

*"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child in her is conceived by the Holy Spirit."—Matthew 1:20*

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

<b>Anthem</b>	"The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy" arr. Alan Smith
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Matthew 1:18-25
<b>Sermon</b>	"Blessed in a Mess" <i>David Garnett</i>
<b>*Hymn 93</b>	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	<i>(from the Confession of 1967)</i>

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Invitation to Giving & Special Offerings - Christmas Joy**

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

<b>*Hymn 110</b>	"Love Has Come"
<b>*Charge and Blessing</b>	

<b>Postlude</b>	"Carol of the Bells" <i>arr. Jason Payne</i>
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*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Worship Notes:** *Today's Confession of Sin was written by John Wurster, who in Presbyterian Outlook gave us permission to use it in worship.*

<b>LITURGIST(S):</b>	Ron Howard	<b>LIVESTREAM:</b>	Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
<b>SCREENS:</b>	Russ Russell, Bud Weeks, Catherine Langsdorf		Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

<b><u>WORSHIP TEAM</u></b>	<b><u>TRINITY TEAM</u></b>
<b>Transitional Pastor:</b> Rev. David Garnett	<b>Maintenance Facilitator:</b> Jim Kisner
<b>Associate Pastor:</b> Rev. Dwight Christenbury	<b>Treasurers:</b> Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
<b>Minister of Visitation:</b> Sally Beghtol, C.P.	<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Diane Bowers
<b>Interim Music Director:</b> Tim Shepard	<b>Bookkeeper:</b> Angela Kuykendoll
<b>Section Leaders:</b> Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen	<b>Tellers:</b> Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter, Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

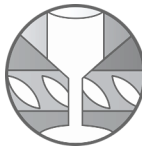
***This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

## **MONDAY**

9:00 Finance Team

3:00 Death Café

## **TUESDAY**

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

6:30 Deborah Circle

## **WEDNESDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE (OFFICE CLOSED)**

7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## **THURSDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**

## **FRIDAY**

## **SATURDAY**

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

## **SUNDAY - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **& FIVE CENTS A MEAL**

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:55 Congregational Meeting

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

# **Dec 21 - 28**

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

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**PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:**

Harry Petersen upon the loss of his husband;

**Hospital:** Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend - St. Jude)

**Rehab/Nursing:** Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook);

Nugent Sharp (The Lodge); David Smith, Jack

Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Kay

Vickery; Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art

Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-

Howell); Jane Sugawara (Ohio)

**Home:** Alice Malone (Pennsylvania); Marty Zigovsky; Keira

Hunt (Carol Danilin's great-granddaughter);

Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister);

Alice Malone (Emma Persigehl's mother); Irene

Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister); Peggy King

(Kathy Madigan's friend); Brenda Nelson; Nan-

cycy Twitchen; Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Kathy

Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); John Kostlevy; Don-

nie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Ow-

ens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee

Gray (Kuykendoll's friend)

**Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our part-

ners 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEC. 28 AT**

**10:55.** We will hold a brief congregational

meeting on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 10:55 a.m., to

act on a report from the Nominating Commit-

tee.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.**

Please join us on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, at 7:00

p.m., for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight

Service. All are welcomed!

**WINTER WEATHER ALERTS.**

If winter weather af-

fects church activities, remember that our

opening, closing, and/or delay status can be

found on WLOS-TV ([wlos.com](http://wlos.com)) and on our web-

site ([trinitypresnc.org](http://trinitypresnc.org)).

**STEWARDSHIP 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

– If you requested offering envelopes for 2026, 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 enve-

lopes. 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 2026 pledge!

**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 do-

inations make it possible to continue this beauti-

ful 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".**

**2025 END OF TAX YEAR:**

Help Trinity finish the year strong! For a donation to be listed on your

2025 statement of giving, it must be received or

postmarked by December 31st.

**ELDERS:**

If you chair a ministry...thank you for your

service over the past year! And to keep a

record of all your ministries' great service,

please start preparing your Annual Reports.

They will be due on Jan 11, 2 weeks prior to the

Annual Meeting. Thanks!

**VISITORS,**

Would you like to join Trinity? Let

David, Dwight, or Sally know. We look forward

to welcoming you as a member!

**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!