

***Last Sunday after Pentecost***  
**November 24, 2013**

Welcome and Announcements  
 Prayer  
 Prelude

*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

*Acolyte			
Call to Worship	“Surely the Presence of the Lord”		Choir
*Hymn	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”		694

*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)*

“Let the Children Come!”  
*(Those 3 years of age through 5 years of age may go to Children’s Nursery.)*

First Lesson	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Pages 685-686 (O.T.)	
*Canticle of Zechariah	Luke 1:68-79		208
*Affirmation of Faith	“Apostles’ Creed”		881
*Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father”		70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church			
*Hymn	“Thank You Lord”		84
Prayers of Confession & Intercession			
The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>Unison</i> )			895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings			
Offertory			
*Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”		95

Anthem	“O Come Ye Thankful People”		Choir
Second Lesson	Ephesians 1:15-16	Page 182 (N.T.)	
	Psalm 100:4	Page 532 (O.T.)	
Sermon	“A Deeper Look into Thanksgiving”	Rev. Robert Reeves	

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
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*Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”		102
*Acolyte			
*Dismissal With Benediction			
*Benediction Response	“Go Now In Peace”		Choir
*Postlude			

\*The Congregation May Stand

***Leading in Worship Today***

Pastor:	Robert D. B. Reeves	Nursery:	Annette Watson
Pianist :	Christopher McCroskey	Tellers:	Pam Turner; Jo Ann Heiting
Music Director:	Jackie McNeill	Acolyte:	Matthew Skipper
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	Greeter:	Pam Turner
Time Together:	Carolyn Sox; Charlie Hooker	AV Assistant:	Jim Miller
Ushers:	Tom Geddens; Rhett Hook		

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers. An **INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY** is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Last week's message introduced us to looking deeper into what thanksgiving really is and somewhat what thanksgiving is not. Basically, thanksgiving is not just creating a great big thank you list to GOD. Much more will be said about that today. We have decisions to make in life and one of them is to live in an attitude of gratitude or become bitter. Another basic truth of life's journey is this. The only way to get out of bitterness is to seek the practice of thanksgiving. Finally, the art of thanksgiving was never intended to be some great big secret that few followers of Christ ever discovered in life's travels. Thanksgiving opens the way up for more GOD possibilities to take place in our life as the LORD sees fit. Thanksgiving ultimately points to the fact that we are trusting the LORD more than our self, our resources, our mind's understanding and other things. We have not well understood that GOD knows thanksgiving is a challenge for self centered persons or any believer when they become preoccupied with their issues more so than staying focused on the LORD's grace and intervention in our lives. We'll go deeper today! Blessings for the journey with JESUS!  
 Pastor Robert

**A Gift to Trinity** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, **Raymond**, on his birthday November 30<sup>th</sup> and in honor of her son, **Perry**, on his birthday on November 26<sup>th</sup>, by **Shirley Padgett**.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Irvin Wells	Steve Aiello	Julie Kamaroff	Jim Miller	Arvan Derrick
Roland Morgan	Rusty Poole	Arnold Heiting	Sara Efron	Miriam Simpson
Bonnie Ramsey	Barbara Pearson	Donnie Sox		

**Shut-Ins:** Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Doris Ivey; LaCrecia Taylor; Terry Pitts; Ruby Schmotzer; Claudia Sineath; Bruce & Jean Raynor; David Roberts; Irene Ward

**Family and Friends:** **Kitty Sellers** (friend of John & Patsy Zeigler); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Jan Hoover** (friend of Laurie Knapp); **Beth Ann Feimster** (sister of Christopher McCroskey); **Adam Davis** (grandson of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Matt Owen** (husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter); **Michael Carter** (son of Esther Carter); **Ed & Lisa Barton** (Brandon Jones' coworker and his wife); **Garland Pearson** (brother of Bill Pearson); **Lyndsey Roberts** (daughter of WC Fire Marshall Danny Roberts); **Jon Kirby** (grandson of Nell Cooke); **Narcie McClendon Jeter** (daughter of Tim McClendon); **John Glaze** (brother-in-law of Shirley Butler); **Jeanne Crone** (neighbor of Jo Ann & Arnold Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender); **Vickie Bright** (friend of Kaye Floyd); **Mike Rentz** (brother of Marty Johnson); **Walt Beck** (friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting); **Linda Boatwright** (sister of George & Morris Taylor); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 11/17 Sunday School 31 Morning Worship: 64

