

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 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 Choir
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Hymn 218
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)

First Scripture Reading Page 276-277 (O.T.)
 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*Canticle of Mary 199
 Luke 1:46b-55

*Affirmation of Faith 881
“Apostles’ Creed”

*Gloria Patri 70
“Glory Be to the Father”

“Let the Children Come!”

(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children’s Church.)

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of Confession & Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*Unison*) 895

*Hymn 229
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey

*Doxology 95
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Anthem Choir
“Be Our Light”

Dan Greshel, Soloist

Second Scripture Reading Pages 56-57 (N.T.)
 Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Rev. Donna Eidson
 “The Birth of Christ and the Birth of Christmas”

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 245
“The First Noel”

*Acolyte

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response Choir
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

*Postlude Christopher A. McCroskey

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Donna Stone Eidson* Tellers: *Pam Turner; Becky Derrick*

Music Director: *Jackie McNeill* Time Together: *Wayne & Charlie Hooker*

Choir Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* Lay Reader: *K. C. Warble*

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.

TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to **God** with all honor and praise for his great love shown to us through the birth of **Jesus our Savior**.

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

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

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

Family and Friends: **Betty Duzan** (friend of Mary Sue Lewis); **Mary Steadman; Danielle Wise** (friend of the Derricks); **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Amanda Snow & Family** (daughter of Edwa Meek); **Dorothy & Norm Jensen** (sister and brother-in-law of Marilyn Lloyd); **Steven Johnston** (son of Wayne & Kay Johnston); **Tyrone Gray** (Kay Johnston's brother-in-law); **Stephenie Johnson** (daughter of Tommy and Marty Johnson); **George Rentz** (father 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); **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)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 12/17 Sunday School 26 Morning Worship: 81

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/17 \$ 9,348.50

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Church Calendar

TODAY Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 6 p.m.

12/25 Christmas Day

Office Closed

12/27 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

Serving in December/January

Serving On: December 31

Ushers: Vision SS Class

Tellers: Marie Stiles; Jo Ann Heiting

Flowers: Mary Louise Robinson

Lay Reader: K. C. Warble

Time Together: Wayne & Charlie Hooker

AV Assistant: Marie Stiles; John Ballentine

January 7

JOY SS Class

Bonnie Ramsey; Erin Derrick

Peggy Nadler

Not Needed

Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner

Marie Stiles; John Ballentine



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

Saluda River Academy for the Arts – This year Trinity UMW will be preparing bags for 33 children. **Checks should be made out to Trinity UMW and checks and cash given to Marilyn Lloyd.**

Canoeing for Kids – All funds collected will go toward their mission of providing canoeing and kayaking experiences for free to disadvantaged children in the midlands.

God's Helping Hands Project Share – All funds will be used to help pay utility/heating bills for those in need.

Donations can be made through December 31. 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 office will be closed on Monday, December 25.

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

The Exercise/Balance Class will resume on Wednesday, January 3.



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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