

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Garland Whittaker (home)

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Jerry Mallonee
Andy Collins
Check Mills
Marjorie Reaves
Virginia Brown
Sarah Hoffman
Wanda Sue Ammerman

HOMEBOUND

Paul & Lula Towery
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:

Vae Hamilton Wally Davis
Jo Ann Simmons Diane Loftin
David Eckard

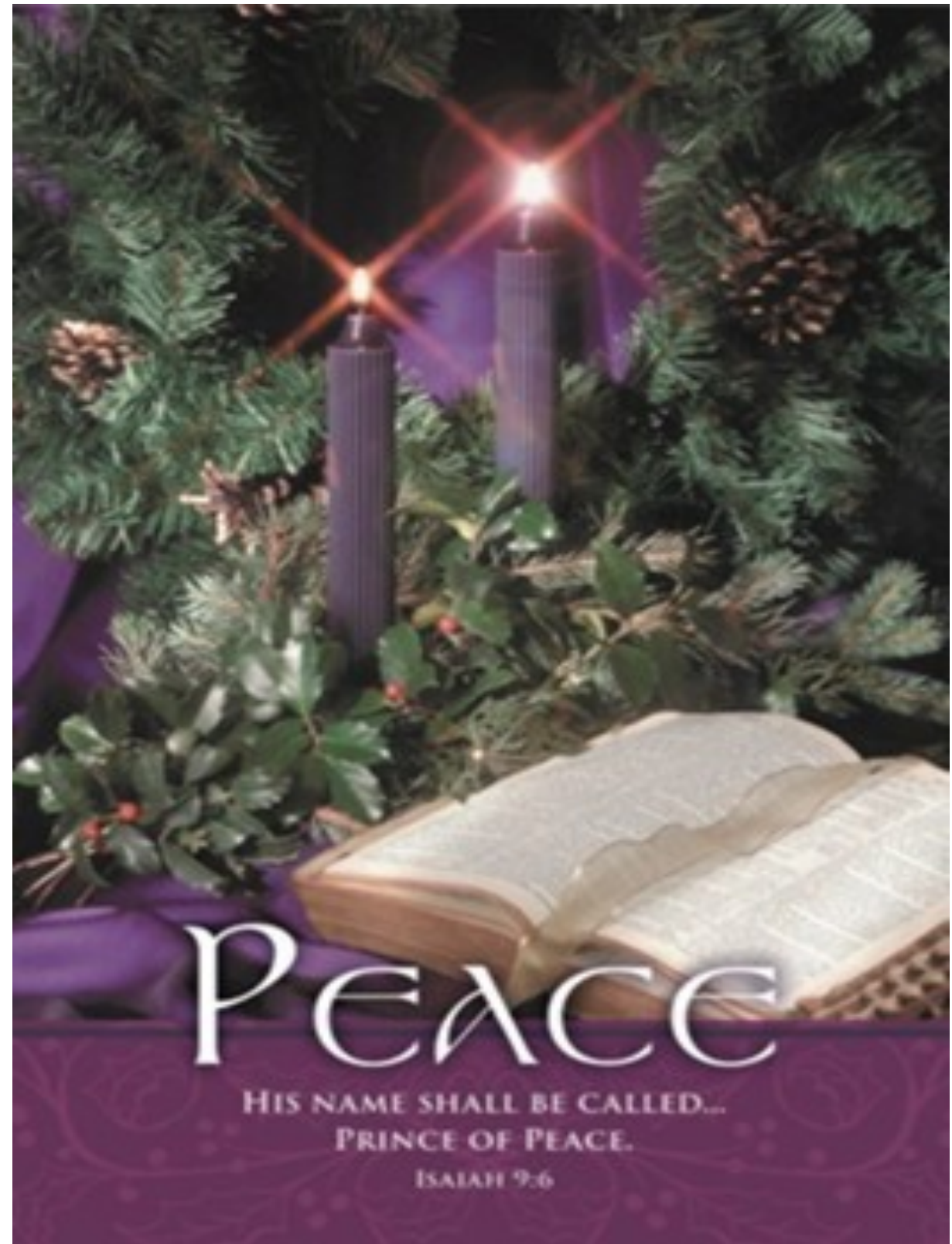
*Mason Archer (18-yr old undergoing
chemo for leukemia)
*Deborah Godfrey (friend of Terra West
& Kathleen Shuford)
*Willow Caroll (6 months old) family
friend of Kathleen Shuford battling
hyper-insulinism

