



partnered in Christ with FUENTE DE VIDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Guatemala

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

...an angel of the Lord appeared to (Joseph) in a dream and said,  
"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,  
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."—Matthew 1: 20

**Prelude** Es is ein Ros'entsprungen *Johannes Brahms*

**Choral Introit 105** People Look East

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overtaken it.**

**\*Hymn 82** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Lord in whom we trust: we confess that our fears have caused us to choose paths that lead us away from your promises. You have come to make your home in us, sending your son to be Emmanuel- God with us, God for us. Still, we turn away in fear. Forgive our resistance to your habitation among us. Soften our resistance by your spirit, that we will welcome your holy presence, living in its light joyously, witnessing faithfully to the hope it brings, until the day when every eye will see, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to your everlasting glory. Amen**

### Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

**\*Congregational Response 79** Light Dawns on a Weary World

### Passing of the Peace

**Old Testament** Isaiah 7: 10-16

**Anthem** Gloria, from *Prince of Peace*

## A Prayer for Children

### New Testament

Matthew 1: 18-25

### Sermon

"Deciphering the Signs"

*Mark Stanley*

### \*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith, Sections 4 & 6, (p. 38)

### Minute for Ministry

Special Offerings: Christmas Joy, *Betty Lockwood*

## Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Offering & Blessing of the Gifts

### \*Hymn 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

### \*Charge and Blessing

### Postlude

Joy to the World

*Alfred Fedak*

**LITURGIST(S):** Charles Keefer  
**PROJECTIONS:** Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

**LIVESTREAM:** Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,  
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker

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### WORSHIP TEAM

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dwight Christenbury  
**Minister of Visitation:** Sally Beghtol, C.P.  
**Music Director:** Stephen Klein  
**Section Leaders:** Frank Burzio, Katie Cilluffo,  
Eric McAnallen, Beth Pensiero  
**Percussionist:** Don Widmayer

### TRINITY TEAM

**Maintenance Facilitator:** Jim Kisner  
**Treasurer:** Tom Karvonen  
**Financial Secretary:** Diane Bowers  
**Bookkeepers:** Lynne Meluch, Fitz Sthreshley,  
Carolyn Erickson, Lois Erickson, Becky Palmer,  
& Sue Robinson  
**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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**SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour

- Issues & Concerns
- Lectionary Class
- Youth Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

**11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 Hybrid

12:30 Young Families Christmas Gathering

**MONDAY**

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

3:15 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

**TUESDAY—TIDINGS DEADLINE**

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

6:30 Zoom: Worship Ministry

**WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

4:00 Earth Care Ministry

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

1:30 Book Group

1:30 AA Ladies

3:15 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

**FRIDAY**

8:00 Toastmasters

**SATURDAY**

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

**7:00 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY & FIVE CENTS A MEAL**

**11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE SERVICE  
AT 11:00 A.M. ON CHRISTMAS DAY  
(SORRY EARLY BIRDS! – GO DRINK SOME COCOA IN YOUR P.J.S)

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

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**Weekly Calendar:  
Dec 18 - 25**

**PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy:** Linda Berquist upon the loss of her mother Irene Solbakken; The family of Betsy Mixner **Hospice:** Lucille Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law) **Hospital:** Peter DeWitt (Nancy Williard's husband) **Rehabilitation/Nursing:** Neena Haskins (HH&R); Pete Pappanastos (Neena Haskin's brother-in-law); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Phil & Julia Sellers (Durham); Ruth Mills, Marian Lowry (CV Care Center); Jerry & Bea Miller (Indiana); Nancy Underwood (The Bridge); Ron Hoverson (The Lodge at Mills River). **Home:** Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Marty Zigovsky; Ron Leach (Smelker's brother-in-law); Neil Hirschfield (Marty Zigovsky's son-in-law); Emma Persigehl, Leah Epps; Ed Remington (Glenn Walker's brother-in-law); Barbara Nichols; Kim Henderson (Kisner's daughter); Scott Garrison; Bud Weeks; Mark Slaughter; Bob Pearce (Diane Bowers' cousin); Jim Emme; Darlene Tribby; Dan Green; Jim Luzadder; Sarah Overton, Irene Lunsford (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; Evans Thibodeau; Irma Baldwin, Don Cunningham (Sarah Thibodeau's brother). **Others:** Our mission coworkers and sister church, Fuente de Vida, the people of Ukraine, and for those harmed by gun violence.

**THE MITTEN TREE** is up in the atrium and ready to be decorated with your warm gifts this Christmas! All donations go to IAM for children in need. Share the wonder of the season!

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE: TODAY, DEC. 18, AFTER CHURCH.** Trinity families with kids and youth, as well as their friends, are invited to our annual Family Christmas Gathering in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday, Dec. 18, after the 11:00 worship service. If you can join us, please consider bringing (1) a soup, chili, or dessert to share and (2) a Christmas ornament for our ornament exchange. (The ornament can be new or old, store-bought or homemade, pretty or ugly!)

**THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!** Get 'em while they're hot (on the Welcome Table—more in the left cabinet door).

**BOUNTY OF BETHLEHEM - Hendersonville:** For the past 38 years, we have pulled together both financial donations and volunteers to provide a wonderful, bountiful Christmas Dinner for anyone who would like to come! This year we anticipate feeding 2,500 of our neighbors in Henderson County. It takes hundreds of volunteers, and mega amounts of delicious food to feed everyone. No one should be alone on Christmas. Please join us! If you'd like to participate and be a part of this Christmas tradition as a volunteer, you can register online at <https://bit.ly/3FqjjsJ> Or call 828-845-4277 to leave a message.

#### **CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm
- Christmas Day Sunday Worship 11am ONLY (Please note only ONE service on Dec 25 at 11) (Please ALSO note that the office will be closed on Monday Dec 26—holiday observance)

**MANY THANKS** to all who came to the birthday party last Sunday staged by my nieces and nephews to celebrate my hundredth birthday. Thanks, too, to Trinity for the use of the Fellowship Hall.—Myrl Jean Hughes

**EVEN MORE THANKS** to all our volunteers who helped make the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser a huge success! To our enthusiastic singers and instrumentalists, sign-makers, traffic directors, cleaner-uppers, electrical whizzes and general lend-a-hand-ers, you have our love and gratitude.

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