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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023 - 10:00 AM

For a child has been born for us; a son given to us. . . .—Isaiah 9:6

Prelude	"The Shepherds at the Manger"	<i>Franz Liszt</i>
Introit	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	<i>arr. Dale Wood</i>
Lighting of the Advent Candles		<i>Emma Persigehl</i>

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia!

***Hymn 143** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of glory, your goodness and loving-kindness have come to dwell among us, and salvation has knocked on our door. Still, we confess that we have a hard time believing the news, and an even harder time living it out. Grant us faith, we pray, and help our unbelief. Fill us with the songs of the angels, until we overflow with joy we can't contain, with hope that has come alive. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Passing of the Peace

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Anthem	"On Christmas Night"	arr. Hal Hobson
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 9:2–6	
Interlude	"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine",	arr. Roger C. Wilson
Christmas Pageant	"The Weary World Gets Its Act Together"	
*Hymn 119	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	
*Charge and Blessing		
Postlude	"Glory to God in the Highest"	Giovanni Pergolesi

**Please stand in body or spirit*

LITURGIST(S): Mel Bringle	FLOWERS: Poinsettias donated by our church family
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks	members to be commemorated on Christmas Eve.
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,	Special thanks to Claire Lux for coordinating.
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz	LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 138

<u>WORSHIP TEAM</u>	<u>TRINITY TEAM</u>
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley	Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury	Treasurers: Tom Karvonen, Bev Luzadder
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.	Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Music Director: Stephen Klein	Bookkeeper: Lynne Meluch, Angela Kuykendoll
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Eric McAnallen,	Tellers: Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson,
Beth Pensiero	Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood
Percussionist: Don Widmayer	Nursery Staff: Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

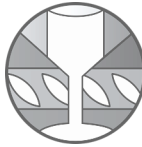
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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



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Presbytery of Western
North Carolina



More Light
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25
Church



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala



an Earth Care
Congregation

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

& CHRISTMAS EVE

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT,

"THE WEARY WORLD GETS ITS ACT TOGETHER"

**7:00 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS**

MONDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

TUESDAY - (OFFICE CLOSED)

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

6:30 Deborah Circle

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ

THURSDAY

1:30 Book Group

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - NEW YEAR'S EVE & 5 CENTS A MEAL

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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Weekly Calendar: Dec 24 - 31

PRAYER CONCERNS In **Sympathy**: Leah Epps upon the loss of her mother Dorothy **Hospice**: Cathy O'Neal **Hospital**: Robert Walker **Rehab/Nursing**: Bill Payne (Stone Creek); Don Steele (Carole Steele's father); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Tore's Home); Jack Caylor (HHR); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana); **Home**: Benny Elliot (Landen Gailey's partner); Linda Walker; Bob Daley (Cynthia Moser's brother); Anne Wright; Brian Dillon; Evans Thibodeau; Paul Hugger; Bob McLean (Judy Groff's brother); Diane Purnell; Ken Sugawara; Jay, Lorrie, & Robert Pelc (Carole Ball's family); Nancy Twitchen; Dan Green; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Sandra Dwork; Helen Dearborn; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Jim Emme; Jim Luzadder; Irene Lunsford, T.K. Owens (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; **Others**: our mission coworkers and the people of Madagascar and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Palestine, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

ADVENT IS HERE. Mark your calendar for these seasonal events:

- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:**
Sun., Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m.

More details in the December Tidings issue.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you requested offering envelopes for your 2024 offerings, please check the table in the narthex to sign out your assigned box of envelopes (they are numbered). There are spare boxes there if you didn't yet request one.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Please note that there will be ONE single worship service NEXT Sunday (New Year's Eve) at 10:00 a.m.

2024 FLOWER RESERVATIONS ARE HERE: Head to "Sign-Ups" on our website to reserve Sunday sanctuary flowers in honor or memory of your special events or loved ones.

NEW YEAR, NEW CONTACT INFO: If any of your contact info has changed in the previous year (new email, phone, address) or you would like to update your photo in our Trinity directory, please let Katie in the office know. And feel free to request an updated directory via email (please specify if you'd like a color PDF file or a B&W printout). We don't post the directory anywhere online (for your privacy and safety), but we're always happy to send you a fresh copy via email or print a hard copy for you to pick up in the office.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who provided such beautiful gifts (or donations for beautiful gifts) on SUCH short notice for Xyiona Benjamin. When trouble starts, Trinity members mean ACTION! Your generosity and speedy response mean more than you know to her and her extended family as they grieve the loss of her mother this Christmas season. Thank you.

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE! The Worship Ministry is seeking new volunteers to read the liturgy on Sundays. Here at Trinity, ALL voices are important. We want to hear yours. The Word of God speaks through many mouths. We hope one of them could be yours.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE - If you sing in the shower (or used to and miss it), you might like to join the Trinity choir. A great way to meet people and share your voice with your Trinity family.

VISITORS Would you like to join Trinity? Let Mark or Dwight know. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!

Ahh, space...(this NEVER happens!)
May your Christmas and New Years be
full of restful and meaningful spaces...