

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *John D. Jordan* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
Music Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*
Time Together: *Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor*

Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		Christopher A. McCroskey
Call To Worship	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	Choir
Greeting		
*Hymn	<i>“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”</i>	240
Opening Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		895
“Let the Children Come!”	<i>Lighting of the Advent Candle</i>	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		Christopher A. McCroskey
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95
Cantata	<i>“The Gifts of Christmas”</i>	Insert
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You”</i>	Choir
*Postlude		Christopher A. McCroskey

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.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is placed in honor of the birth of ***Magnolia Mae Glanz*** on Monday, December 4, 2023. She is the daughter of ***Jeremy and Hannah Glanz*** and the granddaughter of ***Donna Easterling Becude***.

*The Congregation May Stand

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 Becky Derrick Kaye Floyd Dale Wells Patsy Shuler Christopher McCroskey
Charlie Hooker Latson Lewis John Ballentine Mary Kamoroff Steve White Jimmy Grah

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; George Taylor

Family and Friends: **Bryan Collard** (*brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Charlyn McNeill** (*sister of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Elizabeth Kelsey & Jamie Barnett** (*friends of John & Kay Jordan*); **Alex Courtney** (*friend of great nephew of Joyce Robinson*); **Lawrence Gilbert** (*friend of Becky Derrick*); **Bob Bohnstengel** (*spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin*); **Judy Spence** (*former member*); **Anne Piercy** (*former member*); **Missy Abrams** (*stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams*); **Charlie & Mary Davis** (*son-in-law & daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland*); **Lauren & Leah Grace Edwards** (*granddaughter & great-granddaughter of Hilda Edwards*); **Gloria Erd** (*friend of Lynn Martin*); **Pearl Geddens** (*mother of Tom Geddens*); **Beverly Lipscomb** (*sister-in-law of John Jordan*); **Ross Deal** (*grandson of Mary Kamoroff*); **Nancy Wilson** (*friend of Jeanette Hornsby*); **David Turner** (*brother of Pam Turner*); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (*friends of Tommy Gleaton*); **Ron & Janet Walker** (*friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton*); **Merit Takach** (*friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson*); **James Boggs** (*father of Claire Boggs*); **Stacy Coggins** (*daughter of Steve Aiello*); **Sweat Family** (*friends of Marty Johnson*); **Alva Humphries** (*friend of Marty Johnson*); **Bill Areheart** (*friend of Bonnie Ramsey*); **David Grandshaw** (*brother-in-law of Edwa Meek*); **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, Teddy Derrick** (*uncle of Arvan Derrick*); **Haidee Baehr** (*friends of Ruth Frady*); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (*cousins of Gale Frady*); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (*friends of Gale Frady*); **Bernardo Velasquez, 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.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 12/10 SS: 14 Worship: 36

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/10 \$ 3,585.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/19 Grief Support, 11 a.m.

12/20 Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m.
T.a.G., 7 p.m.

12/21 GLIA Articles Due

12/22 Office Closed



Columbia Community Concert Band
Holiday Cheer
Today at 4 p.m.

Please join us at the Airport High School Auditorium as our community band presents their final concert for the 2023 season. Chris Derrick will be driving the church bus which will leave the Gunter Circle parking lot at 3:20 p.m. A signup sheet is on a table in the Gathering Area if you'd like to join our festive group!



Tuesday, December 19
11 a.m.

The Grief Support Group will meet this Tuesday, December 19, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. This group is open to everyone.



Sunday, December 24
11 a.m.

There will be a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 24, at 11 a.m.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Sunday, December 24
6 p.m.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 6 p.m. Plan now to attend this beautiful and meaningful service.

The Gifts of Christmas

Trinity United Methodist Church Choir

Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey
Children's Music: Kathy Seppamaki
Narrator: Dan Greshel
Visuals: Marie Stiles

- "'Twas the Year Before Christmas"* Christopher A. McCroskey
- "The Gifts of Christmas"*Choir
- "I Believe He Will Come/Sing We Now of Christmas"*..... Choir
- "Merry Christmas to Me!"*.....The Children
- "Because It's Christmas (For All the Children)"*..... Dan Greshel
- "As Joseph Was A-Walking"*.....Choir
- "Away in a Manger"*.....Choir
- "The Star"*.....Choir
- "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*..... Choir