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 11/17 \$ 4,852.00

**OUR SERVICE."**

#### UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

If you would like to donate to disaster relief in the Philippines, make the check to Trinity and notate UMCOR Advance # 982450 on the memo line. If you would like to donate online, you can go to the Conference website [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org) (there is a link on their home page) or go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

#### Church Calendar

**TODAY** Outreach Meeting immediately following service in Conference Room

Community Thanksgiving Service @ Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

**11/28** Thanksgiving - Office Closed

**11/29** Office Closed

**11/30** Decorating for Christmas, 9 a.m.

#### Serving in December

**Serving On:** December 1

Ushers: Chris Derrick; Brady Derrick

Tellers: John Ballentine; Becky Derrick

Flowers: Paul Almond

Acolyte: Brandon Edwards

Lay Reader: Communion – Not Needed

Time Together: Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner

AV Assistant: Jim Miller

Greeter: Margie Gay

December 8

Tom Geddens

Mary Kamaroff, Jo Ann Heiting

Irvin & Dale Wells

Cristen Hipp

Tom Geddens

Family Ministries

Jim Miller

Becky Derick; John Ballentine

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Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent

The Congregation  
Robert D. B. Reeves  
Jonathan Holston  
Rev. Dr. Timothy McClendon

Enter  
his gates  
with  
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4



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Starting Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Reeves will have the following office hours:  
 Monday: By Appointment  
 Tuesday: Day Off  
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
 Thursday: By Appointment  
 Friday: By Appointment

If you should need him when he is not in the office, please feel free to call him at home: 724-2403 or on his Cell: 603-8138. This information is also included on his business cards. He wants every parishioner to have one. If you don't have his card, please ask him for one this morning.

**Prayer Request/Praise Report Slips**

Starting this morning, we will have Prayer Request/Praise Report Slips in the bulletin for you to use to write down your prayer requests and/or praise report. The ushers will take them up and give them to Pastor Reeves to read during the Joys and Concerns portion of the service. By doing this, we will be able to make sure that we don't miss anyone and that everyone is able to hear them.



**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
 THIS EVENING AT TRINITY  
 6:30 P.M.**

Canned goods and other nonperishable items will be collected for God's Helping Hands. The offering this evening will go to God's Helping Hands as well.



**CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY  
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
 9:00 A.M.**

Everyone is welcome to come to the church on Saturday morning to help put up the church's decorations. Lunch will be provided around noon.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14  
 4 P.M.**

Plan to join us on **Saturday, December 14** as we visit the shut-ins to deliver fruit baskets and sing Christmas Carols. We will leave Trinity at **4 p.m.** Add your voice to bring cheer this season.



The **Trinity UMC Choir** will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, *A Great and Mighty Wonder*, on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. There are cards located on the Gathering Area Table that can be handed out to friends, neighbors and family to invite them to this wonderful celebration in song. Be sure to pick some up to hand out in the coming weeks

## Community Thanksgiving Service

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Organist

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Acolyte

Greeting

(A) Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

(A) Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

(A) The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

\*Hymn

*"We Gather Together"*

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\*Opening Prayer

**All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Pages 178-179 (O.T.)

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-9 Page 189 (N.T.)

\*Psalter Psalm 100 821

\*Affirmation "Apostles' Creed" 881

### *Prayers of Thanksgiving*

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.

O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace.

**We praise your holy name, O God.**

\*Hymn

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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The Presentation of Offerings

Anthem

*"O Come Ye Thankful People"*

Combined Choirs

Gospel Lesson

John 6:25-35

Page 95 (N.T.)

Sermon

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Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday of November each year. It is traditionally a Harvest Festival, giving thanks for all God's blessings. Its origin as a national observance (first proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, made law by an act of Congress in 1941) can be traced back to the days of fasting and thanksgiving kept by the Puritans in order to discern and become conformed to God's will, and later to a thanksgiving meal celebrated jointly by the Plymouth Pilgrims and the neighboring Native American peoples after a successful harvest in 1621.

We welcome *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*, along with their Pastor, *Rev. Lance Henderson*.

You are invited to stay and join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

**OUR OFFERING OF CANNED GOODS THIS EVENING** is for *God's Helping Hands* mission agency in Cayce.

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