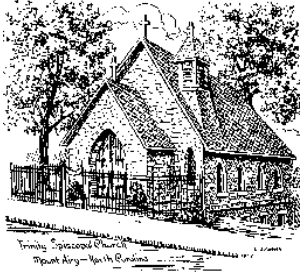


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Jessica Simandle, Deacon Intern**  
**Howard Ward, Organist**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Holy Eucharist & Annual Parish Meeting**  
**December 7, 2025**

*If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.*

*Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.*

*Kid's bags are in the narthex including a children's bulletin, crayons and other fun for the kids during church. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.*

**Prelude**

## Processional Hymn # 67

- 1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
    speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
    mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.
  
- 2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth  
    in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
    since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him  
and the hills bow down to greet him.
  
- 3 Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
    make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
    as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that the word is never broken.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: *Kyrie*

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #96*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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The Lord be with you.

***People*** And also with you.

***Celebrant*** Let us pray.

## The Collect

*(kneel or stand as you are able)*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.*

### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat  
straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's  
den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his  
dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** *Deus, iudicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.

- 7      In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon  
shall be no more.
- 18     Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19     And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

### **The Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles  
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in  
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power  
of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn # 66**

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.



3 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Annual Report**     The Very Rev. Sarah Carper Morris

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for Trinity, its people, ministries, and those who we serve.

For all those especially in our Theology Group, yearning to see God more clearly and to love Father, Son, and Holy Ghost with their whole hearts, minds, and strength so as to do God's will, we pray to you O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For those who come to our door for food, those volunteers who pack and distribute food, and those who pickup food from Second Harvest along with our parishioners who generously donate to our Staples ministry, grant that this ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For the many Episcopal Church Women that serve our church and our diocese, who also plan and prepare for our potlucks and receptions, we pray that you use our hands and our hearts to serve you and our communities. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For those dealing with the challenges of caregiving and those grieving the loss of their loved ones, we humbly ask for strength and comfort. We pray to continue to reflect on memories that bring us joy and remain grateful for the love we still hold dear. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

Lord, bless the music that the organist plays and that the choir sings that it might glorify your name. Let the music be a witness to your majesty and let it remind us that you are always there. May their music and songs be vessels of Your peace and draw us closer to You. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For Trinity Ultreya, The Cursillo ministry of the Diocese of North Carolina, and the Christian community it serves, we pray to you O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For our volunteers at Lyn's Medical Loan Closet that with your help O Lord they continue to be as patient and kind to those in need of a listener as much as need of medical equipment, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

O Lord, give the church facilities committee wisdom as we move forward in considering our church needs. Help us to always do your will, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For those who have no home, no place to lay their heads, we pray that they may find shelter, safety, and comfort. For those who work to provide assistance and shelter at the Warming Center. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for the gift of this past summer and the time we spent together in your word during our Backyard Bible Study. Thank You for the open homes, the warm evenings, and the fellowship we shared. We ask that the seeds of truth planted in our hearts during these weeks would take deep root and grow. Bless every person who attended and help us to live out what we have learned. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

Thank you, O Father, for those wanting to gain knowledge and insight to this world you have given us through studies in the book group. Help each one to gain strength in their faith by sharing and being together. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

We pray for our children, that they may hear your word and grow in faith, and that our teaching ministry will help them as they become members of your beloved community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

In our ministry of pastoral care, God, help us to not only see the needs of those around us, but help us take the time to reach out and share gifts of comfort through calls, or cards, or visits, or food, or transportation or any needed help. Help us to take care of each other. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

In our ministry to those adults with disabilities in our community, and those responsible for caring for them, God, let our art classes provide a safe and positive environment to socialize and be creative and have fun. Let them feel your love and presence in their lives. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

Help us to share your love and your joy with all who come here, dear Lord. For Trinity's participation in the annual Autumn Leaves Festival and giving us the opportunity to work together to open our church to the community so they can come in and feel your peace and presence. Thank you for 45 musicians who volunteered, for those who volunteer to park cars, and those who bake and sell. For the donations of over \$11,000 to use for your work. Thank you for these gifts and help us use them. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For our Vestry, treasurer, and clerk. For their time, wisdom, leadership gifts they bring. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For our youth, for those of our congregation and those who participate in our afternoon youth group. We give thanks for those who volunteer to work with them and mentor them and pray for their wisdom and patience. For all the youth to feel your love. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

For our faithful altar guild ministry, we pray that you accept and bless the work of this dedicated group in preparing the Eucharist. Grant us a spirit of reverence for your holy sanctuary. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who crochet, knit, and pray. Thank you for the tranquility of a prayer shawl; cover each shawl with peace clarity and love and bless those who receive them. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our chalice bearers, lectors, acolytes, and greeters who commit themselves to your service as Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight. We pray to you O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Father, we pray for every member of this church that you will guide us in our efforts to serve you. Help us follow you, dear Lord. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, Hear our prayer.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*People*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                                    And also with you.

