

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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	“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”	203
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.)

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	“Away in the Manger”	217
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer (<i>Unison</i>)		895

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

Second Lesson	Luke 1:11-17, 76-79	Pages 56 & 58 (N.T.)
	Luke 3:7-18	Pages 59-60 (N.T.)

Sermon	“Those Missing Gifts at Christmas”	Rev. Robert Reeves
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Holy Communion		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	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	218
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	Choir
*Postlude		

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor:	<i>Robert D. B. Reeves</i>	Nursery:	<i>Annette Watson</i>
Pianist :	<i>Laurie Knapp</i>	Tellers:	<i>John Ballentine; Becky Derrick</i>
Music Director:	<i>Jackie McNeill</i>	A/V Assistant:	<i>John Ballentine</i>
Ushers:	<i>Rhett Hook</i>	Time Together:	<i>Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner</i>
	<i>Ray Culbreth</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.

HEY YOU READING THIS!!!! Yes, you. Did you know that you are a BIG person? Now, that you possibly think I'm referring to your weight calm down, I'm not talking about that type of weight. Although, you do have a lot of weight in our FATHER's sight. Now, you are possibly confused. Even if we are not overweight in how much we weigh in pounds we do weigh a lot in terms of what GOD has invested into our lives. We are to weigh much in the economy and purpose of GOD in our potential and purpose. It is unfortunate how we all want to be in good physical condition while possibly neglecting our spiritual condition. So, how BIG are you in GOD’s sight? The body may weigh 150 pounds and your spirit and outlook weigh 75 pounds soaking wet! Our worth to GOD exceeds our best expectation and intellect. In the Advent season it is a very good time to wait on the LORD for receiving clarity from HIS majesty about our value and weight to HIS purpose. HIS plans are far too often BIGGER than our ability and willingness to fit into those purposes. By the LORD’s grace let’s give ourselves away to JESUS this Advent unlike we ever have before.

In today’s message the scriptures remind us of what can frustrate any Christmas celebration. Somehow, there are gifts that get misplaced sometimes or their value is not seen and appreciated and so they sit on the shelf unused. John the Baptist brought a gift to the Christmas party that too many persons in today’s church seem to have no appreciation or knowledge to appropriate its use making Christmas and all year so much more blessed. What is it? Find out this morning. Happy Advent!!!! 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 30th, and in honor of her son, ***Perry***, on his birthday November 26th, by ***Shirley Padgett***.

“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 Culbreth); **Jim Lloyd** (brother of Tom Lloyd); **Tonia Murray & Pam Inman** (employees & friends of Ray Frady); **Doris Sanders** (friend of the Heittings); **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 11/30 Sunday School 26 Morning Worship: 50

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 11/30 \$ 2,953.88

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Church Calendar

- 12/07 Lunch Bunch
- 12/09 Bible Study @ home of Nell Cooke, 10:30 a.m.
Staff-Parish Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 12/10 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.
UMW, 11a.m. in the Conference Room

Serving in December

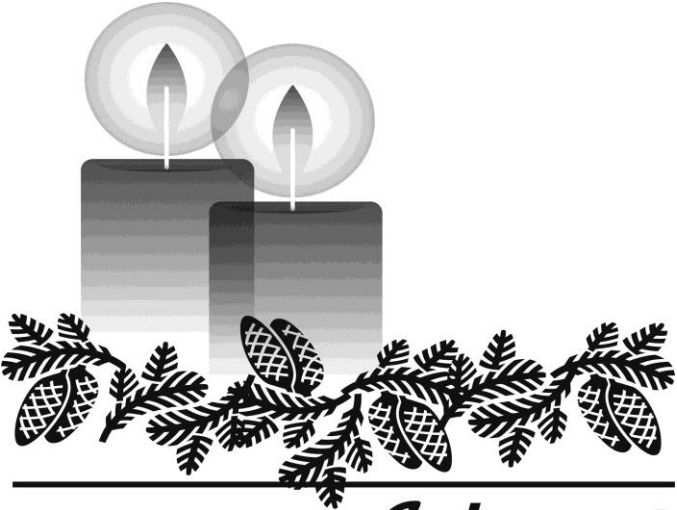
Serving On:	<u>December 14</u>	<u>December 21</u>
Ushers:	Needed	Tom Geddens
Tellers:	Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting	Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs
Flowers:	Needed	Needed
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	Needed
Time Together:	Ruth Frady	Mary Louise Robinson
AV Assistants:	John Ballentine	Marie Stiles



Ministers	The Congregation
Pastor	Robert D. B. Reeves
Resident Bishop	Jonathan Holston
District Superintendent	Rev. Catherine Jamieson-Ogg

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

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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The **Staff-Parish Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, December 9**, at **6:30 p.m.**

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

The **United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** will be held on **Sunday, December 14**, at **8:30 a.m.**

The **Las Posadas Service** will be held at Trinity on **Wednesday, December 17**, at **6:30 p.m.**



A trip is 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.

The Bishop's Road Show

January 24, 2015

Shandon United Methodist Church

Registration: 8:00 – 8:45am

Gathering: 8:45 – 9:00am

Program: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Deadline to Register: January 17

During the "Road Show," Bishop Holston will offer insights and ideas on ways to develop healthy lay leadership teams and establishing healthy environments within the local church. It's also a time to engage in dialogue together, so all local church lay leaders or lay servants should plan to attend. It will be a fun time to gather with the Bishop and other conference staff to talk about how to focus on the goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Registration forms are located on the table in the Gathering Area or register online or by e-mail.



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.