



# Trinity Church

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

building God's Church...blessing our community

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

## REFLECTION & PREPARATION

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** .....BASED ON: ISAIAH 35:1-10, PSALM 146:5-10,  
LUKE 1:46B-55, JAMES 5:7-10, MATTHEW 11:2-11

We worship you, Lord, and magnify you, God our Savior!

**Our hearts will not be afraid! God, you are coming to save your people.**

The blind will receive their sight, the lame will walk, the dead will be raised.

**Streams will pour forth in the wilderness and the desert filled with the living water.**

God will tear down the mighty from their thrones and lift up the lowly.

**Strengthen our hearts, Lord. Give us a steadfast and firm faith.**

Sorrow and sighing will pass away, and God will wipe every tear from our eyes.

**On that day we will be filled with everlasting joy and gladness.**

We wait patiently for you, Lord, because you will fulfill your promises.

**Your mercy is for those who fear you from generation to generation.**

Hear the good news: Christ is coming and will reign forever.

**Praise the Lord! All our hope is in the Lord our God. Come, Lord Jesus.**

We worship you, Lord, and magnify you, God our Savior!

**Our hearts will not be afraid! God, you are coming to save your people.**

## \*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

**\*CAROL OF PRAISE** .....ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH  
No. 132

**\*HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE** .....GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY & MUSIC: BOB KAUFMAN

Glory be to God on high Let peace on earth descend  
God comes down before our eyes To Bethlehem  
God invisible appears Endless ages wrapped in years  
He has come who cannot change And Jesus is His name

Emptied of His majesty He comes in human form  
Being's source begins to be And God is born  
All our griefs He'll gladly share All our sins He'll fully bear  
He will cover our disgrace And suffer in our place

Let the joyful news ring out The Prince of Peace proclaim  
Lift your heart and voice to shout Immanuel's name  
God has kept His promises What a work of grace this is  
Son of Mary, chosen One The Lamb of God has come

**Hosanna, hosanna The Lamb of God has come  
Hosanna, hosanna He is the promised One**

**SCRIPTURE READING** .....REVELATION 4

READER: The Word of the Lord

CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

**HYMN OF ADORATION** .....LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright,  
how Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found him, as angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Even as we ask you, Lord, for a meaningful and blessed Advent season,  
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.  
Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee,  
for not reading your Word,  
for not searching our hearts,  
for not facing our sins.  
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!  
Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,  
we may have a fresh sense of your presence  
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ’s glory. Amen.

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** .....PSALM 103:10-12

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear  
him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

**\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE** .....O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

O come, all you unfaithful; come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying  
Come, see what your God has done

**Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you**

O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run  
See what your God has done

He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace for those who believe

He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering  
Come, see what your God has done

**SHEPHERDING PRAYER**.....RE MICHAEL SALLEY

**SERMON**.....LUKE 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,  
<sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the  
virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is  
with you!” <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of  
greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found  
favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call  
his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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 father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob  
forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most  
High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>  
And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth  
month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> And Mary  
said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the  
angel departed from her.

VISITATION SCHEDULE		
WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-21	WEEK OF DECEMBER 22-28	WEEK OF DEC 29-JAN 4
Lyle & D’lynn Polson	Connie Porter	Michael & Wanda Salley

# SERMON NOTES

## CONSIDER MARY LUKE 1:26-38

### I. GOD'S GRAND DESIGN

### II. GREATLY TROUBLED

### III. A DOUBLE STANDARD FOR DOUBTERS?

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION .....WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL, ADAPTED BY WILLIAM C. DIX

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT TRINITY:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink juice. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

### \*BENEDICTION

# BULLETIN BOARD

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

A congregational meeting will be held after the worship service today. We will hear a report on the 2026 church budget and vote on our candidate for elder, Alan Ulmer.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND OPEN HOUSE THIS EVENING

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun later today. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm to go Christmas caroling, then head to the Patrick's home at 6:30 for an open house. If your last name starts with A through L, please bring a savory dish. If your name starts with M through Z, bring something sweet.

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO OP CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The OP-CDC will have a Christmas program in our sanctuary this Thursday, December 18, and Trinity will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to the parents and children outside afterward. The program is scheduled at 5:00 pm, and we need to have refreshments ready by 5:30. If you can help greet families or serve snacks, please sign up in the narthex.

## DAZZ ANGEL TREE NOW THROUGH NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 21

We have an opportunity to bless moms and children through the DAZZ Angel Tree again this year. Please choose one or more angels from the tree in the church narthex and bring your unwrapped gifts back by Sunday, December 21. DAZZ Orangeburg is a Christian ministry serving women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering free counseling, medical consultations and baby items.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	YR TO DATE RECEIPTS	\$391,824	NOVEMBER GENERAL RECEIPTS	\$14,870
	YTD GENERAL EXPENSES	\$306,908	NOVEMBER GENERAL EXPENSES	\$28,858
	YTD FAITH PROMISE RECEIPTS	\$47,936	NOVEMBER FAITH PROMISE RECEIPTS	\$1,605
	YTD FAITH PROMISE EXPENSES	\$48,400	NOVEMBER FAITH PROMISE EXPENSES	\$4,400

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

**Ministry Partner:** Whitney S - serving with Serge in Europe

**Our Troops:** pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

**Church of the week:** First Scots Presbyterian, Beaufort; Alex Mark, pastor

## TRINITY FAMILY

**Deborah Finkelstein:** ongoing medical concerns

**Brush Babb:** continued strengthening and improvement

**Joe Junquet:** adjustment to the loss of his vision

**Melonie Anderson:** recovering from 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  
 Helen Meacham, Pianist  
 Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant  
 Sandral Jackson, Bookkeeper

## ELDERS

Mark Ford  
 Sam Lambrecht  
 Michael Salley

## DEACONS

Jeff Folk  
 Evan Lambrecht  
 Frank Myers  
 Chris Rickenbaker  
 Jeff Watford

## DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

## CALENDAR

SUN 12/14	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM 5:30PM 6:30PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CHRISTMAS CAROLING OPEN HOUSE @ THE PATRICK'S
TUES 12/16	7:00AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/17	5:30PM	PRAYER
THURS 12/18	5:00PM	OP-CDC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUN 12/21	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

## TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REVELATION 5-6	REVELATION 7	REVELATION 8	REVELATION 9	REVELATION 10	REVELATION 11

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!**  
**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

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