



When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? (Psalm 56:3-4 ESV)

December 9, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently our Board of Elders and Pastor met to discuss and finalize our plan for Christmas Eve Services. Christmas Eve is a special and holy time of year to be in church and in worship with our Lord and with one another. Of course, this year has also posed numerous and unique challenges for various reasons, and God has been gracious to see us through all of it.

Trinity will have two in-person services for Christmas Eve, 5pm and 7pm. Reservations for these services will be required so that we may be assured that we have enough space and seating for everyone in attendance. We do have a limit. Please reserve your space by calling the office (989) 732-4816, emailing secretary@trinitygaylord.com, or signing up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex at church. Please indicate 1) your name, 2) the number of people you're expecting to be with you, and 3) which service you plan to attend, either 5pm or 7pm.

We will also be posting a recorded, YouTube Christmas Eve Service for all those who are not able or comfortable attending these services. This way, whether you are in-person or watching the service online, we may still receive God's precious Word together. CommuO2 live streaming will also be available.

We will be following the same safety guidelines as our weekend services, with masks, social distancing, and temperature checks.

Besides these guidelines, there will be a few other differences from Christmas Eve services in the past. We still have not resumed congregational singing yet for safety reasons, but plan to have special music present in the service. We will also be using battery-operated candles handed out as people come in instead of our regular candles in order to limit how close people need to get to one another. We will not have communion on Christmas Eve, but will continue to have communion during our regular Saturday-Sunday services.

We recognize that this is an extraordinary year, one we humbly hope and pray gets better next year. However, it makes it all the more apparent how special the good news is that our Savior Jesus came to us at Christmas to save us from the darkness and bring us into His eternal light. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our church leaders.

May God's peace and joy be yours this Advent and Christmas Season,

Pastor Joe Polzin and your Board of Elders