

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Sarah Hoffman
Garland & Darlene Whittaker

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Miller
Louise Schell
Odessa Whitmire
Paul & Lula Towery
Mary Tuttle
Martha Sigmon
Caroline Bryan
Bobbie Whisenant
Wanda Sue Ammerman

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson
Peggy Hollis

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Mike Kilby
Peggy Smith

Wally Davis
Terry Settlemyre
Jonathan Paige—Elizabeth Jackson's
brother
Johnny Smith—Julie Kanipe & Sarah
Hoffman's brother
Lynn Jenkins—Carl Jenkins' brother

Updated Phone Number

Linda Hill
828-469-8069

CONGRATULATIONS to Carl
and Lori Jenkins on the birth
of their newest granddaughter,
Sawyer Finnlee Holdren, on
December 3rd—
to mother LeAnne.

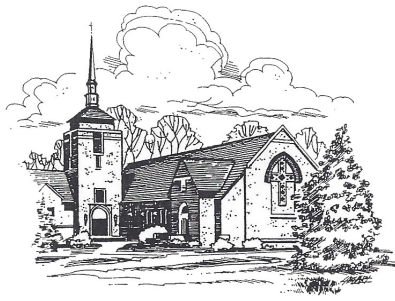
THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Marty Light, Organist
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Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 DECEMBER 9, 2018—10:30 A.M.**

**Designates - "Those who are able may stand"*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE "People, Look East" Trad. French Advent Carol/arr by Paul Taylor
 Marty Light, Organist

***PASTOR'S DECLARATION** Rev. Peggy Stout


***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #190 Blue Book

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)** Howard Cooper, Liturgist
 Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.
As one body, with one voice, we gather to praise God for the fulfillment of the prophecies and His promises to bring hope and peace to all the world.

***INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Guest Director

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)** Howard Cooper, Liturgist
 God of peace, who seeks the lost and heals the broken, we often lose sight of those who are lost and hurting. You have said that when we touch others' pain and help others through hardship, we do it unto you.
Forgive our reluctance to show concern and to act in compassion,
 And settle our restless hearts so that we will be aware of those around us who are hurting.
Pardon our sins, O Lord -- those things that we have intentionally done or said to hurt others and those things of which we are not even aware.
 Help us, O Lord, to make choices that bring us closer to you, and instill within us your peace.
May we know again your mercy and share it with those around us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsively)** Rev. Peggy Stout
 For the sake of the One God promised to send, His only Son Jesus Christ, who died, was raised from the dead, and through whom we receive grace,



Please join us in the Office Foyer, immediately following Worship, for Christmas Cookies, Fruit Punch, or Coffee (*sponsored by our Youth Confirmands and Mentors*).

TONIGHT—Come back and join us at 5:00pm for a light supper and Christmas Caroling! We will be going to our Homebound Members houses to spread some joy for Christmas. Any and all voices are invited to come sing with us!!

Brotherhood: We will hold our regular monthly meeting, tomorrow at 5:30pm in the Library. Please join us as we discuss our upcoming Christmas activities.

Advent Bible Study (last session) - THIS Wednesday, December 12th at 11:30am ONLY. Please bring a sandwich and join us as we wrap up our study on Adam Hamilton's, "Not a Silent Night."

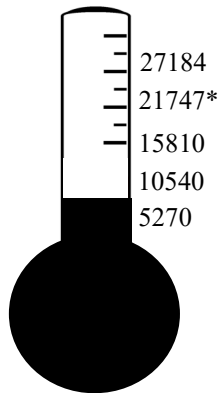
Kids Club/Youth:

THIS Saturday, December 15: Dress Rehearsal & Christmas Party—10:00am. Dress Rehearsal will begin at 10am. We will eat lunch, go see "The Grinch" at the movies, and end with an ice cream treat around 4pm. (*End time may vary depending on the actual start time of the movie*).
 Please make plans to join us for this very special day!
If questions, please see Jessica Spain or Stacy Helton.



