

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

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,

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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

“The Holly And The Ivy”

Choir

Soloists: Jo Ann Heiting & Dan Greshel

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

Pages 51-52 (N.T.)

Sermon

“Waiting With Anticipation”

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

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

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*Acolyte

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Choir

*Postlude

Christopher A. McCroskey

*The Congregation May Stand

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

Bill Hornsby	Charles McNeill	Jackie McNeill	Grover Shuler	Patsy Shuler
John Ballentine	Cristen Hipp	Carol Frye	Carolyn Sox	Libby Strickland
Tommy Johnson	Rusty Poole	Latson Lewis	George Taylor	Arnold Heiting
Margie Gay	Georgeann Pace	Laurie Knapp	Sara Efron	Gillett Hipp
Stephen Kamoroff	Pam Hook			

Shut-Ins: Theresa Awtray; Mary Brewer; Mary Alice Duncan; Bill & Dot Johnson; Shirley Padgett; Miriam Simpson; Claudia Sineath; Wayne Tallon

Family and Friends: **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Amanda Snow & Family** (daughter of Edwa Meek); **Dorothy & Norm Jensen** (sister and brother-in-law of Marilyn Lloyd); **Tyrone Gray** (Kay Johnston's brother-in-law); **Stephenie Johnson** (daughter of Tommy and Marty Johnson); **George Rentz** (father of Marty Johnson); **Tessie Guichard & Mary Ann Rentz** (mother and stepmother of Marty Johnson); **Sonny Hardee** (son of Carolyn Hardee); **Joshua Pace** (grandson of Georgeann Pace); **Mike Steele** (uncle of Chris Derrick); **Michael McNeill** (son of Charles McNeill); **Elaine Smith** (friend of Carol Frye); **Linda Coates** (wife of Doug Coates); **Larry Yon** (friend of Francis Hipp); **Brenda Capps** (wife of nephew of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul** (cousin of Gale Frady); **Sydney Bachman** (cousin of friend of Gale Frady); **Chloe Majors** (grandniece of Jeanette Hornsby); **Laurel Posey** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Ray Culbreth's Group House**; **Amelia Zinski** (great-niece of Linda Maloch); **Wayne & Lynn Blair** (son & daughter-in-law of Dot Johnson); **Patty Woodcock** (friend of Donna Eidson); **Russell Gunter** (friend of Donna Eidson); **Ashley Webber** (friend of Donna Eidson); **Barbara Geary** (friend of Donna Eidson); **Randy Suarez** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Xavier Crane** (grandnephew of John Ballentine); **Ray Olsen** (friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting); **Rob Stanfield, III** (neighbor of Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Michael Carter** (son of Esther Carter); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

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 11/26 Sunday School 23 Morning Worship: 43

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 11/26 \$ 3,777.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Church Calendar

TODAY: Lunch Bunch

FAN Team Meeting, 12:45 p.m.

12/04 SPRC meets with D.S. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, 6 p.m.

12/06 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.
Choir, 6 p.m.

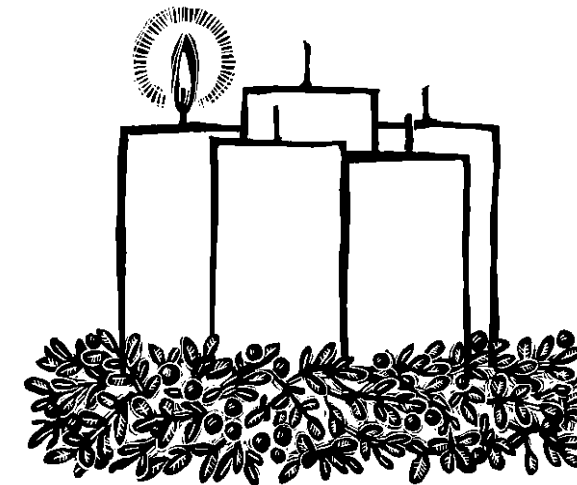


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The Congregation
Donna Stone Eidson
Jonathan Holston
Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

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 Stone Eidson* Tellers: *Bonnie Ramsey; Erin Derrick*
Music Director: *Jackie McNeill* Time Together: *Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner*
Choir Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* Lay Reader: *Tom Geddens*
Church Musician Ushers: *Vision SS Class*
AV Assistant: *Marie Stiles; John Ballentine*

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.



Lunch Bunch will meet today immediately following the service.

The FAN Team will meet today at 12:45 p.m.

SPRC will meet with D.S. Dr. Cathy Jamieson on Monday, December 4, at 6 p.m.

UM Men's Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 10, at 8:30 a.m.

The UMW will meet on Wednesday, December 13, at 11 a.m.

GLIA Articles are due on Thursday, December 21.

The office will be closed on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday.

The Sunday School Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 31, at 9 a.m.

The Exercise/Balance Class will not meet in December. The class will resume on Wednesday, January 3.

There will not be a co-op in December. The co-op will resume on Tuesday, January 23.

Serving in December

Serving On:	<u>December 10</u>	<u>December 17</u>
Ushers:	Vision SS Class	Vision SS Class
Tellers:	Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting	Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs
Flowers:	Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting	Williams Family
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	Needed
Time Together:	Wayne & Charlie Hooker	Mary Louise Robinson
AV Assistant:	Marie Stiles; John Ballentine	Marie Stiles; John Ballentine

Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God.



A Love Offering will be taken up today for Tommy and Marty Johnson. Christmas Cards will also be collected. Christmas Cards will be available on the Gathering Room table. A basket with the cards and gifts will be delivered to them this week to help brighten their holiday season.



Our Giving Christmas Tree

This year we will have envelopes on our Gathering Area Christmas tree for the following:

*Saluda River Academy for the Arts
Canoeing for Kids
God's Helping Hands Project Share*

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.



**Columbia Community Concert Band
Presents
SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS
December 15, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

The Columbia Community Concert Band's Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Airport High School Auditorium. Chuck Martin will be driving the bus to the concert. The bus will leave from the Gunter Circle Parking lot at 6:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Admission is free.



Saturday, December 16

On Saturday, December 16, the children of Trinity will go Christmas Caroling and deliver the fruit baskets to the shut-ins. This will be a fun afternoon with special activities being planned. We will have additional information in the bulletin and emails.



**"Memories of a Merry Christmas"
Sunday, December 17**

"Memories of a Merry Christmas" is the title of our 2017 Christmas Cantata here at Trinity on Sunday December 17th. We found this to be a delightfully different approach to the Christmas story. It's seen through the presence of a grandmother who is opening Christmas cards and sharing thoughts and memories that lead into the musical arrangements. Tiffany Dinsmore has agreed to play this role for us. She acts in our local community theaters, and also directs at Chapin Community Theater. We look forward to joining with her to bring you an entertaining collage of some of the most loved Christmas classics.



**CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**

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