

***Second Sunday of Advent***  
**December 8, 2013**

Welcome and Announcements  
Prayer  
Prelude

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

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	Choir
*Hymn	<i>“Away in the Manger”</i>	217
Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace		
*Hymn	<i>“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”</i>	218

*(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	Isaiah 11:1-10	Page 610 (O.T.)
*Psalter	Psalm 72:1-17	795-796
Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	<i>“What Child Is This”</i>	219
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>Unison</i> )		895

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

Holy Baptism		Insert
Anthem	<i>“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”</i>	Choir
Second Lesson	Mark 1:9 -11; 3:31-35	Pages 37 & 40 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>“C Is A Good Grade At Christmas”</i>	Rev. Robert Reeves

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
*(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God’s Word)*

*Hymn	<i>“Angels from the Realm of Glory”</i>	220
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“Go Now In Peace”</i>	Choir
*Postlude		

\*The Congregation May Stand

***Leading in Worship Today***

Pastor:	<i>Robert D. B. Reeves</i>	Nursery:	<i>Annette Watson</i>
Pianist :	<i>Christopher McCroskey</i>	Tellers:	<i>Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting</i>
Music Director:	<i>Jackie McNeill</i>	Acolyte:	<i>Cristen Hipp</i>
Lay Reader:	<i>Tom Geddens</i>	Greeters:	<i>Becky Derrick; John Ballentine</i>
Time Together:	<i>Mary Louise Robinson</i>	AV Assistant:	<i>Jim Miller; Marie Stiles</i>
	<i>Marilyn Lloyd</i>	Ushers:	<i>Tom Geddens; Chris Derrick</i>

**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.

**WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM** today of ***Kinsley Elizabeth Howard***, daughter of ***Frank and Megan Howard***, sister of ***Trey and Kara***, granddaughter of ***Darla Mullaney***, and greatniece of ***Bonnie Ramsey***. Our Time Together today will be in her honor.

And the Rat Race has begun and I’m tired already before the first turn in the race!!! Have you sometimes felt that way about the Christmas season? Last week’s message was a simple challenge to keep our focus on what Christmas is really about which of course is the birth and presence and purpose of Jesus Christ! When we fail to keep that focus "our" Christmas celebration becomes part of the rat race pace of the way the "world" celebrates Christmas. So, we have the choice of rat race or GOD’s Graced Holidays. Here are several very helpful tips to keep your holiday GOD graced instead of rat raced. First, make sure you celebrate whatever you know the LORD is doing in your life, church and His body so that your emphasis is more about how the light is right and moving forward rather than how the darkness is getting worse and has ruined Christmas. We should not live or think in denial about our problems and other issues, but cursing the darkness to the neglect of emphasizing and celebrating the power of GOD’s light does not resolve any serious issue. It only highlights the problems and makes us feel worse about the issues more so than GOD ever intended. Secondly, do whatever you can do to bless someone else’s situation and life this Christmas. This gift blesses them, you and your FATHER in heaven. There is something about doing for others that does more for us than can be explained to any skeptic about giving to others first instead of taking care of yourself first. This is part of the message of Christmas so let’s all, within our possibilities, give to others as a part of celebrating Christmas. Thirdly, when you consider how the rodent the rat lives then ask GOD to give you the grace to not live and think in rat like ways as do some persons who miss the GOD purpose of Christmas. Christmas should never be more about how many parties we attended, gifts we gave or received, events we had to have, decorations we put up, additional money spent we didn’t have, and a whole host of other imbalanced priorities than the celebration of the wonderful reality Christ is born, Christ is serving His purpose and Christ will return! May the HOLY SPIRIT give all of us balance in this Christmas season to keep JESUS the real reason for the holiday season! Blessings for the journey!!! Pastor Robert

**TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of ***our Trinity Family*** and in loving memory of ***all loved ones lost, by Irvin and Dale Wells.***

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

Irvin Wells	Wyatt Wells	Steve Aiello	Julie Kamoroff	Arvan Derrick
Roland Morgan	Rusty Poole	Arnold Heiting	Sara Efron	Miriam Simpson
Bonnie Ramsey	Barbara Pearson	Jim Miller	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 12/01 Sunday School 29 Morning Worship: 57

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 12/01 \$ 8,974.00

**OUR SERVICE.”**

**Church Calendar**

12/11 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.  
Choir, 7 p.m.  
12/12 UMW, 10 a.m.  
12/14 Fruit Basket Preparation, 3 p.m.  
Caroling, 4 p.m.

