.

Each candle we light on the Advent wreath tells a story: hope, peace, joy, and love. They are signs of God’s faithfulness shining through human history—and through our own stories as well. Every family lighting candles at home, every hymn we sing together, every act of kindness shared with a neighbor—all of it becomes part of God’s unfolding story of redemption.

Here at Trinity, we will once again enter this sacred season with hearts open to the wonder of Christ’s coming. We look forward to our traditional Christmas Eve service, that beautiful night when the sanctuary glows with candlelight and we lift our voices to sing, “Silent night, holy night.” It’s one of those moments that reminds us that even in a world that feels restless and divided, the peace of Christ still breaks in—quietly, tenderly, faithfully.

As the year draws to a close and a new one approaches, may we carry that light forward. Let us look for Christ’s presence not only in the manger, but in the faces of those around us. Let us begin the new year with renewed hope—trusting that God, who has come near in Jesus, continues to make all things new.

May this Advent and Christmas be a season of deep joy, sacred wonder, and renewed faith for you and those you love.

With gratitude and grace,  
Pastor Ongo

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# Aloha 'Oe: Rick & Mary Ann Jones



The Jones will be moving to Colorado and we bid them a warm Aloha!



## Upcoming Events:

November 17th:

Church Council Meeting  
7pm

November 22nd:

Charge Conference

November 29th:

Hanging of the Greens  
9am

November 30th:

Advent & Thankful Thoughts



## **December Sermon Series:** Advent & Christmas 2025 Sermon Series

**“God With Us: Signs of Hope in a Weary World”**

This Advent, we wait not in fear, but in hope — trusting that God is still writing redemption into our world. From the promise of Isaiah to the birth of Jesus, we are invited to see the signs of God’s coming and join in preparing the way. I hope you can join us this season.



## Sermon Series: December 2025

Week 1: November 30, 2025:  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Title: “Signs and Times”  
Text: Matthew 24:36-44; Isaiah 2: 1-5

Week 2: December 7, 2025:  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Title: “Signs & Stories”  
Text: Matthew 3:1-12; Isaiah 11: 1-10

Week 3: December 14, 2025:  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Title: “Signs & Truths”  
Text: Matthew 11:2-11; Isaiah 35:1-10  
(Gaudete Sunday – Joy)

Week 4: December 21, 2025:  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Title: “Signs and Faithfulness”  
Text: Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:10-16

Week 5: December 24, 2025:  
CHRISTMAS EVE

Title: “Signs and Glory”  
Text: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20