

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

Christopher A. McCroskey

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

*Acolyte

Call to Worship

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

Choir

(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)

Hanging of the Greens

Leader **Congregation**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garland of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With wreathes of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the word of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Glory to God in the highest!

God Will Send a Righteous King

Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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The Prophet Declares a Child will be Born

Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 5, 6, 7

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The Fourth Servant Song

Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” vs. 1, 2

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The Mystery of the Incarnation

Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs. 1, 3

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Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome Him.

Come, Lord Jesus

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God’s Love.

Come, Lord Jesus

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,

Come, Lord Jesus

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,

Come, Lord Jesus

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus

Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of the Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of Confession & Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*)

895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Choir

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Scripture Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

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Sermon

“Being Prepared”

Rev. Donna Eidson

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

“Jesus Shall Reign” vs. 1, 3, 5

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*Acolyte

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Choir

*Postlude

Christopher A. McCroskey

*The Congregation May Stand

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

Boots Morgan	Kaye Floyd	Tommy Johnson	Mary Alice Duncan	Steve Aiello
Arnold Heiting	Rusty Poole	Sara Efron	Becky Derrick	Libby Strickland
Shirley Padgett	Genie Duncan	George Taylor	John Ballentine	Dot Johnson
Latson Lewis	Becky Derrick	Carolyn Sox	Melody Hughes	

Shut-Ins: Theresa Awtrey; Mary Brewer; Thomas Risinger; Miriam Simpson; Claudia Sineath; Donnie Sox

Family and Friends: **Iris Turlington** (aunt of John Zeigler); **Brenda Capps** (wife of nephew of Ruth Frady); **Sydney Bachman** (cousin of friend of Gale Frady); **Brenda Jackson** (aunt of Lissa Abrams & Brandon Jones); **Brandon Cato** (grandson of Donnie & Carolyn Sox); **Kellie Silveira** (coworker of Megan Howard); **Jim Dress** (friend of Ray Frady); **Elon Maffett** (brother of Gillett Hipp); **Chris Shumpert** (friend of Laurie Knapp); **Mary Taylor** (friend of Jackie Eitel); **Chloe Majors** (grandniece of Jeanette Hornsby); **Lisa McDonald Holmes** (sister of Jeanette Hornsby); **Don Crain** (friend of Edwa Meek); **Ben Alkhatib** (grandson of co-worker of Sue Ballentine); **Laurel Posey** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Becky Ward** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Ray Culbreth's Group House**; **Amelia Zinski** (great-niece of Linda Maloch); **Wayne Blair** (son of Dot Johnson); **Ashley Webber** (friend of Donna Eidson); **Barbara Geary** (friend of Donna Eidson); **Monique White** (friend of Donna Eidson); **Deborah Strachan** (friend of Marie Stiles); **Randy Suarez** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Bryan Hulon** (brother of coworker of Kathy White); **Bradley Moore** (coworker of Kathy White); **Aaron Franklin** (cousin of Marty Johnson); **Kurt Woodruff** (friend of Marty Johnson); **Jan Kelleher** (friend of Genie Duncan); **Xavier Crane** (grandnephew of John Ballentine); **Janet Beck** (friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Regis Stevens** (mother of Kaye Floyd & Jack Stevens); **Vickie Bright** (friend of Kaye Floyd); **Ralph & Garland Pearson** (brothers of Bill Pearson); **Roz Glaze** (sister of Shirley Butler); **Michael Carter** (son of Esther Carter); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender); **Linda Boatwright** (sister of George & Morris Taylor)

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.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 11/20 Sunday School 21 Morning Worship: 41

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 11/20 \$ 1,165.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Church Calendar

11/29 Parade Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

11/30 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

Choir, 6 p.m.



Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

The Congregation
Donna Stone Eidson
Jonathan Holston
Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

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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Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Donna Eidson* Tellers: *Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey*
Music Director: *Jackie McNeill* Lay Reader: *Tom Geddens*
Choir Director/ *Christopher A. McCroskey* Time Together: *Wayne & Charlie Hooker*
Church Musician Ushers: *Joy Class*
Nursery: *Natalie Cook* AV Assistant: *Marie Stiles*

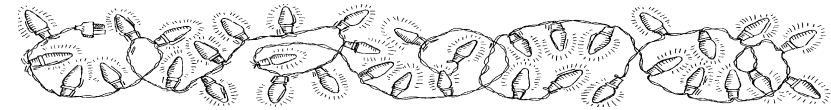
VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** 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.



NATIVITY EXHIBITION

Calvary United Methodist Church in Swansea will host a Nativity Exhibition on Friday, December 1, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. and on Saturday, December 3, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Over 200 nativities from around the world will be on display. If you are interested in attending, please sign the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.



Greater Cayce-West Columbia Holiday Parade of Lights Saturday, December 10 5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Trinity will be participating in the Greater Cayce-West Columbia Holiday Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 10. If you have any ideas or would like to participate in any way, please plan to meet with us on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m.



Christmas Cantata

The Trinity Choir will perform their Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 18, during worship. Plan now to attend.

Serving in December

Serving On:	<u>December 4</u>	<u>December 11</u>
Ushers:	Sinners Class	Sinners Class
Tellers:	Becky Derrick; Rusty Poole	Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting
Flowers:	Needed	Needed
Lay Reader:	Not Needed	Needed
Time Together:	Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner	Ruth Frady
AV Assistant:	Marie Stiles	Marie Stiles

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.