

What is your Heart's Desire?

Your strength, God, is the king's strength. Helped, he's hollering Hosannas. You gave him exactly what he wanted; You didn't hold back. You filled his arms with gifts; you gave him a right royal welcome. He wanted a good life; you gave it to him, and then made it a long life as a bonus. **Psalm 21:2-4**, *The Message*

There are so many lists! Bucket lists, shopping lists, "to do" lists. By now, some children have written their letters to Santa, and made a list of their heart's desires. Now they wait eagerly for the surprises they will find on Christmas Day. Perhaps we can take a moment from our busy schedules this time of year and make a list of our own heart's desires. We can think of the many blessings we have been given, and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to show us how we can use our list to be a blessing to others in our church, our community and throughout the world. Trinity's vision For Tomorrow's Harvest, Goal #3 is to Shine as Christ's Light. With that in mind, our heart's desire list might include our hope to:

- shine brightly in this world and encourage someone who is discouraged or hurting today.
- praise and thank God for being our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 41).
- know Jesus personally, through reading our Bible and praying on a regular basis.
- invite a neighbor, co-worker or friend to a church service or special activity.
- go on a mission trip, (local or abroad).
- share the Good News of the Gospel.
- do good. As John Wesley said: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."
- live our lives in such a way that others will see the love of Jesus shining through us.
- live joyfully, knowing that we have eternal life and will live with Christ forever.

Get out your iPad, go old school and use pencil and paper, use an app, whatever it takes, but make your own list, "check it twice" (couldn't resist that), and live a life that shines bright with the light of Christ!

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us so much that You would send Your heart's desire; Jesus Christ. We praise you for washing our sins away and filling us with the joy of Your salvation. Forgive us when we get so busy that we neglect the true purpose of this glorious Advent season. Help us each day to be sensitive to others' needs and share the love of Christ in all we do and say. Amen.

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Additional Scripture Readings:

Psalm 21, Isaiah 41:14-20, Romans 15:14-21