

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

December 4, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Choir  
The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Greeting  
\*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" 203

Opening Prayer  
*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided.)*

Prayer for Illumination  
New Testament Reading Romans 15:4-13 Pages 154-155 (N.T.)  
Psalter Psalm 72:1-17 795-796

\*Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" 175

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12 Page 8 (N.T.)  
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 Page 610 (O.T.)  
Sermon "From the Stump" Rev. John D. Jordan

Response to the Word "The Apostles' Creed"  
Pastoral Prayer

Invitation  
Confession and Pardon  
Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings  
Offertory "Advent Carol" Choir  
\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Prayer  
\*Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" 61

\*Dismissal With Benediction  
\*Benediction Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Choir  
\*Postlude Christopher A. McCroskey  
\*The Congregation May Stand

## *Leading in Worship Today*

Pastor: John D. Jordan Time Together: Mary Louise Robinson  
Choir Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Director: Marie Stiles  
Church Musician AV Assistant: Chris Derrick

**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.

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 the **Glory of God.**

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

Patsy Zeigler	English Percy	Kaye Floyd	Wayne Hooker	Charlie Hooker	Hilda Edwards
Jimmy Grahl	Lynn Martin	Marty Johnson	Steve Aiello	Patsy Shuler	George Taylor
John Ballentine	Jackie McNeill	Dale Wells	Latson Lewis	Becky Derrick	

**Shut-Ins:** Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Melton Martin; Georgeann Pace; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; George Taylor

**Family and Friends:** **Beverly Lipscomb** (sister-in-law of John Jordan); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Jimmy Dawkins** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Chip Mixon** (friend of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron Walker** (friend of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **Merit Takach** (friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson); **Frankie Hendrix** (cousin of Billy Pearson); **Howard Stephens** (former church member); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Stacy Coggins** (daughter of Steve Aiello); **Dan & Leslie White** (brother & sister-in-law of Steve White); **Alva Humphries** (friend of Marty Johnson); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Hayley Beaudoin** (niece of Edwa Meek); **Max Nova** (son of friend of Edwa Meek); **Addie Kinard** (cousin of coworker of Edwa Meek); **Stuart & Penny Lloyd** (son & daughter-in-law of Tom & Marilyn Lloyd); **Megan Corby** (daughter of Carlis Edwards); **Chip Hooker** (Wayne Hooker's father); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Alexa Lookingbill** (wife of coworker of Kathy White); **Katelyn Rose** (daughter of co-worker of Kathy White); **Vickie Edwards** (neighbor of Kathy White); **Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Dianne Schmotzer** (sister-in-law of Gale Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Bryson Raszewski** (grandson of Caroline Hutton Raszewski); **Amelia Zinski** (great-niece of Linda Maloch); **Wayne Blair** (son of Dot Johnson); **Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **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](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 11/27 SS: 10 Worship: 20

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 11/27 \$ 2,433.10

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

**Church Calendar**

**TODAY SPRC meets immediately following Worship**

FH Reserved, 3 p.m.–5 p.m.

**12/05** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

**12/07** Advent Study, 12 p.m.

Choir, 6 p.m.

T.a.G., 7 p.m.

**12/08** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

**12/10** FH Reserved All Day

**Readings for December 11**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55 (Canticle of Mary)

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11



**Ministers**

**Pastor**

**Resident Bishop**

**District Superintendent**

**The Congregation**

**John D. Jordan**

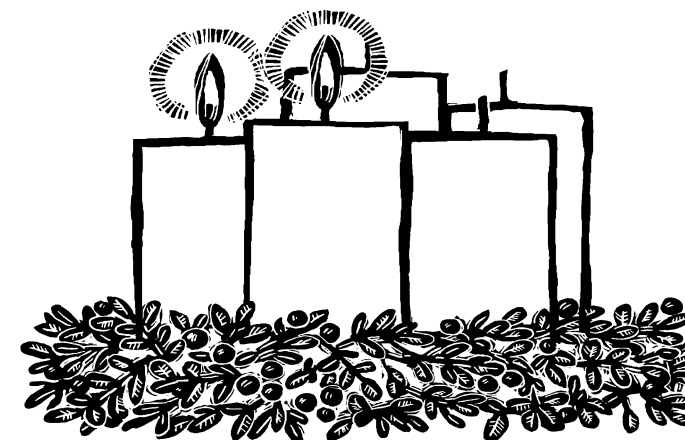
**Jonathan Holston**

**Rev. Fran M. Elrod**

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***Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***

***Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform***



— SECOND SUNDAY OF —  
**ADVENT**

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**WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT**  
**12 P.M.**

On Wednesday, December 7, we will continue our weekly Advent Study, *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*. Within the context of Advent and preparing for the coming of Jesus, we will examine the Wesleyan theology of grace, piety, mercy, and response. Join us at noon in the sanctuary or online on our YouTube channel.



**Christmas Cards Needed**

It is time to begin writing Christmas cards for our shut-ins and Asbury Arms folks. There are 8 local shut-ins and 55 Asbury Arms residents. We will need great participation for this endeavor! Please bring the cards to the church and put them on the table near the door to the sanctuary.

The last day to bring the cards will be **Sunday December 18** so that the gift bags can be delivered the week before Christmas. Please put the names of the shut-ins on their cards. Thanks so much for everyone's help!

