

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits**

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Garland Whittaker  
Jerry Mallonee  
Andy Collins  
Check Mills  
Marjorie Reaves  
Virginia Brown  
Wanda Sue Ammerman

**HOMEBOUND**

Martha Sigmon  
Joyce Potts  
Peggy Wright  
Bobbie Whisenant

**IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**ABERNETHY LAURELS**

Joan Williamson—Room 240  
Mary Tuttle—Memory Care  
Peggy Hollis—Apt 219  
Joe Schell—Apt 205

**TRINITY RIDGE**

Odessa Whitmire—Room 807

**CAROLINA REHAB CENTER**

Peggy Miller—Room 110

**CV ASSISTED LIVING**

Mary Crump—Room 114

**ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:**

Homer Laube            Linda Hill  
Sarah Hoffman        Wally Davis  
Jo Ann Simmons       Vae Hamilton  
Diane Loftin           Paul & Lula Towery

\*Michael Webb (Kathleen Shuford's brother, having surgery on Dec. 21st on his right hand)

\*Larry Riffle (coworker of Amanda Houston, dealing with complications of COVID-19)

\*Mason Archer (18-yr old undergoing chemo for leukemia, hoping to have a bone marrow transplant)

\*Willow Caroll (6-mo old cousin of Kathleen Shuford, suffering from hyper-insulinism)

**THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

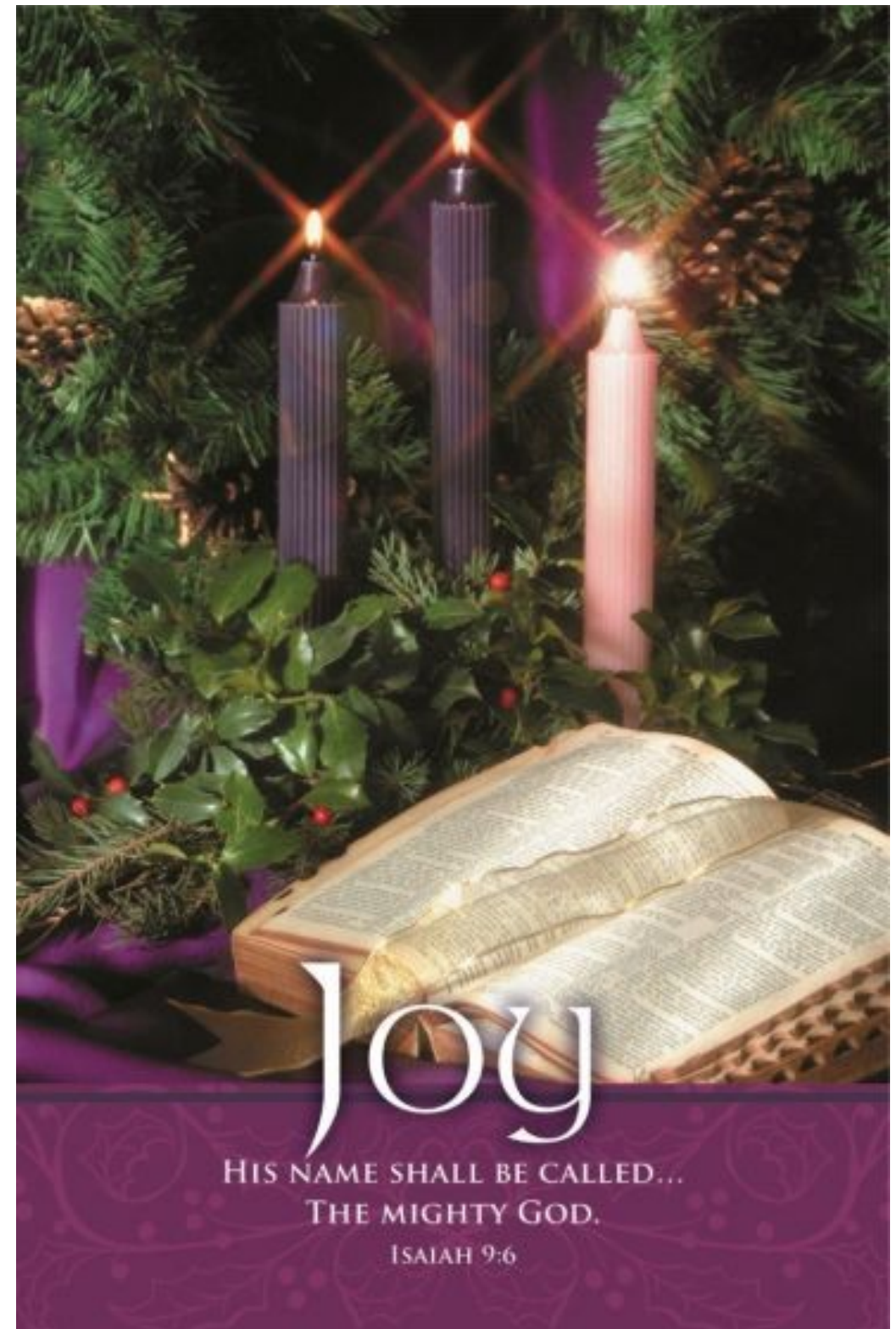
All Church Members, Ministers  
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor  
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader  
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs  
Marty Light, Organist  
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary  
Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

