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Second Sunday of Advent & Communion
December 7, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*"This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."—Matthew 3:3*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *arr. J Brahms*
Choral Introit Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord *Stephen Schwartz*
Lighting of the Advent Candle (responsive) *Catherine Langsdorf*

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the Advent of Christ,
the everlasting light.

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

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 137** "He Came Down"

Passing of the Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthem "Joy in the Morning" *Natalie Sleeth*

A Prayer for Children

New Testament Scripture	Matthew 3:1-12	
Sermon	"Wild Hairy Holy Man"	David Garnett
*Hymn 96	"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"	
*Affirmation of Faith (responsive, from Luke 3:10-14)	And the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." Amen	
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invitation to the Table• The Prayer of Thanksgiving• The Words of Institution• Communion of the People	
*Hymn 109	"Blest Be The God of Israel"	
*Charge and Blessing		
Choral Response 87	"Comfort, Comfort Now My People", v. 2	
Postlude	"Savior of the Nations, Come"	J.S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

LITURGIST(S): Jan Prichard, Mike Shepard	FLOWERS: Given by Marina Zigovsky in
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks, Catherine Langsdorf	memory of the brave men and women who
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz	served during WWII and especially the survi- vors of Pearl Harbor who lived to tell the sto- ries.
WORSHIP TEAM	TRINITY TEAM
Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett	Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury	Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.	Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Interim Music Director: Tim Shepard	Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen	Tellers: Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter, Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

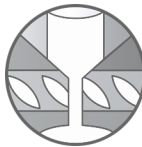
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

& 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

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:30 New Member Ministry Mtg.

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

5:30 Local Missions Ministry Mtg.

6:30 Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

5:00 WORSHIP - "IN THY DARK STREETS"

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

1:30 Ewbank Gardens Mtg.

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

4:00 Zoom: Finance Stewardship Ministry

6:30 Cub Scouts

7:00 Rehearsal: Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

9:30 Feed the Kids

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

& COMMUNION

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

3:00 CONCERT: Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: the family of Jerry Miller; Dot Stafford upon the loss of her husband Joe (Carole Ball's neighbor); the family of Cheryl Collins (Sánchez family) **Hospital:** Nugent Sharp (Mission); Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend - St. Jude); Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister); **Rehab/ Nursing:** David Smith, 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:** 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); 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.

THE BOARD OF THE HUNGER COALITION met recently to decide on how many \$\$ we can distribute to agencies in 2026. We decided on \$135,000---a record amount and a 12.5% increase over this year's amount of \$120,000!! Thanks again to everyone who helped make this decision possible. Furthermore, we are moving up our first distribution from March to January because the need is NOW.

IN THY DARK STREETS: A CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS — WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 5:00 P.M. The Christmas season can be hard for those experiencing loss and grief, but it can also be a bit much for just about anyone. All are invited to join us for this service of prayer, music, silence, light, and darkness, as we lift up our hurting world in prayer and reflect on the true meaning of Advent and Christmas.

WINTER WEATHER ALERTS. If winter weather affects church activities, remember that our opening, closing, and/or delay status can be found on WLOS-TV (wlos.com) and on our website (trinitypresnc.org).

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.

MANY THANKS to our Christmas Decorating Team! Priscilla & Tom Karvonen, Julie Carter, Margaret Bolick, David Garnett, Jim Kisner, Charles Keefer, Andy Nissen, Wayne Youngdahl, Claire Lux, Don Osterberg, Catherine Langsdorf, and Rick Hobson.

BRASS CONCERT: Sun, Dec 14, 3PM The Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass Ensemble presents "The Four Seasons". Free. Join us for this beautiful seasonal concert.

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".**

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!

REMINDER: Marty and Marina remind us that today is the 84th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day.