Shut ins: Melton Martin, Jean Raynor, Claudia Sineath, Shirley Butler, Gillette Hipp, Esther Carter, Georgeann Pace and George Taylor



The deadline for turning in the information for gifts in lieu of poinsettias is **Monday, December 12**. All donations will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for Hurricane Ian disaster relief. A special insert listing memorials and honorariums will be in the bulletin on December 18.



**"Christmas Words and Music"**  
**Sunday, December 18**

The cantata for this Christmas 2022 is titled, "**Christmas Words and Music**". To start with, there will be fewer words but that is to make room for lots of music. Come prepared to join us in singing many of your favorite Christmas carols, but you will get a break here and there as the choir sings some familiar anthems and a medley. Between the words and the music, we'll hear the story of the birth of Jesus. Christmas falls on Sunday but we'll be performing this year's cantata on Sunday the 18th. Come and make a joyful noise with us. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Christopher & Dan*



**Columbia Community Concert Band**  
**Christmas Melodies**  
**Sunday, December 18**  
**4 p.m.**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> season of the Columbia Community Concert Band continues with a festive selection of music on Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m. at Airport High School Auditorium. Admission is free. Chris Derrick will once again drive the church bus. The bus will leave the Gunter Circle parking lot at 3:20 p.m. A signup sheet is on the round table in the Gathering Area for those who would like to ride the bus. We hope you can join us!

*Lynn Martin*



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Additional forms will be available in the Church Office.



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In the sideyard of the parsonage, there are two crepe myrtles. These trees were not there when we moved in 2018. We did not plant those trees. They came up from the stump of trees that had been cut down. Life remained in that stump and sprung forth. Now they are growing and flowering each season. New life came from something that appeared dead.

At the time of Isaiah, social and political turmoil was rampant. The social, political, and religious structures of Judah were under attack. The Assyrians and Egyptians vied to bring Judah under their influence. Eventually, Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians. The kings, with the exceptions of Hezekiah and Josiah, turned from worshipping YHWH and worshiped Baal. Instead of justice, the kings served their own interests, not that of the people.

Judah would eventually be cut down. The Davidic monarchy, which God promised would last forever, would be nothing but a stump. All would appear hopeless. All appears hopeless. We have said or thought that during our lives. Throughout history, there have been times when all may have seemed hopeless. There have been times in the church when all may have appeared hopeless. Even now some would say things appear hopeless. There seems to be nothing but a stump left.

There is nothing left but a stump but Isaiah proclaims a message of hope! Isaiah proclaims that from that stump a shoot will come out. From this stump will come a new king and a new order, a different kind of king and a different order.

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon this king. The Hebrew word for spirit is the same word for wind and breath. The breath of the LORD shall fill this new king. The breath of the LORD will fill this new king with wisdom and understanding. This new king will have the knowledge and ability to make the right choices according to understanding the LORD's will. The breath of the LORD will fill this new king with counsel and might. The new king will have diplomatic and military skills. The new king will know the LORD and be in awe of the LORD.

This new king will judge with righteousness. The King will hear the case of the poor and meek. He will make decisions based upon the LORD's intent, not upon how good one looks or how much they can line his pockets. He will bring up the poor and meek rather than continuing to oppress them. His word shall carry over all the earth and the wicked will not be able to stand against him.

The core of the new king's rule shall be his relationship with God and complete faith and trust in God. The new king will rule the way God wants him to rule, not the way the rich and powerful want him to rule.

This new king shall usher in a new order. In this new order, predator and prey will live together. A little child shall lead these animals, though the Hebrew actually reads a young boy will lead them. Also, a baby will play over the hole of a poisonous snake and a toddler will put its hand in a den of snakes. In neither case will the snakes strike.

We tend to look at the phrase, “A little child shall lead them” meaning the little child is the king but this is not the case. These images of children in this passage are humans at their most vulnerable time of life. The most vulnerable would have nothing to fear in this new order. There would be nothing to fear. Think about how wonderful it would be where there is no fear. There would be no fear, for nothing in the world would be created to harm another.

This new order is a restoration of God’s original order of creation. Genesis 1: 29-30 reads,

“ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food. (NRSV)’”

Perhaps this is not so much a new order but a return to God’s originally created order.

How might this new order look? Edward Hicks, a Quaker minister and painter, painted sixty-two known paintings based on this passage. One is on the screen. You notice all the animals mentioned in the passage living together. You see the young boy, the toddler, and the baby. You also notice in the left background he depicts William Penn and the Quakers making a treaty with the natives. This reflects that in the new order there will be peace among creatures and peace among humans. There will be peace in the created order and peace in the social and political order. As the old African American spiritual sings, “we ain’t gonna study war no more.”

Who is this new king that will usher in this new order? To the Jews, it is the coming Messiah. To Christians, it is the Messiah that has come, Jesus. Jesus came into the world, fully human and fully divine, to restore God’s order to the world. Too often we focus on Jesus coming into the world to save souls; we forget that Jesus came to save the world. As Jesus says in John’s Gospel, “For God so loved *the world* that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed God did not send the Son into *the world* to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3: 16-17).

This is our Advent hope. Our hope is that through Jesus, God is bringing about a new order or perhaps restoring the original order of creation. Our hope is that peace will reign and there will be no fear. This restoration of created order began with the birth of Jesus and is continuing until this new order is accomplished. Our hope is that Jesus is saving not only us from sin, but the whole creation from sin. We hope for the peaceable Kingdom that is rising from the stump of Jesse’s tree.



