

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Choir

*Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City”

250

(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Pages 629-630 (O.T.)

*Canticle of Mary

Luke 1:46b-55

199

*Affirmation of Faith

“Apostles’ Creed”

81

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

70

“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

Prayers of Confession & Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*)

895

*Hymn

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

218

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

95

Anthem

“The Earliest Christmas Morn”

Choir

Second Lesson

Matthew 11:2-11

Page 16 (N.T.)

Sermon

“Are You Really a Christian?”

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

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

430

*Acolyte

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Choir

*Postlude

Christopher A. McCroskey

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Donna Eidson*

Tellers: *Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting*

Music Director: *Jackie McNeill*

Lay Reader: *Tom Geddens*

Choir Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey*

Time Together: *Ruth Frady*

Church Musician

Ushers: *Sinners 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.

A GIFT TO TRINITY to help with the expense of the new heating and air unit for the education building is given to the **Glory of God** and in honor and celebration of **Bonnie Ramsey** on her birthday December 9th, by **Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting**.

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

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

Shut-Ins: Theresa Awtrrey; Mary Brewer; Mary Alice Duncan; Shirley Padgett; Thomas Risinger; Miriam Simpson; Claudia Sineath; Donnie Sox; Wayne Tallon

Family and Friends: **Margie Ogburn** (sister of Jean Raynor); **Austin Harris** (grandson of Marvin & Sara Efron); **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); **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 12/04 Sunday School 26 Morning Worship: 58

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/04 \$ 6,717.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Church Calendar

TODAY Birthday Celebration

12/12 Gifts for Families Helpig Families Need to be in Office by Noon

12/14 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

UMW, 11 a.m.

Choir, 6 p.m.

12.16 Columbia Community Concert Band Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m. (Leave Trinity at 6:45 p.m.)

12/17 Prepare Fruit Baskets for Shut-Ins, 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



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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Again this year we will have envelopes on our Gathering Area Christmas tree for Saluda River Academy for the Arts, Canoeing for Kids, and a family from Families Helping Families. You may choose to contribute to just one, or you may choose two or more. For the family, we each will be buying specific gifts for them. Their names and sizes and toy wishes will be included with the envelope. The gifts for the family will have to be in by noon on Monday, December 12. Thank you for your wonderful participation in helping us to reach out to others as we try to share His love with the rest of the world.



The Columbia Community Concert Band's Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. Chuck Martin will be driving the van to the concert. The van will leave from the Gunter Circle parking lot at 6:45 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room. The concert is free.



Fruit Baskets for the Shut-Ins will be assembled on Saturday, December 17, at 10 a.m. Join us in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help. Also, please let Becky Derrick know if you would like to take a basket to someone other than our own shut-ins.

Serving in December

Serving On:	<u>December 18</u>	<u>December 25</u>
Ushers:	Sinners Class	Sinners Class
Tellers:	Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs	Pam Turner; Bonnie Ramsey
Flowers:	Needed	Bonnie Ramsey
Lay Reader:	Needed	Needed
Time Together:	Mary Louise Robinson	Wayne & Charlie Hooker
AV Assistant:	Marie Stiles	Marie Stiles

SPECIAL NEED

The heating/air unit for the original Sunday School Class Wing had to be replaced last week at a cost of \$9,000. Our Capital Maintenance funds have already been depleted by the replacement of the heating/air units for the Gathering Area and a new refrigerator for the parsonage. Any gifts above regular tithes designated for this purpose will be a blessing to Trinity as well as the donor.



Sunday, December 18

"Because It's Christmas" is the name of this year's Christmas Cantata at Trinity. It will still be focused on the birth of Jesus, but from some fresh and interesting perspectives. A few of the anthems may help explain this different approach. With titles like "Joseph's Song", "What Did the Star See?" and "Camel Kneel Softly" you begin to see the story emerge from places and things that don't usually get the spotlight, but have some important things to say about the Christmas story. We welcome Frank Thompson back as our guest narrator, but this year we'll also enjoy the special participation from members of our church family! Selected adults, young people and children will help us tell the story in thoughtful and entertaining ways. Please join us on Sunday, December 18th, to see Christmas in a different light.



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held on Saturday, December 24, at 6 p.m. Plan now to join us for this special service.



On Sunday, December 25, we will have the worship service at 11 a.m. to celebrate the birth of Jesus. **We will not have the Sunday School Breakfast or Sunday School.**