

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 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>“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”</i>	229

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy		
*Hymn	<i>“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”</i>	224

*(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.)*

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	230

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

Christmas Cantata	<i>“A Great and Mighty Wonder”</i>	Insert
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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>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>	234
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“Go Now In Peace”</i>	Choir
*Postlude		

\*The Congregation May Stand

**Leading in Worship Today**

Pastor:	Robert D. B. Reeves	Nursery:	Annette Watson
Pianist :	Christopher McCroskey	Tellers:	Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs
Music Director:	Jackie McNeill	Acolyte:	Matthew Skipper
Ushers:	Tom Geddens; Brady Derrick	Greeter:	Ted Frady
Time Together:	Ruth Frady	AV Assistant:	Jim Miller; Marie Stiles

**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.

**THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR** is placed in honor of the birth of **Theo Benjamin Grahl**, son of **Nova Grahl**. He was born on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and weighed 5 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 18 inches long. He is the grandson of **Jimmy and Faye Grahl** and the great-grandson of **Irene Grahl**.

What a blessing last Sunday's worship service was with the baptism of Kinsley Elizabeth Howard! We hate it for you if you were not here to be reminded, challenged, convicted and directed further into Christ's call on your life as we celebrated GOD's baptism of Kinsley. I intend to use some Sunday morning material on baptism and what it points to into the next calendar year. In last Sunday's message we spent time considering what Kinsley's baptism should mean to us and we asked some questions about Mark's gospel and what contribution it makes to the Christmas story and how does all this relate to one another. Wow, that was a task. It would be a challenge to put that down on paper in a brief paragraph statement. So this review really does not do the worship experience much justice but here are a few points to ponder. Every human being born has a destiny greater than normally realized. Christmas is not just celebrating Christ being born. It is the celebration of His birth and the beginning of Jesus' conquest of His destiny. In baptism we are celebrating both the birth of a child and the truth that GOD in CHRIST invites that child to a destiny beyond anyone's imagination. Using a play on words we were reminded Christmas is not about making straight A's. Avoid the pitfalls of "all about us", "anything goes", "ask & you should get it" and "atheist attitudes" regarding Christmas. Then avoid the terrible B's of Christmas, "behaving good 2 be rewarded", "be nice b/c it's Christmas", "born w/out destiny", "be busy in the hustle and bustle of the tussle of the holidays" and "buy it no matter what and pay for it forever". Those A's & B's should be avoided every Christmas season. Instead make C's at Christmas. C Christ in Christmas! C the Christian journey in Christmas! That's what baptism is primarily about. C the children's innocence in Christmas! C the celebration of Christmas! C charity in Christmas! And most of all C the purpose of a child in Christmas! It starts with seeing Christ's purpose in Christmas in His childhood and then realizing that we too in the FATHER's sight are to Him a child. What is our purpose in His sight? Only you can answer that for your life. Are you seeking out what that purpose is? It's very important to JESUS for our discovering what that is. It is so important to JESUS that He goes as far as saying that if we do His will in our lives then we are just like his mother and brothers to Him. At first glance that statement of CHRIST may sound a bit too generous, maybe even an exaggeration but to JESUS when we discover our purpose and walk in the will of GOD we ARE as if we ARE the immediate family of JESUS. That's how much we mean to JESUS! It's part of the baptism message. Are we further discovering this incredible truth? Blessings for the journey! Pastor Robert

**A Gift to Trinity** is given to the Glory of God in honor of **their 41<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary** by **John & Patsy Zeigler**.

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

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

**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:** **Theo Benjamin Grahl** (*son of Nova Grahl*); **James Boggs** (*father of Claire Boggs*); **Charles Berry** (*son-in-law of Bruce & Jean Raynor*); **Mary Nell Trussell** (*niece of Nell Cooke*); **Lewie Harrell** (*nephew of Nell Cooke*); **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 12/08    Sunday School    29    Morning Worship:    71

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 12/08    \$ 5,659.00

**OUR SERVICE.”**

**Church Calendar**

**TODAY**    Birthday Celebration

Nurture and Church Council **will not meet** in December

**12/16**    FH Reserved GS Troop 1279, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**12/18**    Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

Choir, 7 p.m.

**12/20**    Community Concert Band @ Trinity Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

**Serving in December**

**Serving On:**      **December 22**

Ushers:            **Needed**

Tellers:           Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey

Flowers:          George Taylor

Acolyte:           Cristen Hipp

Lay Reader:      Tom Geddens

Time Together:   Lynn Martin

AV Assistant:     Jim Miller; Marie Stiles

Greeter:           Pauline Wenner

**December 29**

**Needed**

Marie Stiles; Jo Ann Heiting

John & Patsy Zeigler

Cristen Hipp

**Needed**

United Methodist Women

Jim Miller; Marie Stiles

Jewel Percy

**Trinity  
United  
Methodist  
Church**



**Ministers  
Pastor  
Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent**

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



**3RD SUNDAY OF Advent**

**The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church:  
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

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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.**



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.

**A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER**  
**CELEBRATING THE MESSIAH'S BIRTH**

*Presented by*  
**The Trinity United Methodist Church Choir**  
*Narration: John and Sue Ballentine*

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”..... *Ch*  
*David Allen Fettke and St. Germanus; Isaac Watts*  
*Tom Fettke; Quoting ANTIOCH (George Frederick Handel)*

“The Wonder of the Promise” ..... *Ch*  
*Tom Fettke, Frank Sewall and Charles Wesley*  
*Tom Fettke; Quoting ADESTE FIDELES (John Francis Wade);*  
*UKRAINIAN BELL CAROL (M. Leontovich)*

“The Wonder of the Incarnation” ..... *Dan Gres.*  
*Tom Fettke (based on Luke 1:30-33), Michael Wilson*  
*Tom Fettke*

“The Wonder In the Heavens” ..... *Ch*  
*Franz Joseph Hayden; French Carol and Tom Fettke*  
*Tom Fettke; Quoting THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING (Franz Joseph Haydn)*  
*DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH (French Melody)*

“The Wonder In a Manger” ..... *Ch*  
*German Carol, John Parker and Tom Fettke*  
*Tom Fettke; Quoting JUNGST (German Melody)*

“The Wonder of the Star” ..... *Ch*  
*John H. Hopkins, Jr., Tom Fettke*  
*Tom Fettke; Quoting KINGS OF ORIENT (John H. Hopkins, Jr.);*  
*FOLLOWERS OF THE STAR (Shaker tune)*

*The Wonder of the Gift” ..... Ch*  
*John Parker, German Hymn*  
*Tom Fettke; Quoting CRUSADERS’ HYMN (Schlesische Volkslieder; 1842)*

“The Wonder of It All” A Messiah Suite ..... *Ch*  
*George Frederick Handel (Edited and Arranged by Tom Fettke)*