## **Vote for Vestry Candidates**

**Treasurer - Bruce Strohl**

**Stewardship - David & Joanne Silvia**

## **Announcements**

## **Offertory**

### **Doxology #380 v.3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*Stand as you are able. The Celebrant faces the people and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus***

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #130*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*            *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

## **The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei***

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #164*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



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*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

**The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]**

**The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]**



## **Music During Communion # 341**

- 1 For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 As our blessed ones adore you,  
seated at our Father's board,  
may the Church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward,  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

## **Meditation after Communion** *Jesus Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me  
when you come in to your kingdom.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

## *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Junior Warden - Steve Delacoix**

**Senior Warden - Ann Vaughn**

**Thank you to Ann Vaughn and Mike Wilson for  
serving on the Vestry**

**Announcement of new Vestry members**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant* Life is short, and we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with  
us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And  
the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and  
who travels with us, be with you now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Processional Hymn # 68

- 1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation!  
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 See that your lamps are burning,  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting,  
the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory,  
the Bridegroom is at hand!
- 3 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

***People***

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Postlude**

## PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

<b>Immediate Needs:</b>	Cynthia Light	Henrietta Williams
Gene	Libby Lovill	Dakota Wood
Riva	Kitty Martin	Lucy Wood
Diana Adelizzi	Kenneth Matthews	Rusty York
Teresa Auld	Cheryl Menezes	<i>Western NC</i>
Bromage Family	Johnny & Phyllis	<b>Long Term Needs:</b>
Jane Carper	Meredith	Linda Carroll
Jim Causer	Robert Morris	Ann Cochrane
Heath Church	Bill Nichol	John Derrick
Ken Collins	Angie Nolfo	Paul Derrick
Clarence & Rosie Derrick	Diane Prichard	Steve Hines
Vi Endter	Gail Reeves	Carrie Krahn
Carolyn Flippen	Erika Rowe	Barbara McGatlin
Mila Rain Floyd	Stephanie Serika	Rev. Bill Pendleton
Nancy Follett	Angela Shur	Lorene Ramsey
Harman Gilbert	Sid Spencer, Sr.	Phyllis Rose
Greg Goad	Bruce Springthorpe	Candace Sammons
Jennifer Green	Matthew Stevens	Mac Sammons
Ray Hanna	Jackie Thornhill	Kris Saunders
James (Pete) Haynes	Dave & Kathy Town	Denny Shelton
Bowen Horton	The Tucker Family	Jeanette Staples
Phyllis Frye James	Kelli Vincen	Betty Town
Kyle Jones	Joe Waddell	Vicky Town
Gus Lewis	Brent Wall	John Townsend

## TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch,  
Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble,  
Robert Poole

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Ministry  
Wake Forest/Salem/Winston-Salem State/ UNC School of the Arts  
Episcopal Campus Ministry

## BIRTHDAYS

December 12<sup>th</sup> Denny Shelton & Joanne Silvia

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Dr. Tom Harrill by Pam Harrill and family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pledge Update:** in 2025 we had 62 pledges representing \$216,000. To cover our anticipated expenses in 2026 we need pledges totaling \$232,000. To date we have received 26 pledges representing \$95,000 or 41% of our goal. Please consider returning your pledge card as soon as possible. If you are enclosing a check with your pledge card, please specify if it is to be applied to your 2025 or 2026 pledge.

Anyone interested in serving on the **Altar Guild** may contact Margie Martin or Pam Dickenson.

We need volunteers for the **Warming Center**. Trinity will provide volunteers for Wednesday and Sunday nights that we are open. We need two people to bring a meal for approximately 10 people and 2 people to check guests in. Please let Sarah know if you can help.