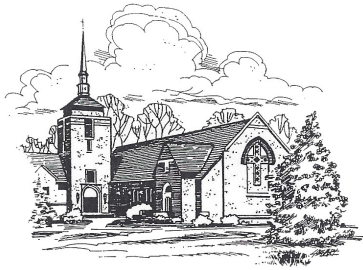
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*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2020—10:30 A.M.**

*\*Designates "Those who are able, please stand."*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**HYMN**

*"The First Noel"*

Choral Ensemble

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gloria Hill, Liturgist

The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight. Behold, he is coming! Rejoice greatly and shout in triumph—our King is coming, the righteous Savior, who shall speak peace to all the nations. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gloria Hill, Liturgist

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**PIANO INTROIT**

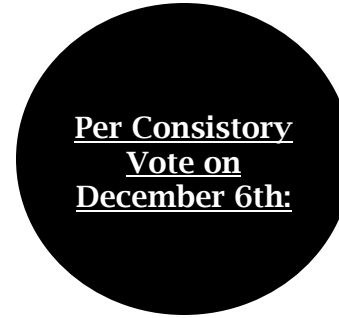
Marty Light (*recording*)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Merciful God, we confess the smallness of our love and the narrowness of our concern. These days we easily become preoccupied with statistics and case numbers. Opportunities to say thanks, to offer encouragement, and to remember each other in friendship often get forgotten. Our anxieties turn us inward toward ourselves and our anger often lashes out at others. Forgive us for neglecting the joy at the heart of this Advent season. Turn our hearts back to you, O Lord. Renew and strengthen us with your love made flesh in Jesus Christ, the One, who taught us to pray:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us***



**Per Consistory**  
**Vote on**  
**December 6th:**

**Next Sunday, December 20th** (AS A TRIAL), we will meet for Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. We will ALSO meet in the Sanctuary for **Christmas Eve Worship** on December 24th at 7:00pm.

The following weeks (**December 27th and January 3rd**), we will meet BACK IN THE LEC. After worship on January 3rd, the Consistory will meet again for discussion.

As a reminder, 90.5FM station will work in the parking lot on Sunday mornings as well as a video will be added to the church website and Facebook page. Stay Safe!

**Due to COVID-19, our annual CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS will be changed a bit this year.**

We will not have the poinsettia flowers at the church (due to space in the LEC), BUT we are giving you an opportunity to donate the poinsettia cost (\$10) in Honor or Memory of your loved ones.

*The money collected will go to Carolina Caring (Hospice).*

If interested, please return the enclosed form (with your money) TODAY by way of the offering plates or contact Tamara in the Church Office.

