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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.—Matthew 24:44*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Concerto in D minor - Adagio J.S. Bach

Introit Call to Advent J. Jerome Williams

Lighting of the Advent Candle (*responsive*) 8:30 - Priscilla & Tom Karvonen
11:00 - Bill & Marcy Bone

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the Advent of Christ,
the everlasting light.

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

***Hymn 367** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical, we let time go by. With deliverance so near, we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we yet fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that we may meet the moment you graciously give us. Dispel the shadows, so that your will may be clear. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 137** "He Came Down", v. 1

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 2:1–5

Anthem "Keep Your Lamps" arr. Andre Thomas

A Prayer for Children

Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:36–44

Sermon *About That Day and Hour* Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn**

“The Time Has Come”, (Tune: SUSSEX CAROL, lyrics below)

VERSE 1:

The time has come when, from the past,
prophetic words ring true at last;
though earth's hostilities increase,
God's promise is of lasting peace.
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.
Hear what God's chosen prophets say.

VERSE 3:

The time has come to make amends:
earth and its people should be friends.
Erase the policies of death,
spread hope with every vital breath.
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.
God gladly comes to earth to stay.

VERSE 2:

The time has come to make it known
that every tear and pain and groan
are registered in heav'n above
to be redeemed by holy love.
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.
Only love lifts us from dismay.

VERSE 4:

The time has come to share good news,
to sweep the floor and mend the shoes,
prepare to protest, praise and dance
for God is eager to advance.
Hallelujah! Expect a birth:
God's gracious feet will touch the earth.

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of 1967, inclusive language version)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving & Five Cents a Meal Offering

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 88**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 1, 2, 6, & 7)

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. Joel Raney

**Please stand in body or spirit*

LITURGIST(S): Mel Bringle
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 152

FLOWERS: Given by Diocles Wells and Eric McAnallen in honor of Minter Wells
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

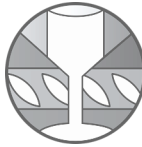
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

& 5 CENTS A MEAL

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

2:00 PW Coordinating Team

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

7:00 Zoom: Building & Grounds Ministry Mtg.

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

4:00 Global Missions Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

5:30 WNL Dinner

6:30 WNL Concert: Musicke Antiqua

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

12:00 PW Bible Study Leaders Team

1:00 Luopad Project

1:00 Technology Committee

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

4:00 Zoom: Finance Stewardship Ministry

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY - CUB SCOUT SLEEPOUT

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY - CUB SCOUT SLEEPOUT

10:00 Hard to Recycle Event (TC Roberson)

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

& COMMUNION

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

WORSHIP NOTES: "The Time Has Come" hymn lyrics from John L. Bell and Graham Maule, *Known Unknowns: 100 Contemporary Texts to Common Tunes* (Glasgow, Scotland: Wild Goose Publications, 2018), p. 98.

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Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In *Sympathy*: the family of Cheryl Collins (Sánchez family) **Hospital:** Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister); **Rehab/Nursing:** Alice McCullough, Jack Caylor (HHR); Alice Malone (Pennsylvania); Don Widmayer (Florida); Kay Vickery; Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Jane Sugawara (Ohio); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend); Marty Zigovsky; Keira Hunt (Carol Danilin's great-granddaughter); Victor (Brandon Haskins' friend); 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); Joe Stafford (Carole Ball's neighbor); 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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: The sign up sheet for the people who have gone through the Safe Gatherings training to volunteer in the nursery, is in the narthex on the rolling bulletin board. Contact Kris Grasse if you have any questions. kgrasse93@gmail.com

ATTENTION QUILTERS & QUILTING WANNABES: It has come to our attention that IAM displays a number of beautiful quilts made by local entities who support the IAM mission; however, IAM does not have a quilt from Trinity. We would like to rectify that situation. If you are interested in joining us, perhaps making one of the panels for our selected quilt pattern, please contact Vickie at your earliest convenience. Gratefully, Carole Garrison & Vickie Hugger.

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.

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".**

STEWARDSHIP 2026 – THANK YOU for participating in Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 9! If you have not returned a completed 2026 pledge card but wish to, you may mail it in or drop it by the church office during office hours (extra cards are there). There is also an "on-line pledge card", found on the Trinity website (trinitypresnc.org) under the "Sign Up" link on the toolbar of the home screen.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3. If you enjoy decorating for Christmas, mark your calendar for Wednesday morning, Dec. 3, and plan to join our fun-loving, Christmas-spirit-filled decorating crew!

BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS NOW AVAILABLE! Our beloved tradition of fulfilling Christmas wishes for young people of the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families has returned. The wish lists for a number of kids and youth, along with instructions for how to participate, are available now. Look for the small Christmas tree in the Atrium.

MITTEN TREE: It's a cozy time in the Atrium with warm gifts on the Mitten Tree for IAM and our neighbors in need. If you'd like to get in on the warmth, please bring mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks to decorate our beautiful tree of comfort and joy!

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