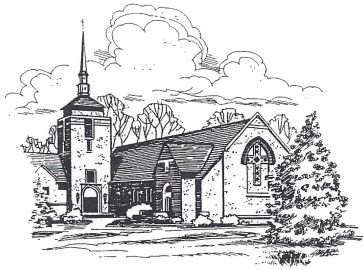
THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs
Marty Light, Organist
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Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2020—10:30 A.M.

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN “*Angels We Have Heard on High*” Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP Natalie Inman, Liturgist
 Advent declares that God has come to live among us and did so in the human flesh of Jesus Christ. Just so, God dwells with us for eternity: “I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.” (Revelation 21:3)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Natalie Inman, Liturgist
 God of hope and peace, may you find in us today a dwelling place prepared for Him, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit—Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout
 Holy and Merciful God, we, your children, are often in distress and sorrow—
may your Holy Spirit comfort us!
 We often make unwise choices and sin against You and one another—
Forgive us, O Lord!
 We sometimes do not feel your presence—
O Lord, let your face again shine on us.
 In this Advent season, O Lord,
Come to us and fill us with your peace and comfort. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



Becky Setzer is working on the **FLOWER CALENDAR** for 2021. If you would be interested in placing flowers in the church for Sunday Worship in 2021, please contact Becky at 828-962-5625 as soon as possible!

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 contact Tamara in the church office.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringers are needed to help on Saturday, December 12th from 9:00am until 8:00pm at the Wal-Mart in Conover. Please be on the look-out for a sign-up sheet at church or call Tamara in the church office if you can help!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday of Advent
 10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
 10:30am—Radio Broadcast
 (90.5FM—in the parking lot)
 10:30am—LIVE stream available on church Facebook and website
 11:30am—Consistory Meeting

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 5:2-5a & Isaiah 9:6-7*
Dr. Tom Hamilton, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

(please be seated)

HYMN “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*” Choral Ensemble

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Bethlehem Wind*” Choral Ensemble

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

GOSPEL READING *John 14:25-27* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

*POSTLUDE Marty Light (*recording*)

SERMON “The Christmas Gift of Peace” Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS *Micah 5:2-5a & Isaiah 9:6-7*
(*Micah 5:2-5a*)

PIANO INTERLUDE Marty Light (*recording*)

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace.....

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation Rev. Peggy Stout

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Communion

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen

(*Isaiah 9:6-7*)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counselor , Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN “*Angels From the Realms of Glory*” Choral Ensemble

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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.

*Prayer

***GOSPEL READING**

John 14:25-27

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

THE FLOWER on the altar today is given to the glory of God by
Jayne and Shuford Abernethy

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Gloria Hill
Lay Reader: Duane Alexander
Advent Readers: Brenda Adams and
Lawrence Warf
Flower Calendar: Dawn Kilby

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (based on Isaiah 40: 1-2) Rev. Peggy Stout
"Comfort, comfort my people says your God. Your sins are pardoned.
The penalty is paid. "Through the love of God and the blood of Christ,
we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Stacy and Jillian Helton

"The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord our righteous Savior." - Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace." When Jesus came into the world, he not only was the "peace giver", he called us as disciples to be peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

Today, we light the second candle—the candle of PEACE

We light this candle today to remind us that through Christ we can have peace with God and with one another.

(Please light the candle.)

Let us pray: (unison)

O Holy God, we respond to your promise of peace on earth by praying for the many places in our world that are torn apart by war, hatred, and violence. We join our voices with the generations that have gone before us, and pray that you will assist us in working toward your promised peace, for all people and all nations. Amen.

HYMN VERSE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Choral Ensemble

***O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel! Amen***

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Tom Hamilton, Lay Reader

Holy God, you are revealed to us in your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment. By your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts and fill us with the mysteries of your love and peace. Amen