**The LAST day to make orders will be next Sunday, December 20th.**



**We need a few volunteers to help deliver Cheer Baskets to our Homebound Church Members.** We will meet at the church at 9:00am NEXT Saturday, December 19th and divide up the baskets. If you can help, please contact Ted or Becky Setzer (828-962-5626 or 828-962-5625) - or call the Church Office! (*Due to restrictions, we will not be delivering to Nursing Homes this year.*)



GOSPEL READING *Matthew 1:18-25* Rev. Peggy Stout  
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
*All praise to you, Christ our Lord!*

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Choral Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation Rev. Peggy Stout

Offertory

\*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.*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*HYMN "Joy to the World" Choral Ensemble

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

\*POSTLUDE Marty Light (*recording*)



THE FLOWER on the table today is given to the  
Glory of God and in Loving Honor of Raegen's  
9th Birthday on December 14th.  
- Given by Dawn Kilby



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 7:13-14*

<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and <sup>15</sup> will call him Immanuel.

\*GOSPEL READING *Matthew 1:18-25*

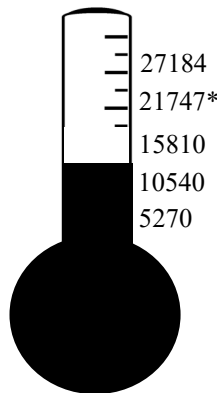
<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
*All praise to You, Christ our Lord!*

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Alicia Deal and Family in the loss of her father, William "Bill" Comby on November 24th. A private memorial service was held on November 29th at Catawba Memorial Gardens.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Dianne Propst and Family in the loss of her brother, Steve Weaver on December 1st. A graveside service was held on December 5th at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Elizabeth Jackson and Family in the loss of her grandmother, Lois Richey on December 7th. A graveside service was held on December 9th at Antioch Baptist Church in Taylorsville.



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
December 06	—	70	—	70	—	\$ 6,392.42
December 13						
December 20						
December 27						
<b>TOTALS</b>	—	70	—	70	—	\$ 6,392.42

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

## This Week

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)

10:30am—Radio Broadcast  
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00pm—Preschool Christmas Program (Virtual)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Cheer Basket Delivery

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

\*Poinsettia Donations are Due!

10:30am—Traditional Worship  
(in the Sanctuary)

10:30am—Radio Broadcast  
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

To all my Brothers and Sisters at Trinity, **THANK YOU** so much for all the cards, calls, prayers, and good wishes during the last few weeks. The hip replacement surgery went well and I am recovering quickly. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.  
- Jerry Mallonee

### REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Michael Lingle

Lay Reader: Cindy Abel

Advent Readers: Eric, Kristi & Jacob Conner

Flower Calendar: Dianne Propst

*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.*

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

Brenda Adams & Lawrence Warf

When Jesus was born, the angels said that his coming was good news of great joy for all people (Luke 2:10). When Christ comes into our lives, He brings the fullness of His joy. Isaiah the prophet said, “He anoints our hearts with the oil of gladness.” Because Christ has come to us and is coming again, we can live every day in the joy of the Lord. During the past two Sundays, we have lit the candles of hope and peace.

Today, we light the pink candle—the candle of JOY.

*(Please light the candle.)*

As the flame of the candle begins to burn, let the joy and wonder of the God-given child sing in our hearts and let our voices share the song of the angels—the song of heaven on earth.

Let us pray:

*Loving God, during this Advent season, draw our eyes toward the glow of a life that has depth and meaning through Christ. Draw our hearts into your larger love that is your way in the world. When we are discouraged by the brokenness around us, let your Spirit sing in our hearts and let your song of joy fill the world. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the One who is good news of great joy for all people. Amen.*

### PRAISE RESPONSE

“Away in a Manger” (vs 3)

Choral Ensemble

*Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask Thee to stay*

*Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.*

*Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,*

*And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.*

### LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader

Guide us, O God, that as your Word is read and proclaimed, that we may open our hearts to Christ Jesus, receive Him with joy, and serve Him faithfully. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:13-14

Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Tiny Child Will Come”

Choral Ensemble