**The Caregiver/ Grief Support Group** will break for the holidays and resume meeting on Wednesday, January 7th at 3 PM.

### **Interest Meeting for Anyone Interested in Youth Mentorship**

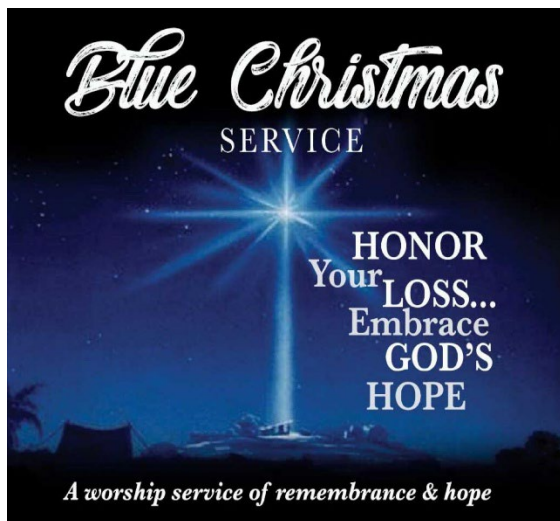
We will hold an interest meeting for anyone interested in youth mentorship on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Trinity. The Trinity youth program is partnering with Reeves Community Center and Surry Friends of Youth to form small group mentoring groups of 2-5 kids of similar age and same gender with one or two adult mentors. This is a huge need in our community and an opportunity we are very excited about. Frequency, time, date and type of activity is very flexible and will be determined by the mentors, so possibilities are endless. If you are blessed with patience (most of the time, lol) and believe in the good buried in every child and can be consistent and committed, PLEASE join us or reach out to Kellan at [rapunzelofthehighcountry@gmail.com](mailto:rapunzelofthehighcountry@gmail.com) or 336-401-0890. Other times and dates for interest meetings to follow.

**Please check the Parish Hall for your dishes.** We have accumulated quite a lot in the kitchen. If they aren't picked up, they will be donated.

**Sunday School for Children and the Young Adult Group** meet each week at 9:30 a.m.

**Staples** is now collecting men's and women's socks to include in their December bags.

The **Trinity Webpage** is a guide to all things Trinity, including weekly service bulletins, monthly calendars of events, and service opportunities. Find it at [trinitymtairy.com](http://trinitymtairy.com)



**Blue Christmas-** Christmas is not a joyful time for everyone. The shouts of “Merry Christmas” can sound shallow, and even painful when a person has lost a loved one, heard a bad diagnosis, become unemployed, become divorced or any other painful life event. Trying to remember the importance and impact of Jesus’ birth can be hard, very hard. That is not God’s intent. So, we take time to acknowledge God’s involvement in our lives during these hard times. In a simple service we acknowledge the pain and remember the hope. The service will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Episcopal Church, 472 N. Main Street Mount Airy, N.C.

# Upcoming Events

- Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> our choir will join First Presbyterian Church of Pilot Mountain to sing **Handel's *Messiah*** at 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary. Please come show your support for Trinity's choir and enjoy this beautiful music.
- Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> **Blue Christmas Service**
- Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve services** will be held on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend!
- Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> one combined service of **Lessons and Carols** at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual **Christmas Pageant** during 10:30 worship. Let us know if you are interested in participating.





### **MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
	LECTOR	Jessica Simandle
	CHALICE BEARER	Mike Wilson
	GREETER	Pat Sanderson
	ACOLYTE	Mike Wilson

### **MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE**

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Brenda Goings	LECTOR	Ann Vaughn
Lucinda & Jesse	CHALICE BEARER	Brenda & David
Margie & Martha	GREETERS	Gloria & Larry
Ann Vaughn	ALTAR GUILD	Pat Gallagher
Steve Delacroix	VESTRY	Brenda Goings
Wyatt Fallin	ACOLYTE	David Silvia

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (one service) Annual Parish Meeting Potluck Lunch
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	1:00 p.m.	Art Class
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Young Adult
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	2:00 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> at First Presbyterian Church in Pilot Mountain

### **TRINITY VESTRY**

Jane Ciano, Steve Delacroix, Brenda Goings,  
Pam Smith, Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson

*No matter where you come from or where you're going  
No matter what you believe or what you doubt  
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today  
No matter whom you love  
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God  
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows  
your mind, and...  
Who wants to have a relationship with you*