First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2014

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Prelude

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

*Acolyte

Call to Worship "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Choir *Hymn "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" 204

Lighting the Advent Candle

(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 64:1-9 Page 658 (O.T.)
*Psalter Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 801-802
Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" 70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 196

Prayers of Confession & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

Second Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Page 83 (N.T.)

Sermon "How to Know GOD is up to Something BIG!!!!" 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)

*Hvmn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 211

*Acolyte

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Choir

*Postlude

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Robert D. B. Reeves Nursery: Annette Watson

Pianist: Laurie Knapp Tellers: Marie Stiles; Jo Ann Heiting
Music Director: Jackie McNeill A/V Assistants: Marie Stiles
Lay Reader: Tom Geddens Time Together: UMW

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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.

Can you believe it? Advent is here again! As the years go by it becomes believable that time does increase its speed, but there are still exactly 24 hours in every day and exactly 365 days in every year. So time has not increased its speed in the natural. However, is it possible that there are other types of time to be considered when analyzing the process of life? There are other types of time. The writers of the scripture had a better concept of that than most of us do who have incorporated a western scientific civilization mindset into our critical thinking abilities. This concept may be puzzling to you but it will be discussed this morning in the message.

Regarding the practice of Thanksgiving I trust that we all can focus on living in thanksgiving as a lifestyle, not as something we occasionally do if we start feeling bad or really blessed by all the positive circumstances of our lives. Our LORD is looking for life-service thanksgiving not lip-service thanksgiving. It took a long time to learn in my own walk with CHRIST that the LORD didn't want me to just be polite to him saying thank you on an occasional to daily basis but that I was called to live in a spirit of thanksgiving regardless of anything else that goes on. May the LORD enhance our lives with HIS grace and stop the poison flow that comes when we only live in temporary moments of HIS light. Blessings for the journey!!! Pastor Robert Reeves

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of **our Trinity Choir** and in loving memory of **Jesse Grahl**, by **Irene Grahl**.

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

Jackie McNeill	Cristen Hipp	Hannah Easterling	Patsy Boggs	Christopher McCroskey
Carolyn Hardee	Tommy Johnson	Rusty Poole	Latson Lewis	Carolyn Sox
Arnold Heiting	Sara Efron	Miriam Simpson	Oren Edwards	Marian Risinger

Shut-Ins: Theresa Awtrey; Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Melton Martin; Roland Morgan; Terry Pitts; Jean Raynor; Thomas Risinger; Claudia Sineath; Donnie Sox; LaCrecia Taylor

Family and Friends: Regis Stevens (mother of Kaye Floyd & Jack Stevens); Nancy Hargett (mother of Christopher McCroskey); Rebekah Knapp (grand niece of Laurie Knapp); Sandra Priester (friend of Ray Culbreath); Jim Lloyd (brother of Tom Lloyd); Tonia Murray & Pam Inman (employees & friends of Ray Frady); Doris Sanders (friend of the Heitings); Dan McGowan (friend of Arnold Heiting); Michael Hardeman (friend of Billy Pearson); Laura Goldstein (friend of Christopher McCroskey); Carlton Mathews (coworker of Kathy White); Randy Hodge (friend of Ray Frady); Serge Ratkovic (friend of Genie Duncan); Ralph & Garland **Pearson** (brothers of Bill Pearson); **Susan Jones** (wife of Stuart Jones); **Mitch Anderson** (son of Ray Frady's friend); Nancy Friedrich (Shirley Butler's niece); Mary Baggott (Kathy White's coworker's mom); Ruby Brown (cousin of Patsy Zeigler); Yvonne Kirkman (Kathy White's coworker's sister); Carole Daly (friend of Marie Stiles); Mary Thompson (coworker of Christopher McCroskey); Winslow Jumper (brother of Nell Cooke); Kitty Sellers (friend of John & Patsy Zeigler); Matt Owen (husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter); Michael Carter (son of Esther Carter); 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); Linda Boatwright (sister of George & Morris Taylor); Vera Von Glahn (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 11/23 Sunday School 20 Morning Worship: 48
OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 11/23 \$ 2,202.00

OUR SERVICE."

Church Calendar

12/02 Bible Study at Home of Nell Cooke, 10:30 a.m.

Women's Afternoon Group, 4 p.m.

12/03 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

12/06 Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins, 2-4 p.m.

Serving in December

Serving On:	December 7	December 14
Ushers:	Needed	Needed
Tellers:	John Ballentine; Becky Derrick	Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting
Flowers:	Shirley Padgett	Needed
Lay Reader:	Not Needed	Tom Geddens
Time Together:	Jewel Pearcy; Pauline Wenner	Ruth Frady
AV Assistants:	John Ballentine	John Ballentine



Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintende

Robert D. B. Reeves Jonathan Holston Rev. Catherine Jamieson-Ogg

The Congregation

District Superintendent Rev.

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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The Women's Afternoon Group will meet at Trinity on Tuesday, December 2, at 4 p.m.

The **UMW** will meet on **Wednesday**, **December 10**, at **11 a.m.** in the Conference Room.



Plan to join us on Saturday, December 6, as we visit the shut-ins to deliver fruit baskets and sing Christmas Carols. We will leave Trinity at 2 p.m. Add your voice to bring cheer this season. (In case of inclement weather, we will go the following weekend, December 13.)



A trip if planned for Friday, December 19, to hear the Columbia Community Concert Band at Riverland Hills Baptist Church. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. 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.

Las Posadas Service

On Sunday, November 23, Church Council voted to host the Las Posadas Service this year. We do not have a definite date for it yet, but it will take place during the week of December 15 - 20 (but not on Dec. 19^{th}). We will have additional information as plans are made.



2014 Angel Tree

This year we are having the following two ministries on our Angel Tree:

Saluda River Snack Sack Kids Project Share - God's Helping Hands

The United Methodist Women will use the funds at Christmas time and throughout the year to help with the Saluda River Snack Sack Kids. Make checks payable to Trinity United Methodist Women (in memo line specify Saluda River)

Project Share money is used by God's Helping Hands to pay heating bills for the less fortunate. (Make checks payable to Trinity UMC - in memo line specify GHH Project Share)



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held on Wednesday, December 24, at 6 p.m.