

WEEKLY PRAYER PEOPLE. Prayers, calls, and notes are encouraged (please check the church directory for contact information):

Tim Kuykendall and Shannon Slater, Susan Mangrum, Betsy Mixner, Jennifer Reibold

PRAYER CONCERNS: Home: Jeffrey Sheffield, Sally Beghtol, Harry Hankla, Stan Dienst, Sue Ellsasser, Barbara and Scott Garrison, Kathie Bivens, Bruce Penn, Mark and Denise Slaughter, Karen Burnham, Donna Thompson, Bob and Janet Baker, Bill and Juliette Blakely, Ginny Arkens, Merritt Roach, Connie Moore; Irene Robertson, Paddy Deich, Sarah Gilbert, Bob Brackett (CV Care Center); Eleanor Beardsley (Carolina Reserve). *Rehabilitation, Nursing:* Harry Papazian (Heritage Hills), Gene Carman (HH&R), Audrey White (The Laurels); Bob Brackett (CV Med Center), *Others:* Evelyn Christensen (sister of Mary Louise Forsythe), Lynn Thiel (friend of Harry and Katie Hankla), Christy Presseau (needs a kidney), Irving Lindsey (Paul Soltesz's uncle), Jean Stanfield Walters, Heather McMillan (Judy Woelke's daughter), Donna Dalton's grandson Ryan (chronic leukemia), Jay, Lorrie and Robert Pelc (family of Carole Ball), Don Cunningham, (Sarah Thibodeau's brother), Scott and Sandy Owens, Marvin Gilley, Albert Bunch, and Tina Lunsford and her son, Craig (family and friends of Dolly Owens and Nancy Twitchen). Please remember mission coworkers and our Guatemalan partner church, Fuente de Vida.

IAM PANTRY FOCUS FOR DECEMBER: ham, turkey breasts, turkeys, chickens, stuffing, green beans, yams, potatoes, instant potatoes, peas, gravy, cranberry sauce, bread, pie crusts and filling, cake mix and icing.

FINANCE UPDATE: During the past few months, our Estimate of Giving (EOG) receipts have been lower than budget and lower than 2017. Please ensure your giving for 2018 is completed in December. Any questions can be directed to Fitz Sthreshley or Tom Karvonen.

2019 FLOWER CHART: The new flower chart is posted. Go by and sign up for that special Sunday.

THE MITTEN TREE is up in the Atrium and looking for mittens and gloves, wool hats and stocking caps, and socks and other small clothing items to help children keep warm this winter. The gifts you hang on this special sharing tree will be taken to IAM and given to children in the community who need them so much. Thanks for sharing the warmth of your heart and decorating **The Mitten Tree** with your gifts for children this Advent Season!

GET INVOLVED WITH THESE UPCOMING SEASONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Church Christmas Decorating Day: Dec. 5. If you enjoy decorating for Christmas, come on out to Trinity on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 5, as we deck the church's halls (our crew will begin at around 1:00 and continue until the job is done). *Special call for expertise: If you enjoy solving the puzzle of light strings that don't light, we could really use your help!*

- Caroling: Saturday, Dec. 8, 4:30 p.m. Meet at the church to carpool, as we spread Christmas cheer to members and friends who can't easily get out and about.

- Lead Worship by Lighting the Advent Candles. Families, couples, and individuals are invited to lead our Advent candle-lighting liturgy throughout the season. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

ADVENT 2019: WAITING AND WATCHING. Many thanks to all who volunteered to write for our annual Advent Devotional Guide—be sure to pick up your copy today! (Daily devotions will also be published each morning from today through January 6 on the Trinity Facebook page: facebook.com/trinitypresnc.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE, DECEMBER 5: HENDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER PRESENTS Join us for dinner this Wednesday at 5:30, followed by a concert by instructors and students of the Community Music Center. For dinner reservations, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Partnered in Christ with
Fuente de Vida Presbyterian Church
Guatemala

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, A.D. 2018

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that's coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man -- Luke 21:36

Introit

"An Advent Prayer"

Allen Pote

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: God of hope,
out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope,
so that we may be alert
to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

People: God of promise, God of hope,
into our darkness come.

***Hymn no. 129** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

All-embracing God, we marvel at your attention to our individual needs. You know the cares that weigh us down and the snares that captivate us. Grant us strength to escape the evil around us and to turn away from the wrong that we originate or allow. We confess that we have missed the signs of your presence as the earth's foundations shake. Our vision is narrow and uninspired. Intervene to save us and all your children. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response no. 137** "He Came Down" with Hope

***Passing of the Peace**

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "The World's Been a-Waitin' So Long" *Larry Shackley*
*Doxology no. 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow*
*Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Moment for Children

New Testament Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

Elder Melvin Mears A Greeting from Our Moderator
Sermon "Arrival/Appearance/Emergence" *Mark Stanley*
Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *(Hymnal p. 35)*
*Hymn no. 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *(vv. 1, 2, 3)*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People *Pifa, G. F. Handel; Ad Te Levavi, Eugene Lindusky*
*Hymn no. 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *(vv. 6, 7)*

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
*Postlude "Savior of the Heathen, Come" *J. S. Bach*

** Stand, or remain seated*

LITURGISTS: 8:30 – Karen Burnham; 11:00 – Susan Mangrum

GREETERS: 8:30 - Barbara Pickwood, Ken Sugawara

11:00 – Brian and Linda Dillon

USHERS: 8:30 – Ron and Barbara Howard

11:00 – Dick Bobb, Harry Hankla, Myrl Jean Hughes, Kathleen Ohle

CHILDCARE: Room 201; 8:30 to Noon (for Birth through Preschool)

HEARING AIDS: Hearing aids to assist the hearing impaired are available from the ushers

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 175

Thank You for remembering the Church in your Will

Today, we welcome Elder Melvin Mears. He has been serving the Presbytery of Western North Carolina as our Moderator during 2018. Please extend to him a hand of fellowship.

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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Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 8:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M. • **Trinity Preschool:** Mon–Fri, 8:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

Calendar for the Week of December 2

Today **8:30 A.M. Worship Service**

Communion **9:45 A.M. Learning Hour**

Adults:

- Issues and Concerns: This week: Discuss an article about area churches pursuing Millennials. (Fellowship Hall)
- Lectionary Class: Trinity Room
- Hashing It Out: Lounge

Children and Youth:

- Preschool: Ages 3-4 (Room 203 – meets 10:15-10:45)
- Primary: Grades K-4 (Room 103)
- Youth: Grades 5 and up (Room 101)

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

12:00 Noon Trinity 30

Monday 1:00 P.M. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

4:00 P.M. Tai Chi

Tuesday 9:00 A.M. Staff Meeting

10:00 A.M. New Member Subcommittee

10:00 A.M. Coffee/Issues

4:00 P.M. Global Missions Ministry

Wednesday 10:30 A.M. Friends in Christ

4:00 P.M. Finance/Stewardship Ministry

5:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live Meal

6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live Program

7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 9:30 A.M. Spanish Class

10:00 A.M. Study of Luke

1:00 P.M. Trinity Book Group

4:00 P.M. Tai Chi

Saturday 4:30 P.M. Christmas Caroling