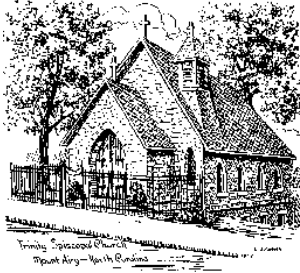


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**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 1, 2024**

*If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.*

*Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.*

*Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.*

**Hymn in Procession # 616** *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

- 2 He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.
  
- 3 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.
  
- 4 Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.
  
- 5 O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Collect for Purity**

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: *Kyrie***

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #96*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score for 'Lord, have mercy'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' and the second staff has 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. It also consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature and time signature are the same as in the first system. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,' and the second staff has 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.'.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

## The Collect

*(kneel or stand as you are able)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.*

## **The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25:1-9** *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1      To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
  
- 2      Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their  
schemes.
  
- 3      Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
  
- 4      Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and  
faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his  
testimonies.

### **The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn WLP #721**      *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Signs of endings all around us—  
    darkness, death, and winter days  
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,  
    numbing mouths that long to praise.  
    Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!  
    Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Give us hope and faith and gladness.  
    Show us what there yet can be.
  
- 2 Can it be that from our endings,  
    new beginnings you create?  
Life from death, and from our rendings,  
    realms of wholeness generate?  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them  
    into hopes for life anew:  
Fading light and dying season  
    sing their Glorias to you.
  
- 3 Speak, O God, your Word among us.  
    Barren lives your presence fill.  
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,  
    terrors calm forebodings still.  
Let your promised realm of justice  
    blossom now throughout the earth;  
your dominion bring now near us;  
    we await the saving birth.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36** (*stand as you are able*)

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**            The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris

**The Nicene Creed** *(standing as you are able)*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People Form II**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own  
prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the  
world; for our Bishops Sam and Jennifer; for this  
gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Gerhard Marx.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ .

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*People*                   The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                                  And also with you.

**Announcements**

*(8:30 service only)*

## **Offertory**

*Celebrant*

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

*People*

**And of thine own have we given  
Thee.**

*(10:30 service only)*

## **Offertory and Doxology**

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.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

*Celebrant and People*

### **S-130**

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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption  
Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead,  
proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right  
hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you,  
from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,  
we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy  
Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts,  
sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for  
your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become  
one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the  
praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its  
unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.



And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_ ) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

## The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #164 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the small chalice or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.)

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)

## **Music at Communion LEVAS # 9**

1      On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
          and cast a wishful eye  
          to Canaan's fair and happy land,  
          where my possessions lie.

*Refrain:*

*I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.*

- 2 O'er all those wide extended plains  
shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns,  
and scatters night away. [Refrain]
- 3 No chilling winds or poisonous breath  
can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more. [Refrain]
- 4 When I shall reach that happy place,  
I'll be forever blest,  
for I shall see my Father's face,  
and in his bosom rest. [Refrain]

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing

*Celebrant* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

*People* **Amen.**

## Hymn in Procession # 57 *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
  
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.
  
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace,  
to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

<b>Immediate Needs:</b>	Cynthia Light	Joe Waddell
Gene	Debra Martin	Western NC
Riva	Kitty Martin	Henrietta Williams
Joe Allred	Kenneth Matthews	Dakota Wood
Linda Carroll	Barbara McGatlin	<b>Long Term Needs:</b>
Jo Causer	Cheryl Menezes	Doris Fawcett
Ann Cochrane	Wade Nichols	Steve Hines
Lisa Elliott	Angie Nolfo	Mary Kilby
Glenn F.	Candace Sammons	Carrie Krahn
Carolyn Flippen	Mac Sammons	John Moore
Nancy Follett	Jeanette Staples	Rev. Bill Pendleton
Carol Ford	Matthew Stevens	Lorene Ramsey
Kandis George	Mary Theard	Locke Rowe
Jeffrey Holt	Betty Town	Denny Shelton
Phyllis Frye James	Celeste Tsaklis	Vicky Town
Gus Lewis	Kelli Vincen	John Townsend

## TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch,  
Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble,  
Robert Poole

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Communion

## BIRTHDAYS

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Collin Grier, 6<sup>th</sup> Carmen Grier

## ANNIVERSARIES

December 1<sup>st</sup> David & Joanne Silvia

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and  
in deepest thankfulness for His many blessing to each of us  
by Eric & Denny Jennings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The loose offering on the first Sunday of each month is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. This offering helps the Rector provide pastoral care, medicines, utilities, rent and other assistance.

The Incarnation is the great mystery of how God and man could be joined into a single person, the impossible union of the infinite and the mortal. How could any man be "of one substance with" the Creator of all that exists, "fully man and fully God"? It is the great puzzle at the heart of our Christian faith. Please join **Theology Group** on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to look into the Incarnational mystery. Dinner will be served.

**Staples** is asking for packets of chili seasoning. We have ingredients to make a pot of chili, but we just need the spices.

**Stewardship**-Please make sure to turn in your pledge card. If you haven't filled out a card-extras can be found in the narthex.

We have a **new nursery attendant** named Maddie Tate. She will begin this Sunday. **We need volunteers willing to stay in the nursery with her to help. The list will be scheduled on a rotation.** Please let Tobi know if you are willing to assist.

**There will be NO First Sunday Potluck in December.** We will have a potluck luncheon on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Parish Meeting.** The church will provide fried chicken and drinks and you are invited to bring a dish or dessert to share.

**Confirmation Class**-If you are interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation, please see Sarah. We will be continuing classes each Sunday morning at 9:30. This class is for anyone who wants to go deeper in their faith or to revisit or learn the basics of our Episcopal tradition.

**Trinity Book Club** meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Our current book is *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. All are welcome to join us.

Online Advent Daily Devotional from Living Compass. Go to <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent> and receive 25 daily emails for each day of Advent.

*If you need to reach Tobi when she is not in the office, you can email the church or call/text her cell phone 336-401-0121. Sarah is in the office Tuesday-Thursday. Messages will be checked in the office. You may also call/text Sarah's cell phone 804-212-7522.*



## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Lunch
- Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Blue Christmas Service
- Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Pageant during 10:30 worship. Let us know if you are interested in participating.
- Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> our choir will join First Presbyterian Church of Pilot Mountain to sing **Handel's *Messiah*** at 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary. Please come show your support for Trinity's choir and enjoy this beautiful music
- Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve services** will be held on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend!
- Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> one combined service of Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> the Bishop will be here
- We are also asking those interested to go ahead and sign up for Las Posadas. This will help us determine what day we need to begin their journey. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

***Las Posadas**-Four years ago, we started a new tradition by participating in Las Posadas. Las Posadas is a novena (a nine-day devotional prayer). The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (Posadas is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.") Parishioners created 3-foot wooden figures of Mary, Joseph, and a donkey. Each night, one family agrees to house the pilgrims. You can sign up to host Mary & Joseph in your yard for a day as a way to remember and prepare for the Christ Child. On the night you host Mary & Joseph, you decide how to offer them hospitality. You may light a candle and enjoy quiet scripture and prayer time or invite family and friends to sing carols and talk about the meaning of Christmas. \*By signing up, you are agreeing to transport the figures to the next stop or making arrangements to have it moved. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.*

## MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

<b>Today</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Vicky Town	LECTOR	Nancy Dixon
Jim Couture	CHALICE BEARER	Mike Wilson
Vicky Town	GREETER	Bruce Strohl
Jim Couture	ACOLYTE	Mike Wilson

## MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Lucinda Fallin	LECTOR	Wendy Tatman
Karen & Jackie	CHALICE BEARER	Jesse & Brenda
Janet H. & Ann Marie	GREETERS	Margie & Martha
Vicky & Linda	ALTAR GUILD	Jane Ciancio
Roxann Moore	VESTRY	Wendy Tatman
Karen Nealis	ACOLYTE	Jesse Slate

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	4:00 p.m.	Caregiver/Grief Support
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Lunch

## TRINITY VESTRY

Ross Borders, Roxann Moore, Jessica Simandle,  
Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers

*No matter where you come from or where you're going  
No matter what you believe or what you doubt  
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today  
No matter whom you love  
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God  
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows  
your mind, and...  
Who wants to have a relationship with you*