

First Sunday after Christmas!!!
December 28, 2014

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

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

*Acolyte

*Hymn "Joy to the World" 246

Lighting of 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.)

Special Music Rev. Reeves

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of Confession & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*) 895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

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

Scripture Text Psalm 92:12-15 Page 529 (O.T.)

Psalm 103:1-5 Page 533 (O.T.)

Sermon "Life Long Ministry" Rev. Betty Franks

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 "'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" 240

*Acolyte

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Postlude

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Robert D. B. Reeves

Pianist: Laurie Knapp

Time Together: UMW

Ushers: Tom Geddens

Nursery: Annette Watson

Tellers: Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey

AV Assistant: 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.

I trust that everyone here had a pleasant Christmas Day celebration with family and friends. We welcome to our service today the ***Reverend Betty Franks***. Betty is a chaplain at Lexington Medical Center. She is also on staff at the Crossroads World Outreach Center Church in West Columbia SC. Betty is involved in many different ministries in the Columbia area that meet the needs of the elderly, the downtrodden, the poor, the homeless and other crises situations. You will be blessed by receiving what the LORD has instilled in her heart through the years of ministry she has participated in. Welcome Betty!

Over the Advent season we have looked at three "got-2-have-em" Christmas gifts we cannot fully live without. The truth is we need them year round. If you can remember 3 major letters in the sequence of the alphabet or if you have watched the "Wheel of Fortune" show more than twice, you know R, S & T are very important letters. They represent repentance, salvation and thorough, total or timely surrender. Surrender is tough! Our old carnal nature fights it constantly. It does not want to die, give up, take second, listen, admit it is wrong or submit at all to JESUS! Our only chance to give ourselves to JESUS in the gift of surrender is to remember the gifts of repentance and salvation are there to help us do it. Have you ever deeply wondered or studied the notion of JESUS teaching that we should "take up our cross and follow HIM?" What does this basically mean? SURRENDER is what it means! This is a very scary word to any of us who have invested great time and energy assuring ourselves that we must be right and that if anything is wrong it is somebody else's fault. Some disciples don't go very far in experiencing the blessed truth that surrender is a victory not a defeat! How sad if we never come to this realization. The way forward into life and truth is to die to ourselves, not insistence on our way, rights and preferences. The bottom line is this..... If we attempt to save ourselves we will lose ourselves. If we risk losing ourselves we will find ourselves! Do you recognize that statement from someone we claim to believe in their philosophy of life principles? HE lived it and practiced it all the way to some place named Golgotha where it got him killed but then just like HE said it would happen, even death could not keep that man down. I trust you get the point. Blessings into the New Year 2015! Pastor Robert

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of her husband, ***Heyward***, in celebration of his birthday today, by ***Mary Louise Robinson***.

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

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| 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 |
| Doug Coates | | | | |

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: **Kathleen Butler** (*granddaughter of Shirley Butler*); **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*); **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*); **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 12/21 Sunday School: 30 Morning Worship: 68

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/21 \$ 9,916.25

OUR SERVICE

Church Calendar

12/31 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.
01/01 Office Closed

Serving in January

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| Serving On: | <u>January 4</u> | <u>January 11</u> |
| Ushers: | Tom Geddens | Tom Geddens |
| Tellers: | John Ballentine; Becky Derrick | Mary Kamoroff, Jo Ann Heiting |
| Flowers: | Peggy Jo Nadler | Needed |
| Lay Reader: | Tom Geddens | Needed |
| Time Together: | Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner | Ruth Frady |
| AV Assistants: | John Ballentine | John Ballentine |



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| Ministers | The Congregation |
| Pastor | Robert D. B. Reeves |
| Resident Bishop | Jonathan Holston |
| District Superintendent | 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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Lunch Bunch will meet immediately following the service next Sunday, January 4. Bring a covered dish and join this informal time of food and fellowship.

Vital Ministries will meet next Sunday, January 4, immediately following Lunch Bunch.

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.

RECYCLE!

The Witness Committee can re-use your old flat magnets (like the ones that are glued on your telephone books, on the backs of calling cards, on cars -- any size) We will use them to make gifts for visitors and members.

Please give them to Jan Weaver, Marie Stiles, or Jewel Pearcy -- or place them on the New Member table in the Gathering Area. Thanks!

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.



Planning Retreat

Saturday

January 10, 2015

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Our Annual Planning Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2015. The anticipated time for the meeting will be 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. A continental breakfast (beginning at 8:30 a.m.) and lunch will be served. During the Retreat you can learn of opportunities for your time or talents to be used for God’s work while being a part of the planning of Trinity’s 2015 calendar.

Please pray for Trinity, the Annual Planning meeting, and the missions chosen in order to spread God’s love within and beyond our beloved church.

Sue Ballentine

Chair, Vital Ministries Team



Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on January 14, 2015. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the Bible Study will begin at 6:15 p.m. The Team Leaders for the first meal will be English and Jewel Pearcy.