

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***  
**December 22, 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>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</i>	238
Lighting the Advent Candle of Love		
*Hymn	<i>“Silent Night”</i>	239

*(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 7:10-16	Page 606 (O.T.)
*Psalter	Psalm 80	801-802
Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</i>	240
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

Solo	<i>“O Holy Night”</i>	Laurie Knapp
Second Lesson	Luke 1:26-38, 2:19 & Other Verses	Pages 56-58 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>“What to ponder 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>“The First Noel”</i>	245
*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:	Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey
Music Director:	Jackie McNeill	Acolyte:	Cristen Hipp
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	Greeters:	Pauline Wenner
Time Together:	Lynn Martin	AV Assistant:	Jim Miller; Marie Stiles
	Charlie Hooker	Ushers:	Tom Geddens

**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.

Good Morning this fourth Sunday of Advent! I trust that all of you reading this were here last week to be blessed by our choir in their wonderful presentation *“A Great and Mighty Wonder”*. The music was beautiful but the words were even more wonderful, as they all pointed the listener to the wonder of GOD with us, Emmanuel. It reminds me of several church signs I saw this past week at some of our sister churches in the district. One sign stated, "GOD gave the gift, Mary wrapped the gift, will you now receive the gift?" Thanks to Platt Springs UMC for that message. Then Fair Lawn UMC put on their sign "Get Saved this Christmas!" Hey, that's to the point and very much so reminds us that we not only need saving but without the gift of salvation from GOD in CHRIST, Christmas is never what GOD meant it to be. Thanks to our choir and Mrs. Jackie McNeil for so clearly reminding us that Christmas is about CHRIST, the great and mighty wonder. After we have another blessed Advent Worship service today, next week we will celebrate a 5th Sunday special service with two guests to share with us. One is Jim Hogan. He has a very unusual career that we will learn about and what it tells us about the local church. One clue only, Jim is not a pastor of a church. Then we will have a voice from heaven in Levon Stack. If you have not heard Levon sing then you've missed a blessing that can be yours to hear and hold next Sunday. See you here at 11 a.m.!!! From my family to yours, we trust you have a very blessed Christmas celebration in your home and life. Pastor Robert Reeves

**A GIFT TO TRINITY** is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of his wife, **Anne Taylor**, by **George Taylor**.

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

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

**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:** Ernest Westbury (friend of English & Jewel Pearcy); Wesley Gilley (friend of Genie Duncan; Ted & Ruth Frady); Chris Foy (friend of Georgeann Pace); Janet Neblo (Georgeann Pace's daughter-in-law's mother); Mary Thompson (co-worker of Christopher McCroskey); Ryder Taylor (great-nephew of Jo Ann Heiting); John Kayton; Charles Berry (son-in-law of Bruce & Jean Raynor); Winslow Jumper (brother of Nell Cooke); 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 12/15 Sunday School 33 Morning Worship: 109

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 12/15 \$ 7,434.00

**OUR SERVICE.”**

**Church Calendar**

12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.  
Office Closed  
12/25 Merry Christmas!  
Office Closed

**Serving in December/January**

<b>Serving On:</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>January 05</b>
Ushers:	George Taylor	Needed
Tellers:	Marie Stiles; Jo Ann Heiting	John Ballentine; Becky Derrick
Flowers:	John & Patsy Zeigler	Peggy Jo Nadler
Acolyte:	Dylan Edwards	Needed
Lay Reader:	Carol Frye	Needed
Time Together:	Charlie Hooker; Carolyn Sox	Jewel Pearcy; Pauline Wenner
AV Assistant:	Jim Miller; Marie Stiles	Jim Miller; John Ballentine
Greeter:	Jewel Pearcy	Needed

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**Ministers  
Pastor  
Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent**

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



**4TH 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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## Candlelight Service



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



The monthly Sunday School Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this wonderful time of food and fellowship. The Sunday School Breakfast is held on the last Sunday of each month.



2014 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Gathering Area. Please remember to turn in 2013 offerings and requests for reimbursement to the church office by noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>.



## First Annual Epiphany Party

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 18, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at which time children aged 3-12 will learn about the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh given to the baby Jesus. Hear from the Wise Men the significance and meaning of the gifts. After story time, refreshments will be served and children will be given souvenir gifts to take home.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01/01** New Year's Day, Office Closed
- 01/04** Clean Up Day scheduled for church
- 01/05** Lunch Bunch will meet immediately following the service
- 01/07** Women's Afternoon Group will meet at 4 p.m.  
Witness will meet at 6 p.m.
- 01/09** UMW will meet at 10 a.m.
- 01/11** UMW Columbia District Church Officers Training @ Trinity
- 01/12** UMM Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
- 01/15** Wonderful Wednesdays start back