



partnered in Christ with FUENTE DE VIDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Guatemala

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

“And Mary said . . .”—Luke 1:46

Prelude

Pastoral Symphony - G. F. Handel

Choral Introit 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

Lighting of the Advent Candle (8:30: Emma Persigehl; 11:00: Dolly Owens)

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 110**

“Love Has Come”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God of the Covenant, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The afflicted await good tidings. The wounds of the brokenhearted remain to be bound. The captives still yearn for freedom, and those who mourn have yet to be comforted. Forgive us who fail to follow Christ’s call to ministry; restore us and make us worthy to serve in his name. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 80** You Shall Go Out with Joy

Passing of the Peace

First Lesson

Matthew 11:2–11

Anthem

Songs of the Promise

Joseph M. Martin

A Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 1:39–55

Sermon

“Time to Think Big”

Dwight Christenbury

***Hymn 99**

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

***Affirmation of Faith**

Summary of the Law (Matt. 22: 37-40; p. 36)

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Long and Short - Appreciation

Bob Forsythe & Don Widmayer

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering & Blessing of the Gifts

***Hymn 145**

“What Child Is This”

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn

LITURGIST(S): 8:30 Ron Howard
11:00 Diane Smelker

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

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

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
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& Sue Robinson
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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 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 New Officer Training

9:45 Learning Hour

- Issues & Concerns

- Lectionary Class

- Youth Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:30 Myrl Jean Hughes' 100th
Birthday Party!

5:00 ManKind Project

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

3:15 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

5:30 Local Missions Meeting

6:30 Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Deacons' Christmas Party (Forsythes')

3:00 Origami Group

4:30 Habitat Drive-Thru Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY

9:00 Sandy Hook Remembrance Service

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

4:00 Global Missions Meeting

5:00 THE LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

1:30 AA Ladies

3:15 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

4:00 Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

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

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Weekly Calendar: Dec 11 - 18

PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy: The family of Betsy Mixner; the family of Ronnie Kuykendoll (Steve's cousin); Cindi Sthreshley upon the loss of her mother, Billie Ballou **Rehabilitation/Nursing:** Lucille Crossman (Carole Ball's sister-in-law); 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!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Drive-through Christmas Dinner fundraiser, **Dec 13, 4:30 - 6:30 PM.** A festive atmosphere is planned with decorations and Christmas caroling! Come by and pick up your pre-ordered meal. And if you haven't ordered, you can still join the fun—esp. young kids—come have your photo taken with "Mountain Santa"! THANK YOU for your support for affordable housing in Hendo!

SILENT VIGIL FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM Friday, Dec 16, 4:00 - 4:30 PM **Signs provided or you can bring your own.** Come on out to show your support for this very important issue. Sponsored by *Progressive Alliance of Henderson County.*

MATTHEW 25: SANDY HOOK REMEMBRANCE, WED, DEC 14, 9 AM - Trinity hosts an Interfaith Service to observe the 10th anniversary of the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary. Faith leaders from the African American, Jewish, LGBTQ, and LatinX communities will reflect on the impact of gun violence on all races, cultures, genders, and religions. The public is invited to attend. Weather permitting, a candlelight vigil that evening **in front of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street in Hendersonville starting at 5:00 pm** will honor all victims of gun violence.

THE LONGEST NIGHT - WED, DEC 14, 5PM: If you're lonely or grieving, the Christmas season can sometimes be too much. Join us for a special, quiet service, as we observe this holy season in a way that seeks hope and comfort while also acknowledging the reality of pain and loss.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE: 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!)

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/3FqpsjJ> Or call 828-845-4277 to leave a message.