

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

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. . . .—Luke 3:3

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Sonata in F, Adagio G. F. Handel

Introit 89 "My Soul In Stillness Waits"

Advent Candle Liturgy (responsive) 8:30 - Bud & Sandy Weeks
11:00 - Conrad & Patti Shannon

Leader: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;

People: truly my hope is in you.

***Hymn 106** "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, baptism promises the washing away of our sin and the start of our new life in Christ. But we confess that we are still in love with our old ways. We sin against you and one another, in what we do and in what we fail to do. We excuse ourselves and take comfort in what pleases us rather than in what serves you. Forgive us when we mistake such comfort for the peace you offer in Christ Jesus, and prepare our hearts to embrace new ways of following him. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

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

Passing of the Peace

First Lesson Luke 1:68–79

Anthem Would We Ruth Elaine Schram

A Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 3:1–6

Sermon

Flow

Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn 109**

“Blest Be the God of Israel”

***Affirmation of Faith”**

A Brief Statement of Faith (*sections 2 and 6*)

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 123**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Sonata in F, Allegro

G. F. Handel

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Prayer of Confession is adapted from the Worship Planner for the Second Sunday of Advent, The Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

Special thanks to our guest musician, Chris Stevens - violin

LITURGIST(S): Paul Hugger
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltész

FLOWERS: Given by Michael and Marcia
Shepard in memory of my father Harley
Shepard
LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 153

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

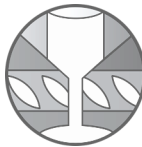
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

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

10:30 New Member Ministry Mtg

4:00 Tai Chi

5:30 Local Missions Ministry Mtg

6:30 Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Deacons Christmas Party

3:00 Origami Group

4:30 Habitat for Humanity Drive Thru Dinner

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

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

2:30 Ewbank Gardens HOA Mtg

4:00 Tai Chi

4:00 Zoom: Finance/Stewardship Ministry Mtg

6:30 Cub Scouts Pack 620

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

- *Special Class - "Why Advent?"*

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Weekly Calendar:

Dec 8 - 15

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYER CONCERNS Hospital: Michael (Marty Zigovsky's nephew) **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); 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); 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

FLOWERS - Thank you to all who have supported this year's Poinsettia Fund in honor of loved ones. For future floral fun and frivolity, the 2025 **Sanctuary Flower Reservations form** is now available on the Trinity website under trinitypresnc.org/sign-ups

STEWARDSHIP 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you requested offering envelopes for 2025, 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 2025 pledge!

2024 ADVENT SEASON

- **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.

WHY ADVENT? A SPECIAL LEARNING HOUR CLASS FOR ADULTS & YOUTH Sunday, December 15, 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall: What is the point of Advent? Where did observance of Advent come from? Why is purple — or it is blue — the color of Advent? Why are we waiting for something that has already happened? Or are we? Join us on Dec. 15 during the Learning Hour as we explore these questions and more!

THE LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE, Wed Dec 18, 5pm. In a season filled with anticipation and joy, we also acknowledge and honor the losses, disappointments, and regrets of the year. Join us for this annual tradition of lament, reflection, and release as we anticipate the return of the sun and the Son.

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