

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

"Stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"—Luke 21: 28

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Air (on the G string) *J. S. Bach*

Introit 89 "My Soul In Stillness Waits"

Advent Candle Liturgy (*responsive*)

Leader: As the prophet Isaiah writes: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined....For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;

People: truly my hope is in you.

***Hymn 82** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. For you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. AMEN

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 87** Comfort, Comfort Now My People (stanza 1 only)

Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission Habitat for Humanity *Linda Saturno*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Anthem Bring Us Hope *Ruth Elaine Schram*

A Prayer for Children

New Testament: Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon

"Fear Not! We Have a Source of Hope", *Mike Shepard*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

We believe in God, maker and sustainer of all life. And in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, dwelt among us, was crucified dead and buried, and rose from the tomb and ascended into heaven to be everywhere present. We believe in God within us and in the Holy Spirit who is the life-giving breath of the church and is the source of our hope and promise for our salvation to eternal life. Therefore, we believe that the Gospel commands us to seek peace founded on justice and that reconciliation is at the heart of the Gospel. We believe that everyone should have the quality and dignity of a full life that requires adequate physical, social and political opportunity, without the oppression of poverty, injustice and fear. We believe that the use or threatened use of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction is theologically and morally indefensible and that opposition to their existence is an imperative of the Christian faith. AMEN

***Hymn**

Be Not Afraid

(*see insert*)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- Invitation to the Table
- The Prayer of Thanksgiving
- The Words of Institution
- Communion of the People: *Andante, Francesco Turini*

***Hymn 463**

How Firm A Foundation

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Ching-A-Ring Chaw

Aaron Copeland

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: The Affirmation of Faith is taken from the Iona Abbey Worship Book

**Special Thanks to our guest preacher, Mike Shepard
and our guest musician, Rhona Reagen, Violist.**

LITURGIST(S): Barb T.

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

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

FLOWERS: Flowers given by Laura Roller in celebration of her father, George Reilly, on his 90th birthday.

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 145

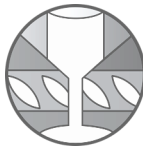
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT & COMMUNION

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

- *Lectionary Class (Trinity Room)*
- *Issues & Concerns Class (Classroom 207)*
- *Hashing It Out (Lounge)*
- *Youth Learning Hour*

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

2:00 Pres Women Coordinating Team

4:00 Tai Chi

7:00 Zoom: Building & Grounds Ministry Mtg.

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

9:00 Suicide Prevention Workshop
(Henderson County Health Dept.)

10:00 Coffee Group

4:00 Global Missions Ministry Mtg

5:00 Zoom: National Union of Presbyterian
Women of Guatemala

WEDNESDAY - DECORATING DAY!

9:00 Church Decorating

10:30 Friends in Christ

5:30 WNL Dinner

6:30 WNL Presentation: Bible Translators

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

10:00 Luopad Project

11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines" Book Group

12:00 PW Bible Study Leaders Team

1:00 Technology Committee

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts Pack 620

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

8:30 AARP Tax Aide Instructor Workshop

9:30 Feed the Kids

SATURDAY

9:30 New Church Officer Orientation

2:00 Tree of Lights (Four Seasons Hospice
downtown)

3:00 Moms Demand Action Meeting

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Weekly Calendar: Dec 1 - 8

PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: the family of Barb Docherty; the family of Dan Green
Rehab/Nursing: Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Fitz Sthreshley (Carolina Reserve); Don Widmayer (The Bridge); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Cindy Householder; Jeffrey Sheffield; Evelyn Christensen (Mary-Louise Forsythe & Betty Sloop's sister); Edie Clark & family; Adam (Lin Johnson's son); Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Maureen (Jane Strange's friend); Sue Osterberg; Tim Simmons; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); Brenda Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law); Helen Dearborn; Angela Kuykendoll; T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Linda Dillon; Katie Hankla; Ken Sugawara; Harry Petersen; Susan Kincaid; Pat Dienst; Sandra Dwork; Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Dan Green; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Irene Lunsford; Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison **Others:** our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, and all who have suffered loss, harm, and loss of loved ones due to Hurricanes Helene & Milton.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY will have their Drive Thru Dinner (Trinity) on December 10th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Meals can be purchased online or from the church narthex. See Vickie Hugger for additional info or check habitat-hvl.org

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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- Katie Cilluffo: office@trinitypresnc.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE, DECEMBER 4 - Special presentation by Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS. Our guests will be Grace Townsend-Goreth, the daughter of William Cameron Townsend, the founder of both Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Relay Service), and Nard Pagio from the Philippines to share the history and current work of the organization, plus life story growing up in an isolated area of northern Philippines to become a pilot for JAARS. Please sign up in the Narthex by 10AM, Dec 2. Thanks!

2024 ADVENT SEASON

- **CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY** will be Wednesday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Old-timers and newcomers are invited to come out and help us deck the halls!
- **BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME:** Look for the Christmas Wishes Tree for kids and youth of the Black Mountain Home; all are invited to join in on this beloved Trinity Christmas tradition.
- **THE MITTEN TREE** is up in the Atrium, welcoming new mittens, gloves, hats, and other small clothing items to warm toddlers to teens in need in our community.
- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**, to decorate our sanctuary, can be reserved to honor your loved ones this season. Please see trinitypresnc.org/sign-ups or fill out a paper reservation slip.

WORSHIP TEAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.
Music Director: Stephen Klein
Section Leaders: Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen, Gwen Roberts

TRINITY TEAM

Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Treasurer: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Bookkeeper: Lynne Meluch
Tellers: Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson, Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood
Nursery Staff: Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins