

December 24, 2017

9:00 AM | 11:00 AM
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymnals are available in the back.
Hard copies of the full content of the worship service
are available in the back as well as on the church website.

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements

*Childcare is available during the worship service.
Infants/Toddlers (nursery); Two and Three year olds (Rooms 102, 103)*

Call to Worship Isaiah 40:3 and Philippians 4:4-5

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Call to Confession Isaiah 11:1-5

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 9:2
2 Corinthians 5:17

Worship Singing *O Little Town of Bethlehem
Sussex Carol*

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving

Musical Offering *O Little One Sweet
Watson & Becky Frawley*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon Immanuel: How is God with Us? Chad Smith
Luke 2:8-20 | *God with Us in the Misfit*

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gluten/Soy-free crackers are in the paper liners of each tray.

(BREAD) Musical Offering *Unto Us a Child is Born
Watson & Becky Frawley*

(CUP) Worship Singing *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing

Immanuel: How is God with Us? Luke 2:8-20 (NASB) | *God with Us in the Misfit* Chad Smith

⁸ In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

VISITORS

We are thankful to have you with us this morning. If you would like to get more information about Trinity, please send an email to visitor@trinityasheville.com. You may also pick up a simple visitor card, located on the stands in the back and at the welcome table.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Prayer meeting..... 8:15 AM in Room 205
 Worship Service9:00 AM in Worship Area
 Worship Service11:00 AM in Worship Area
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM in Worship Area

DECEMBER 25-27: OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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On December 31 during Sunday School, Chad will present the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Team to address our current space needs as well as future growth. This time will be recorded and available online for those who are unable to attend.

Year End Giving: In order to meet the requirement of the Internal Revenue Service related to contributions qualifying for inclusion in your tax return for the current year, you should note the following:

- Your checks should be dated no later than December 31.
- The envelope must be postmarked no later than December 30.
- Donations hand-delivered to the office must be received by the end of second service on Sunday, December 31.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Friends, Kids, and Families, if you took one of the **Habitat for Humanity banks**, we are collecting them outside the reception office through the end of the year.

CHILDREN (contact Elaine or Tish)

Our Outreach Ministry to the children of Ledgewood housing development begins Tuesday, January 9. Drivers and driving assistants meet at the church at 2:50. Helpers should be in place at the church at 3:25 in room 205. The children are taken home at 4:50. Volunteers are needed!

Wednesday Kids Camp (for ages 4 by September 2017 - Fifth Graders) meets January 17 - March 14 from 3:30 - 5:30. If your child attended in the fall, they do not need to re register. Registration forms for new children are available in the foyer. We need additional volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Elaine Bonner or Tish Hawks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Paul and Christie Kendall: Thank God for one of their Ben Lippen students coming to Jesus. (see Mission Focus on Website).
2. Pray for warmth and effectiveness of Christmas outreach programs, including those of Chuck and Jimmie-Lynn Linkston in Western Australia, Jimmy and Sharon Royal in Hong Kong, and others.
3. Ashley Rhoden, having thyroid surgery on Tuesday: God's peace in her heart; wisdom and excellence for surgeon; healing.

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Stephen Bates, Andrew Belz, Conley Brown, Brad Burlingham, Bryson Fleming, Ned Gibson, Stephen Griffith, Jim Hill, Calvin Marshall, Joe Mullen, Darrell Rhoden, Norman Riddle, Chad Smith, Stephen Todd, Aaron Voigt

DEACONS

Harry Buckner, Spencer Clark, Adam Foss, Harold Frost, Rick Green, Zach Holland, Josh Pacosa, Brandon Ray, Jim Smith, Tim Tyson, Scott Wilhelmi

OFFERING UPDATE

Fiscal Year ending June 30	LAST WEEK	YTD
GENERAL FUND GIFTS	\$24,911	\$533,738
BUDGET	\$23,300	\$582,500

OFFICERS ON DUTY

	ELDER	DEACON
TODAY	Mullen Harris	Tyson Ray
NEXT WEEK	Smith Smith	Holland Buckner