Next Sunday:

- Today, **Traditional Treat Bags** will be delivered to Youth/Kids during Sunday School, Worship, and at the Christmas Pageant.
- **Children's Christmas Pageant**—5:00pm
- **Family Christmas Dinner**—6:00pm



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
December 02	12	139	46	197	50	\$ 5,545.00
December 09						
December 16						
December 23						
December 30						
TOTALS	12	139	46	197	50	\$ 5,545.00

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184*.

This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 11:45am—Coffee/Tea Fellowship in Office Foyer
- 11:45am—Christmas Pageant Practice
- 5:00pm—Snack Supper & Christmas Caroling to our Homebound

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 5:30pm—Brotherhood Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 5:15pm—Board of Property Meeting
- 6:30pm—Church Staff Christmas Party @ Catawba Country Club

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 11:30am—Adult Advent Bible Study (last session)
- 5:30pm—Personnel Board Meeting
- 7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 9:00am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.
- 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

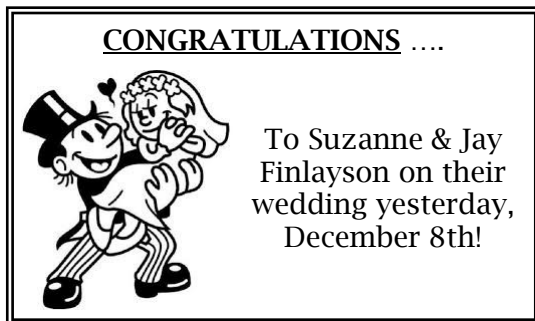
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00am—Bell Ringing (until 5pm)
- 10:00am—Children's Dress Rehearsal & Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 5:00pm—Children's Christmas Pageant
- 6:00pm—Supper



God forgives you all your sins. You are God's beloved, called to be saints.
Grace and peace to you!

Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated.)

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Marty Light, Organist

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE *(Responsively)*

Nathaniel & Eric Miseheimer, Ted & Becky Setzer

We light the Advent candles to celebrate the gifts of Christ given to us and to all the world. Last Sunday we lit the candle of hope. Today we light the candle of peace.

(Please light the candle of peace.)

As we light this candle, we celebrate the peace we are given in our minds and hearts through our faith in Christ. This peace of Christ is for all people and all nations of the world. We look forward to the promised day when nations will live together in peace, and when we learn not about war, but live in harmony with God and with one another.

Let us pray: *(Unison)*

Holy God, we long for the gift of peace for our world and we offer our support to those who struggle to make that happen. May we receive your peace in our hearts and seek to share it with others. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAISE RESPONSE

"Light One Candle"

Light one candle for peace, One bright candle for peace. He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

Tommy Simmons, Lay Reader

Holy God, your Word was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts and fill us with the mysteries of your love and peace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Tommy Simmons, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Miller & Jackson/arr by Ades
Soloists: Dawn Kilby, Kristi Conner, & Tera Rockett

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:8-20
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

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SERMON

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ORGAN MEDITATION

Marty Light, Organist

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #197 Blue Book

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

Invitation

Offertory

"Emmanuel—An Advent Prayer" by James Southbridge

***Doxology**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer**

***HYMN**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #184 Blue Book

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Guest Director

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** Variations on *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* by Witt/arr by Smith
Marty Light, Organist



THE FLOWERS on the altar are given in Love and in Honor of Hunter Jorgensen's 3rd birthday on December 23rd!
- Given by David, Gina, Austin, Megan & CJ



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-20

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!' ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolyte(s): Nate Misenheimer

Cross Bearer: Gina Setzer

Elder(s): Deb Hill & Dawn Kilby

Nursery Attendant: Sonya Starnes

Treasurer Assistant today:

Natalie Inman

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Jennifer Lingle

Lay Reader: Linda Hill

Treasurer Assistant: Dianne Propst

Flower Calendar: Don Patrick

Advent Readers: Natalie & Sydney Inman