



building God's Church...blessing our community

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**BASED ON: ISAIAH 2:1-5, PSALM 122,
ROMANS 13:11-14, MATTHEW 24:36-44

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

That we may learn God's ways and walk in the light of the Lord.

The house of the Lord is a house of goodness and peace.

A time is coming when swords will be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks.

The house of the Lord is filled with justice and mercy.

A time is coming when wars will cease to the ends of the earth. Our God is the righteous judge of all nations.

The house of the Lord is a house of salvation.

Salvation is near to us, so let us live honorably and put on the armor of light.

The house of the Lord has been firmly established in Christ Jesus.

Let us clothe ourselves in Christ, ready and awake for his return.

Christ is coming to establish the house of the Lord forever.

All nations will stream to the light of Christ. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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***DOXOLOGY**

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**.....LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING
No. 241

SCRIPTURE READINGPSALM 91

READER: The Word of the Lord
CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF ADORATION.....O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
No. 145

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him - born the King of angels!

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have not kept watch for you.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**EPHESIANS 2:4-5

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved”

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**.....THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

VISITATION SCHEDULE		
WEEK OF DECEMBER 2-8	WEEK OF DECEMBER 9-15	WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-22
Jeff & Kerry Folk	Jeff & Mary Watford	Mark & Karen Ford

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE WOODY WATFORD

SERMON.....JASON PITTMAN

ISAIAH 42:1-9

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

SERMON NOTES

GOD'S CHOSEN SERVANT

ISAIAH 42:1-9

1. THE HEART OF GOD'S SERVANT

2. THE WORK OF GOD'S SERVANT

3. THE IDENTITY OF GOD'S SERVANT

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine own sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

MEN'S BREAKFAST IS SATURDAY

A men's breakfast is planned on Saturday, December 7 at Woody and Lisa Watford's home. Good food and fellowship will be served, starting at 8:00 am.

NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON

Please be in prayer for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 15, where we will hear a report on the 2025 church budget and vote on candidates for deacon and elder. Nominees for deacon are Evan Lambrecht, Frank Myers and Chris Rickenbaker, and nominees for elder are Mark Ford and Sam Lambrecht. The Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on December 15.

DONATE TO DAZZ THROUGH ANGEL TREE

We have an opportunity to bless mothers and babies through our DAZZ Angel Tree again this year. Please take one or more angels from the tree, go shopping, and return the items to the church by December 22. You do not need to wrap your gift, but please do attach the angel tag. Needed items include infant socks, baby bottles, receiving blankets, board books and developmental learning toys. DAZZ is a medical pregnancy center and Christian ministry that serves young women, babies, and families. Since opening in Orangeburg in 2014, DAZZ has helped more than 1,100 women who were at risk for abortion choose life for their babies.

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ON DEC. 15

Mark your calendar for the evening of Sunday, December 15 for the Patrick family's annual Christmas Open House. More details coming soon!

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR PASTORS & WIDOWS

This December, our congregation will join with hundreds of others to participate in a special offering for the PCA Relief Fund, which supports retired pastors, widows and ministry staff in need. Pray about what you will give on December 22.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Aaron & Rachel Halbert - serving with MTW in Honduras
Our Troops: pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world
Church of the week: Eastbridge Presbyterian, Mount Pleasant; Daniel Cohee, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Linda Wells: pray for strength to walk out of rehab and for meds to help with congestive heart failure
Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves
Melonie Anderson: recovering at home from recent knee replacement surgery
Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues
Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy
Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY


STAFF	
John Mark Patrick, Pastor Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant Sandral Jackson, Bookkeeper	
ELDERS	DEACONS
Michael Salley Alan Ulmer Woody Watford	Jeff Folk Wayne Walling Jeff Watford
DEACON ASSISTANTS	
Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson	

CALENDAR		
SUN 12/1	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUE 12/3	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/4	5:30PM	PRAYER
SAT 12/7	8:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST @ WOODY'S
SUN 12/8	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PSALM 92-93	PSALM 94	PSALM 95	PSALM 96	PSALM 97	PSALM 98-99

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