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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 14, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. . . ."—Luke 1:46–47*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** "Wachet Auf" J.S. Bach

**Choral Introit 98** "To Maid Whose Name Was Mary", v. 1

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** (*responsive*) 8:30, Emma Persigehl  
11:00, The Forsythe Family

**Leader:** We light these candles as a sign of the Advent of Christ,  
the everlasting light.

**People:** **O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

**\*Hymn 97** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Holy and wonderful God, we confess that we have closed our eyes to what you are doing. We prefer to concentrate on problems, bad news and violence. When we do, we miss all the healing, freeing and helping you accomplish in our world. We pass up opportunities to participate in your Good News. We rob ourselves of so much joy. Forgive us and give us eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to treasure your mission in the world. Fill us with unquenchable joy at the coming of Jesus. Amen.**

**Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response** "He Came Down" (*stanza 3, "peace"*)

**Passing of the Peace**

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 35:1–2, 8–10

**Anthem** "Advent Prayer for Peace", Haydn & Mozart, arr. Patrick Liebergen

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

\*Hymn 145

\*Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith) (unison)

Luke 1:46–55

Making a Scene at the Manger, Dwight Christenbury

“What Child Is This”

In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation God has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God’s good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn 100

\*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Special Offerings: Christmas Joy Betty Lockwood

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

“Wake, Awake, for Night is falling” arr. P. Manz

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Worship Notes: The Prayer of Confession is by Tracey Davenport, from The Presbyterian Outlook.

LITURGIST(S): Susan Mangrum

SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks, Catherine Langsdorf

LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 127

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury

Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.

Interim Music Director: Tim Shepard

Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner

Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder

Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers

Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll

Tellers: Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter, Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

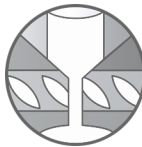
***This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.***



PC(USA)  
June 10, 1983 -  
our denomination



Presbytery of Western  
North Carolina -  
our regional leadership



More Light  
Presbyterians -  
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care  
Congregation -  
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida  
Guatemala - global  
partnership



a Matthew 25  
Church - social  
justice advocacy

## **SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.  
3:00 CONCERT: Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass  
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

## **MONDAY**

9:00 Finance Team  
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time  
4:00 Tai chi

## **TUESDAY**

9:30 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Coffee Group  
11:00 Naomi Circle  
1:00 Naomi Circle Lunch (A Day in the Country)  
6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.

## **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid  
1:00 New Officer Orientation  
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Mtg.  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY**

1:00 Luopad Project  
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time  
4:00 Tai chi  
6:30 Cub Scouts

## **FRIDAY**

8:00 Toastmasters

## **SATURDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE**

## **SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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9:45 Learning Hour  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.  
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

# **Dec 14 - 21**

## **Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week**

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## **PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:**

Harry Petersen upon the loss of his husband; the family of Jerry Miller; Dot Stafford upon the loss of her husband Joe (Carole Ball's neighbor)

**Hospital:** Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend - St. Jude); Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister);

**Rehab/Nursing:** Nugent Sharp (The Lodge); David Smith, Alice McCullough, Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Kay Vickery; Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Jane Sugawara (Ohio)

**Home:** Alice Malone (Pennsylvania); Marty Zigovsky; Keira Hunt (Carol Danilin's great-granddaughter); Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Alice Malone (Emma Persigehl's mother); Peggy King (Kathy Madigan's friend); Brenda Nelson; Nancy Twitchen; Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Kathy Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); John Kostlevy; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend) **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, people in war-torn areas of the world, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEC. 28 AT**

**10:55.** We will hold a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 10:55 a.m., to act on a report from the Nominating Committee.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.** Please join us on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, at 7:00 p.m., for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. All are welcomed!

**THE BOARD OF THE HUNGER COALITION** met recently to decide on how many \$\$ we can distribute to agencies in 2026. We decided on \$135,000---a record amount and a 12.5% increase over this year's amount of \$120,000!! Thanks again to everyone who helped make this decision possible. Furthermore, we are moving up our first distribution from March to January because the need is NOW.

**WINTER WEATHER ALERTS.** If winter weather affects church activities, remember that our opening, closing, and/or delay status can be found on WLOS-TV ([wlos.com](http://wlos.com)) and on our website ([trinitypresnc.org](http://trinitypresnc.org)).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to lead the Advent Candle Liturgy for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board, or see Dwight for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – If you requested offering envelopes for 2026, they are located on a table in the narthex. There is a sign-out sheet which indicates your offering envelope number beside your name. Please sign the sheet when you take your envelopes. There are also some extra envelopes if you didn't request them on your pledge card; please indicate your name beside the number of the envelope box you are taking. Thank you for your 2026 pledge!

**BRASS CONCERT: TODAY! Sun, Dec 14, 3PM** The Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass Ensemble presents "The Four Seasons". Free. Join us for this beautiful seasonal concert.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2025!** If you'd like to honor a friend or loved one in our Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil bulletin in support of our Annual Poinsettia fund, please sign up under "Sign-Ups" on our website. The typical donation is \$7 per bulletin dedication. We order a **set number** of poinsettias each year, but your donations make it possible to continue this beautiful and joyous tradition each Christmas. After Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil, we invite those who wish to take a poinsettia plant home with them. **Please bring your payment to Trinity and make sure to mark it for "Poinsettias".**

**2025 END OF TAX YEAR:** Help Trinity finish the year strong! For a donation to be listed on your 2025 statement of giving, it must be received or postmarked by December 31st.