

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2014

Welcome and Announcements
Prayer
Prelude

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

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	<i>“Angels from the Realms of Glory”</i>	Choir
*Hymn	<i>“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”</i>	224
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	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Pages 276-277 (O.T.)
*Responsive Reading	<i>“Canticle of Mary”</i>	199
Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70

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

Anthem	<i>“A Long Time Ago”</i>	Choir
Second Lesson	Matthew 1:18-25	Page 7 (N.T.)
	Luke 3:8-15	Page 60 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>“Exchanging Gifts with JESUS this 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>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>	234
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”</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>Laurie Knapp</i>	Tellers:	<i>Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs</i>
Music Director:	<i>Jackie McNeill</i>	A/V Assistants:	<i>Marie Stiles</i>
Lay Reader:	<i>Tom Geddens</i>	Time Together:	<i>Mary Louise Robinson</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.

I trust that if you are not in the habit of gift giving during Christmas it is not for one of the two common reasons that persons give up on this idea. First, some of us understandably grow weary of the "rat race" and tyranny of gift giving that creates stress, anxiety and something else that must be done before December 25th. When we get tired of gift giving traditions, then we possibly need the LORD's grace to drink from to fill our thirsty souls with something with more sustenance than what parties and gifts do for us. It's not so much that we don't want to give, but we are tired of giving when the purpose and genuine celebration of Christmas gets lost in what becomes a meaningless mess. Secondly, some of us unfortunately and understandably cease gift giving because everyone we use to give to has died, grown up, left our life or whatever. How sad it is this happens. Although relationships change and persons do leave our life the need for giving never ceases. We can focus on this in either a positive or negative way. It's our choice. Can you give to others that need it? There are children who have no grandparent models in their life. They could use our time, attention and a few gifts. What about elderly persons left with no one to give them anything they might actually need? There are persons in nursing homes who have need. Could we not help them? When I hear a person say, "I have no one to give anything to", while it may appear justifiable to them there are always persons who need our help. So if we quit giving to anyone why is this the case? Is Christmas giving not about reflecting the joy and wonder of the greatest gift ever given, JESUS CHRIST the LORD of all life and glory and eternity? As JESUS keeps giving himself to us may we keep that gift in mind and in turn practice the same.

Blessings for the journey and Merry Christmas! Pastor Robert Reeves

TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of ***Morris and LaCrecia Taylor on their 50th Wedding Anniversary December 18th***, by ***his brothers and sisters***.

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

Jackie McNeill	Ruth Frady	Hannah Easterling	George Taylor	Christopher McCroskey
Cristen Hipp	Carolyn Hardee	Tommy Johnson	Rusty Poole	Latson Lewis
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: **Martha Cooke** *daughter of Nell Cooke*); **Josephine Von Glahn** *(mother of Jo Ann Heiting)*; **Eugene Eaddy** *(brother-in-law of Jewel Percy)*; **Cathy McMillon & Jacquie Price** *(friends of Genie Duncan)*; **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 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)*; **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 12/14 Sunday School 27 Morning Worship: 52

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/14 \$ 14,388.00

OUR SERVICE.”

Church Calendar

12/24 Office will close at Noon

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 6 p.m.

12/25 Office Closed

12/26 Office Closed

Serving in December

Serving On:	<u>December 28</u>	<u>January 4</u>
Ushers:	Tom Geddens	Needed
Tellers:	Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey	John Ballentine; Becky Derrick
Flowers:	Mary Louise Robinson	Needed
Lay Reader:	Not Needed	Needed
Time Together:	UMW	Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner
AV Assistants:	Marie Stiles	John Ballentine



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



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Join us for our Sunday School Breakfast next Sunday, December 28, at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited!

Next Sunday, December 28th, will be a Special Service. Our Guest Speaker will be Rev. Betty Franks, Chaplain at Lexington Medical Center.

The 2015 Offering Envelopes are located in the Gathering Area. If you do not see your envelopes, please call the church office.

The 2015 Flower Calendar is now on the bulletin board located outside the Church Office. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) you would like to provide flowers.

The January-February Upper Rooms are now available 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.