



*For Unto us a Child is Born  
Unto Us a Son is Given*

December 15, 2023

Dear Friends,

On Dec. 9, Holy Trinity held its tenth Manger Mania event. This year, our display featured over 60 nativity scenes. Some were beautiful, some amusing, and some poignant. Some were very new and shiny. Some were showing definite signs of wear due to age and mileage, some had pieces missing, and a few needed to be glued back together. But they were all depictions of the same thing, a baby being born into a family.

It is quite something to consider that the Incarnate Lord, Jesus the Messiah, entered the world in the same way that we all did, born of a human mother, into a human family. To be part of a family is part of the human experience. We are not born to aloneness; we enter the world already belonging to a community.

Churches can also be like the nativity scenes we had in the parish hall. They come in various shapes and sizes. They move through periods of health and struggle. Some are whole, some are missing pieces, and sometimes they need to be glued back together. But hopefully, they are for us a family, a community, a place of belonging.

At Holy Trinity, we are blessed to be able to share another Christmas season together. To celebrate with joy and wonder our savior Christ's coming into the world knowing that we are all members of his family.

We hope that you will be able to join us in worship this Christmastide. If you have not yet returned to regular in-person worship, we ask that you consider doing so. Having all of our family home for Christmas will bring even more joy to this already joyful season.

Faithfully,

The Wardens and Vestry of Holy Trinity Church