

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

Prelude

Rhett Hook

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Malachi 3:1-4

In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Advent Prayer

In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away and there is nothing left to do but wait, God shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. Amen.

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Darlene L. Kelley* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
Music Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*

A Gift to Trinity is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bonnie Ramsey's 72nd birthday on December 9th, by her sister-by-heart, Annie Heiting.

Welcome to your Active Advent
Worship Adventure

This is a self-directed worship experience.
There are 7 stations.

Follow the stars to find the stations.

Try to visit all 7—you have plenty of time, and they are not in any order. So, take time to pray at each station and roam and wander around at your pleasure. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord!

Then join folks in the fellowship hall for a cookie!



“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Hilda Edwards Jimmy Grahl Marilyn Lloyd Tom Lloyd Ruth Frady Libby Strickland
Kathy Aiello Patsy Shuler Latson Lewis English Pearcy Ray Frady Hannah Glanz
Kaye Floyd

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

Family and Friends: **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity), **Sean & Tucker Smith** (cousins of Darlene Kelley); **Sonny Hardee** (brother of Lynn Martin); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Sonya & Wayne Dooley** (daughter and son-in-law of Joyce Robinson); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Rev. Donna Eidson** (former pastor of Trinity); **Ima Thibodeaux** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Keith Jordan** (nephew of John & Kay Jordan); **Deanne Summer** (partner of Martha Cooke); **Ann Cullum** (friend of Bob Strickland); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); ; **Charlyn McNeill, Michael McNeill** (sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Bob Bohnstengel** (spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Chuck Hardee** (cousin of Lynn Martin); **Bruce Beatty, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **Merit Takach** (friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Janet Beck** (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 12/01 SS: 11 Worship: 32

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/01 \$ 3,972.07

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

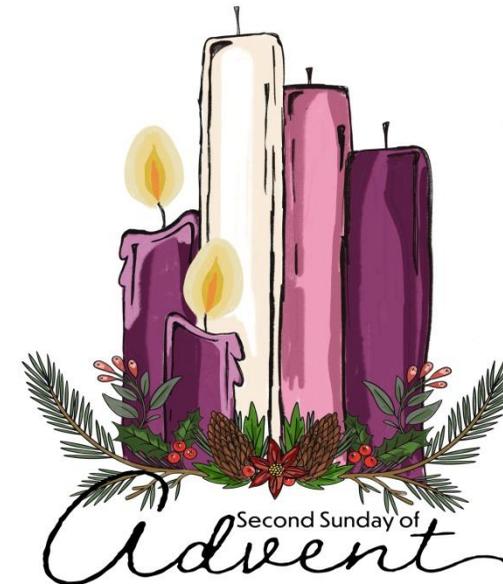
TODAY FH Reserved, 2 p.m.
12/09 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
12/10 Grieving with God, 11 a.m.
12/11 Choir, 6 p.m.
T.a.G., 7 p.m.
12/12 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.
12/13 FH Reserved All Day
Office Closed
12/14 Sanctuary Reserved All Day



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**Grieving with God
Tuesday, December 10**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 10, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. For many, the holidays can be especially difficult, and our hope is that you will find this group helpful. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Sunday, December 15

This year's Christmas Cantata is titled, *The Human Qualities that went into Making the Christmas Story*. While the cast of characters is familiar, we take a look at the very human thoughts and emotions that helped create the story of the birth of Jesus, starting back long before he was born and taking us through his birth and presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem. We invite you to join us on Sunday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m.

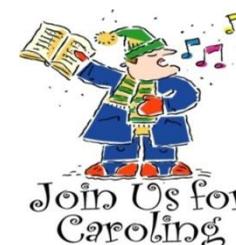


During our Stewardship Moments we heard from speakers on the importance of our presence, witness, service, prayers and gifts. On Sunday, December 15, as you enter the church, pledge cards will be given out for the 2025 year. You will have the opportunity to place your card on the altar during or after the service. If you cannot attend on December 15, we can mail a card to you.



Monday, December 16

The group will meet at WECO on Monday, December 16, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Slone Taylor or Patsy Boggs. If you are interested in attending and would like email or text message updates, please email Slone Taylor at Slonetaylor21@yahoo.com or text her your cell phone number to (803) 397-7294 and she will add you to her list.



**ELVES & ANGELS NEEDED
Wednesday, December 18
6 p.m.**

We have a great opportunity to love our neighbors in need and spread some holiday joy with a visit to The Pines of Columbia Assisted Living on McSwain Drive. Jean Raynor is a resident there. We will be singing Christmas Carols and we are hoping to hand out gifts to the residents. They have approximately 40 women and 20 men.

The following are some of the items the residents can use: blankets, scarves, gloves, hats, socks, bedroom shoes for men and women, toiletries, Crossword puzzle books, puzzle books, lotions, deodorant, chapsticks, Dove or Olay soaps, Large Print Bibles. There will be a box in the Gathering Area where you can place the gifts.



Sunday, December 22

There will be a service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 22.