

Worship and Music Committee Minutes November 17, 2020

Roll Call: Lynn, Judy, Sheri, Sandy, Jessie, Pastor Fred, Kevin, Ken, David, Julie, Barbara

Meeting hosted on Zoom by Judy & Sheri

1. ADVENT – Sundays & Wednesdays:

Advent begins Sunday, Nov.29 with the next three Sundays in Advent December 6, 13 and 20. Wednesdays in Advent Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23.

a. Advent mid-week "contemplation" service

- Pastor Fred has picked out 4 texts that relate to events that occur before Christmas.
- Julie will record music to go along with texts.
- Pastor will pick out artwork to go with the topic.
- Link for each Wednesday will be posted the weekend prior with the link for Sunday worship.

b. Sunday services

- Advent wreath in sanctuary will be lit when the altar flowers are lit. No members/families will be lighting the advent wreath this year due to COVID. Instead, the church has purchased 200 advent candles which have been sent to every Trinity household, so each household can have their own Advent wreath to light at home.
- Pastor spoke about colleague does a service of lament. Based on a psalm of lament in which the psalmist is complaining to God that he does not seem to be listening to his believers; things have been bad for such a long time and where is God? The lament ends on an up note saying that God is with us through the bad times as well. Asked if we would like to have a "lament piece" within the service. Discussed and agreed we would have a lament portion during the service as long as it ends upbeat.
- Discussed rest of service:
 - Opening hymn – #257 "O Come O Come Immanuel" will be sung each Sunday, adding a verse each week.
 - We will switch to Nicene Creed for Advent.
 - Portion of service for confession and absolution.
 - Lament will be the same one each week.
 - We will use the "Glory to God" instead of "This is the Feast"

c. Stay with Setting 2 through the end of the year

Discussed that we may not know the "Glory to God" in setting 2? Should we substitute one from another setting? Decided we could learn a new "Glory to God." Kevin was able to get a cantor, Jacob Wood, for the first Sunday of Advent on Nov. 29. and he can help us learn it.

d. Decorating Team

They will put up the blue paraments and Advent banners on Friday, Nov.27

2. CHRISTMAS EVE

a. December Hymns: Julie working on picking hymns for December.

b. Decorating Team: will be putting up trees and wreaths, taking camera angles into consideration. Plan is to accomplish this between Friday, Dec.18 and Sunday, Dec. 20. The congregation will not be invited to help out this year due to COVID.

- c. Trinity Christmas Eve Service: No inside worship – online only. It will be recorded at 5pm and can be seen on YouTube like Sunday worship.
 - Suggested to purchase battery operated candles for passing of light and singing during Silent Night. Since there will be no inside service, we can table this for now.
 - Kevin suggested a possible quartet for St John's outdoor service and possibly at recorded indoor service first? Discussed whether 4 people singing together meets CDC/ELCA guidelines for singing indoors? Sandie suggested having 1 person singing melody line. Is there really a need for 4-part harmony? Pastor and Julie will work the details of service and music out.
- d. Outdoor Worship at St John's Episcopal: 7pm on lawn of St John's. Led by Father Rod with assistance from Pastor Fred.
 - Lessons and Carols: 7 readings with Carols in between.
 - 6 Fire Pits to stand around and keep warm.
 - outdoor manger
 - Possible Brass or Singing Quartet. Brass may be out of question as too cold to play outdoors this time of year.
 - Suggested if possible, to record it and post on YouTube later.
 - Sandy suggested 1st verse of Carols only so people would not have to look at bulletin.
 - Plan is to have candles for passing of light.

3. CHRISTMAS DAY & DEC.27

- a. One service at 10am on Christmas Day: There will be a link to YouTube.
- b. December 27 – 1st Sunday after Christmas. Usually we do lessons and carols but considering the limitations of singing due to COVID and that there will be a service of lessons and carols at St John's on Christmas Eve, Pastor Fred will put together another type of service.

4. ROUND TABLE

- FYI: On January 10, Baptism of Our Lord, there will be a baptism for Brianne Richards son. The plan is for the family to be at church with a total of eight people.
- Sheri is picking Hymns for January
- Sandy: Questions our singing of just 1 verse of hymns on Sunday mornings. All verses seem too much, but one verse is not enough. Decided that Pastor Fred will decide on 2-3 verses depending on the hymn.
- FYI: it is noticed that some people go on and off of online service. But amazingly they all seem to know when it is time for the sermon. Lol
- Judy: when the cantor is singing people question whether the cantor should be masked or not? Discussed that there is no trouble understanding or hearing cantor, so if the cantor feels comfortable wearing mask, then that is probably the best.
- Julie: On November 29, in the afternoon, Julie will be having her annual Holiday recital, for her piano students, using Trinity as the venue. It will be recorded one student at a time to make a virtual recital for all the students' families.
 - the students will come one at a time and the piano keys will be sanitized after each student plays.
 - Katie will be recording it, but it will not be made public, for safety reasons. It will only be available to the participating students and their families.
 - The children will be masked as they enter and leave and may take off their mask to play.
- Julie discussed with Paragallo the proper way to sanitize the rosewood organ keys. He recommended using a baby wipe. He also said they would monitor the keys and will oil the rosewood keys as needed as part of their routine cleaning and service.

- Concern about people knowing service times for Advent and Christmas. Sheri will put something together to be sent out with weekly Chimp Mail. (Applause for Sheri who got her service info together before I finished my minutes. It was first sent out on Saturday, November 21)
- Also, there will be information coming about annual meeting on-line.

Pastor Fred closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING, IF NEEDED: Tuesday, December 15 at 7pm via zoom