

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey
(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

*Opening Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1-3) 211

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Isaiah 12:2-6

Let us sing praises to the Lord as we wait for the birth of our Savior!
We sing praises to God for he has done gloriously; we sing praises to God who is our strength and our salvation.

As we light our candles, help us to dispel the darkness of fear, want and suffering. Help us to draw water from the well of salvation.
Sing praises to the Lord for he has done gloriously; shout with thanksgiving for the One who brings light to the world!

*Opening Prayer
Eternal Source of birth and new life, help us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Smooth out our roughness when it hurts ourselves or others. Lift up the hidden parts of ourselves—the talents, the visions, the tenderness—so that your love may be seen and your glory revealed among us. As this season unfolds, help us, like Mary, your servant, to rejoice in your surprising love. Amen.

*Canticle of Zechariah 208

*Gloria Patri 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace: *Let us greet one another with words of love and peace.*

“Let the Children Come!” Christopher A. McCroskey
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children’s Church.)

Scripture Lessons Philippians 4:4-7 Page 189 (N.T.)
Luke 3:7-18 Pages 59-60 (N.T.)

Prayer of Confession for Advent Insert

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving for Advent Insert

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey

*Doxology 95

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.

Cantata Insert

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response “May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You” Choir

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Darlene L. Kelley AV Director: Marie Stiles
Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Assistant: Chris Derrick
Liturgist: Dan Greshel Time Together: Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the *Glory of God.*

“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 Percy	Ray Frady	Hannah Glanz
Kaye Floyd	Diane Muszynski				

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

Family and Friends: **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **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 12/08 SS: 11 Worship: 36

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/08 \$ 4,641.50

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Advent Bible Study

12/16 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

Hot Topics & Cold Beer, 7 p.m.

12/18 Caroling at The Pines, 6 p.m.

12/19 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

GLIA Articles Due

12/20 Office Closed



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HOT TOPICS COLD BEER

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.

Lessons & CAROLS

Sunday, December 22

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



For our Angel Tree this year, we are collecting donations for UMCOR Disaster Relief, for those still impacted by the hurricane, and God's Helping Hands, to help those in our community. We have envelopes on the tree for both and will be collecting donations through the end of December. Please make your checks out to Trinity UMC.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Tuesday, December 24
6 p.m.