**Serving in December**

<b>Serving On:</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>December 22</b>
Ushers:	Tom Geddens; Brady Derrick	<b>Needed</b>
Tellers:	Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs	Pam Turner; Jo Ann Heiting
Flowers:	John & Patsy Zeigler	George Taylor
Acolyte:	Matthew Skipper	Cristen Hipp
Lay Reader:	Cantata -Not Needed	Tom Geddens
Time Together:	Ruth Frady	Lynn Martin
AV Assistant:	Jim Miller; Marie Stiles	Jim Miller; Marie Stiles
Greeter:	Ted Frady	Jewel Percy

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*Baptismal Service for*

*Kinsley Elizabeth Howard*

*December 8, 2013*

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Dearly beloved, baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of His righteousness and heirs of life eternal. Those receiving the sacrament are thereby marked as Christian disciples, and initiated into the fellowship of Christ's holy church. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how he said, "*Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*" Through the sacrament of baptism we publicly declare and celebrate the work of God's grace already at work within the recipients of baptism. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

*Bonnie Ramsey presents the candidate for baptism:*

**I present Kinsley Elizabeth Howard for baptism.**

*The pastor addresses the family of the candidate:*

On behalf of the entire church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your own sins?

**We do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**We do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to all peoples?

**We do.**

Will you nurture Kinsley in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**We will.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

As Christ's body, the church, let us reaffirm our belief and commitment to the faith as it is taught us in the Scriptures and the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**Yes, we believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Yes, we believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and shall return to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Kinsley now before you in your care?

The congregation responds:

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Kinsley Elizabeth with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

**The pastor now prays the following prayer:**

Heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on all those gathered here, but especially upon Kinsley, who now receives baptism. May her sins be washed away, her life be clothed in righteousness, that dying and being raised with Christ she may share in Christ's final victory. Amen.

**The pastor addresses the family of the Baptism candidate:**

What name is given this child?

**Kinsley Elizabeth Howard,**

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Let us pray. God, our heavenly Father, grant that this child, as she grows in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit, may ever be a true child of yours, serving you faithfully all her days. Guide and uphold Frank and Megan that by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead Kinsley into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Now it is our joy to welcome our newest sister in Christ.

*The congregation responds:*

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's mighty acts of salvation throughout your life. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**



**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.



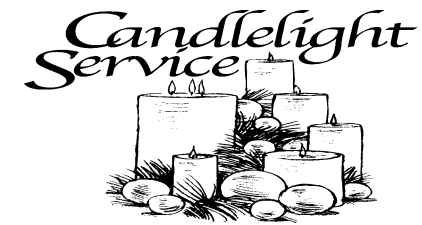
The **Trinity UMC Choir** will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, *A Great and Mighty Wonder*, on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. There are cards located on the Gathering Area Table that can be handed out to friends, neighbors and family to invite them to this wonderful celebration in song.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



This year Trinity will have the following 'Angels' on our Angel Tree:

1. UMW for the Saluda River Kids (make checks out to Trinity UMW)
2. God's Helping Hands - Project Share: these funds go directly to helping with heating bills for the less fortunate
3. Canoeing for Kids

The envelopes will be on the tree and you can put your checks or cash in the envelope and put them in the offering plates or give them to Patsy Boggs or Jackie Eitel. If you place cash in the envelopes, please put your name on the outside. Please have all envelopes turned in by Dec 22, 2013. If you have any questions, please call Patsy Boggs at 606-3488.



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6 P.M.**

**Prayer Request/Praise Report Slips**

There are Prayer Request/Praise Report Slips in the bulletin for you to use to write down your prayer requests and/or praise report. **Starting next week they will be available in the pew pockets.** 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.

**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).



A trip is planned for Friday, December 20, to hear the **Columbia Community Concert Band** at Trinity Baptist Church. Lynn Martin is a member of the Columbia Community Concert Band and will be performing with them. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area or you can call the Church Office. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public.