

Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 02, 2022—10:30 A.M.**

**Denotes—Those who are able may stand.*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Bowers

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shuford Abernethy, Liturgist

On this first Sunday of the New Year, let us rejoice that God came into the world through Jesus Christ to bring light to a dark world. He is the source of our hope, which enables us to face the future unafraid. Come, let us worship Immanuel—God with us!

***HYMN**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#240 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Shuford Abernethy, Liturgist

O God, you spoke your Word and revealed your good news in Jesus Christ. Fill all creation with that Word again so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all people, we may become one living body—your incarnate presence on earth. Amen.

***ORGAN INTROIT**

Marty Light

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(Responsively)*

Kathy Alexander

God of heaven and earth, you see all things. You know the depths of our hearts better than we know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire and the depth of our failures when we fall short.

We ask, O God, for your mercy and forgiveness.

Create in us the grace of Christ toward those with whom we disagree, just as He extended to those who conspired against Him,

and forgive us for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness.

Guide us to be surprised by the clarity with which you show up to heal us and to cleanse us from guilt and shame. Lift our eyes from the problems of our lives to see ways you want to make us whole and use us to bless

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE

Cross Bearer: Joye Lane

Elder(s) of the Month:

Pat Bowers & Joye Lane

Nursery Attendant: Sonya Starnes

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Kathy Alexander

Lay Reader: Bruce Rockett

Flower Calendar: Kathleen Shuford

Flowers By Lester Lane

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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 Choir

Marty Light, Organist

Joe Hart, Financial Secretary

Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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one another.

We ask all these things in the name of Christ who taught us to pray:

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.

*PRAISE RESPONSE “Away in a Manger” (vs 3) #187 Blue Book
*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.*
(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Jennifer Lingle, Lay Reader
O Lord, our God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our will that we may desire your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:7-14* Jennifer Lingle, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” (Vocal Ensemble)
(Kathy Alexander, Kristi Conner, Luana Wright, & Tera Rockett)

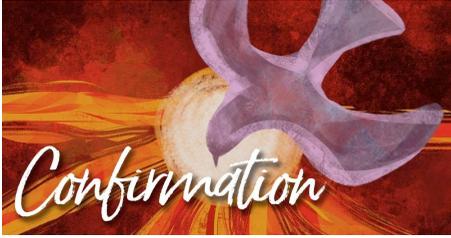
*GOSPEL READING *John 1:6-14* Kathy Alexander
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord.

MEDITATION Kathy Alexander

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” #172 Blue Book
(Congregation on verses 1 & 3—Solo on verse 2)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed) Jennifer Lingle
Let us confess the faith of our baptism:
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I


Our next **Youth Confirmation Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00pm in Rev. Peggy’s Office.
Other Meetings:
Sunday, January 16th—11:45am
Monday, January 17th—10:30am (Service Project)
Sunday, January 30th—11:45am.

The **Children’s School of Trinity** will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 5th at 9:00am!

Jayne & Shuford Abernethy and Deb Hill will restart a **Young Adult Sunday School Class** on Sunday, January 9th at 9:30am in the Parlor. *Before this date they would like to get input from people who may be interested in participating in this revived and re-imagined class.* Your feedback will be greatly appreciated. Send your comments and questions to ashs@embarqmail.com or contact Shuford Abernethy at 828-381-2978.

Communion, Installation of Deacons/Elders, and Consistory Meeting have ALL been postponed until Sunday, January 9th.

