

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 22, 2024

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

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath
Micah 5:2-5a

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth.
Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.
He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

(Light fourth candle.)

As we light our last Advent candle, help us to open our hearts to the Babe in the manger, the Christ Child, the Son of the Most High.
Emmanuel, God is with us!

Words of Preparation

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Page 3 (O.T.)
*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1 & 3) 234

Second Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Pages 607-608 (O.T.)
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Third Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9 Page 610 (O.T.)
*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (vs. 1 & 2) 203

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"What Child is This" Choir

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Page 58 (N.T.)
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*Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (vs. 1 & 2) 218

Seventh Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Pages 7-8 (N.T.)
*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1 & 2) 230

Closing Lesson John 1:1-14 Page 89 (N.T.)
*Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1 & 3) 240

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

Prayer of Confession
Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Celebration of Holy Communion for Later in Advent Insert

*Closing Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (vs.1-3) 626

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You" Choir & Congregation

*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

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.

A Gift to Trinity is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Trinity Choir, by Mary Kamoroff.

“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	Diane Muszynski				

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

Family and Friends: **Kathleen Varnadore** (*Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor*); **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*); **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 ...

Attendance 12/15 SS: 11 Worship: 51

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 12/15 \$

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Taste of Trinity

Advent Bible Study

Columbia Community Concert Band's Christmas Concert, 4 p.m. @ Airport HS

12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.

Office Closed

12/25 Christmas Day

Office Closed

12/27 Office Closed



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Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Send now, we pray, the gift of your Holy Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine.

Sanctify us by that same Spirit that we may bear
fruit worthy of repentance, and have pure hearts in
holiness before you at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Praise to our Savior, the Christ Child, who was
born in a manger, yet saved the world.

Dying Christ destroyed our death.

Rising Christ restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Immanuel,

God is with us.

Praise God!

Amen



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Celebration of the Great Thanksgiving for Later in Advent

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the ways of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who gives sight to the blind,
who reconciles all people to Himself.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Lord is here.
Immanuel, God is with us!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Praise to you, Almighty God,

the Lord of hosts and the Holy One of Israel.

Your origin is from of old and your compassion and love are from everlasting.

You are our strength and our might; you are the God of our salvation.

Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to raise up children upon the face of the whole earth who will see the salvation you have prepared and proclaim the great deeds which you have done.

You remembered the promise you made and brought your servant Israel out of slavery in Egypt. When you were angry you fed them with the bread of tears and gave them bowls of tears to drink. But you remembered your mercy and took away the judgment against them.

You restored their fortunes, rejoicing over them with gladness, and renewing them in your love. You sent a star to herald the birth of our Savior, and all the earth rejoiced with the shepherds as they watched over their flocks and awaited the birth of Love.

Through a babe in a manger you fulfilled the promise you made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. He came to execute justice and righteousness and to do your will, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World.

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We remember, therefore, his passion and proclaim his offering of his body upon the cross once for all. We give thanks for his resurrection from the dead and shout for joy at his ascension to the seat of power.

We watch and wait for the day when he will come in a cloud with power and great glory to gather the wheat into his granary and share with us the promised feast.



**Columbia Community Concert Band
Today at 4 p.m.**

You're invited to join us as we celebrate Christmas Around the World presented by the Columbia Community Band at Airport High School Auditorium, 1315 Boston Avenue in West Columbia. The selections feature music from diverse cultures, some familiar and some you may have never heard, but there's something for everyone to enjoy – from classics to cowboys. After all the rushing around, it'll be time to relax and enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season. We hope you can join us - you'll be glad you did! Merry Christmas!



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