Singles:

Our next Singles Outing will be held on **Tuesday, January 11th**. We will meet at the church at 4:30pm and travel over to Harbor Inn (in Hickory) for dinner! If you would like to meet us there, please show up around 5:00pm.
“Here at Harbor Inn, seafood is our passion. Step inside and allow us to introduce you to our many seafood entrees.” **Average cost: \$15-\$20.**



The **Board of Christian Ed** will meet again on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00pm.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

This is what the LORD says: “Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, ‘LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.⁹ They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.¹⁰ “Hear the word of the LORD, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’¹¹ For the LORD will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more.¹³ Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.¹⁴ I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty,” declares the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING**

John 1:6-14

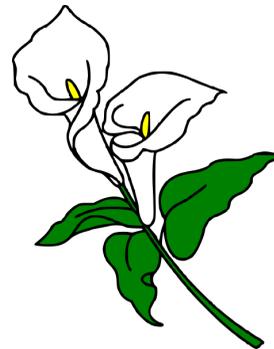
⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the back of the Sanctuary. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person’s home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

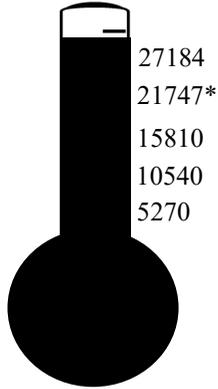
<p><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u> Eric Kanipe Jeanne Whitmire Sherry Eckard Jane Bartholomew Martha Sigmon Virginia Brown Marjorie Reaves Cal Harmon Peggy Wright</p>	<p><u>TRINITY VILLAGE</u> Sarah Hoffman (Room 809-A) Bobbie Whisenant (Room 210) <u>ASHEVILLE SPECIALTY HOSPITAL</u> Gene Hamilton (Room 416)</p>
<p><u>HOMEBOUND</u> Diane Loftin Lula Towery Wanda Sue Ammerman</p>	<p><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u> Bruce Deal Tim Setzer Paul Towery Donna Griffin Cox Randy & Clara Ortega Peggy Price—pancreatitis/hernia *Boyd Stout (Rev. Peggy’s brother) *Kilby Davis (cousin of Gina Setzer)</p>
<p><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u> <u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u> Joan Williamson (Room 240) Joe Schell (Apt 205) <u>CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn</u> Mary Crump (Room 114) <u>GATEWAY (Lenoir)</u> Pat Roark (Room 129—B Hall)</p>	



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the Family of Leslie Vaughn Bird who died on December 22. The family will have a celebration of life at a later date when he is buried in Medina, NY. Donations in his memory may be made to The Nature Conservancy—4245 North Fairfax Dr, Ste 100—Arlington, VA 22203-1606—(www.nature.org).

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Yvonne Propst & Family in the loss of her daughter, Jacqueline P. Robertson in Arizona. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Barbara Andrews and Family in the loss of her sister, Ruth “Elsie” Gergisch on December 23rd in Mesa, Arizona. *No services are scheduled at this time.*



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>			
	Attendance	Livestream	Envelope Giving
December 05	110	51	\$ 5,634.50
December 12	100	81	\$ 4,299.50
December 19	129	39	\$ 4,998.00
December 26	79	36	\$ 13,870.00
TOTALS	418	207	\$ 28,802.00

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

Christmas Eve Service (December 24)

Attendance: 104

Livestream: 53

TOTAL: 157

Offering for Christmas Fund: \$412.75



This Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Second Sunday after Christmas

- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 10:30am—Radio Broadcast (90.5FM—in the parking lot)
- 10:30am—YouTube LIVESTREAM

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Preschool **CLOSED**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Preschool **CLOSED**

6:00pm—Youth Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6—Epiphany

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9—The Baptism of Christ/Communion/Installation of Deacons & Elders

- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 10:30am—Radio Broadcast (90.5FM—in the parking lot)
- 10:30am—YouTube LIVESTREAM
- 11:30am—Consistory Meeting

believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

David Setzer

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

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

#659 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION

Pat Bowers

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Honor of my husband, Ted, and his brother, Ned, on their 84th Birthday. They are also given in Loving Honor of Rev. Peggy Stout's Birthday.

- Given by Becky Setzer

THANK YOU Trinity church members and also Rev. Peggy for the cards, calls, and prayers during my illness and hospital stay. Also, thank you to the Hugs & Stitches ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl. I appreciate all of your thoughtfulness.

- Bruce Deal