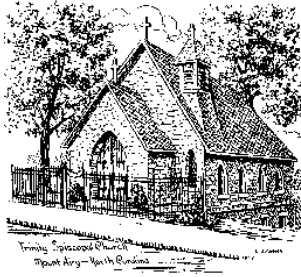


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**Jessica Simandle, Deacon Intern**  
**Howard Ward, Organist**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 14, 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 # 56

- 1 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!*

- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

- 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain*

- 4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Refrain*

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Refrain*

*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.

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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

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

This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff continues the melody from the first system. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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

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

This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff continues the melody. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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

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

This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff continues the melody. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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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)*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even  
fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 146:4-9** *Lauda, anima mea*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for  
their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that  
is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## **The Second Lesson: James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*People*      The Word of the Lord.  
                  Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn # 76

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.



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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

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.

## **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.

*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

Celebrant     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*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

## **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.



*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body,  
one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world  
in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus  
Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the  
Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and  
worship, from generation to generation. *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

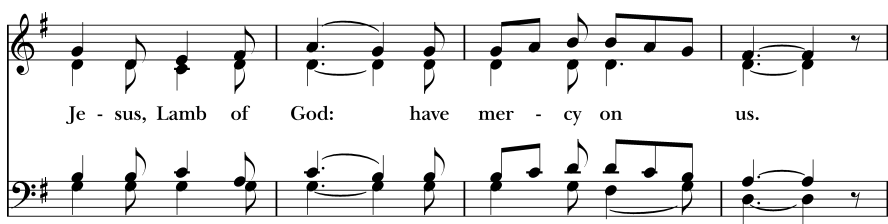
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

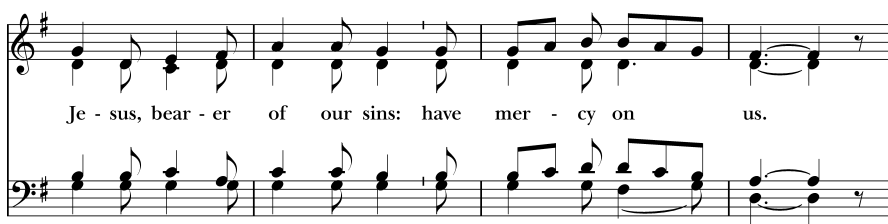
## The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #164*



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

This block contains the first line of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." are written below the treble staff.



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

This block contains the second line of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has four measures of music, and the second system has four measures. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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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 # 304**

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

## **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.

### **Advent Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## Processional Hymn # 57

- 1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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

## 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 The Episcopal Church

**BIRTHDAYS**  
December 14<sup>th</sup> Sylvie Morrison, 14<sup>th</sup> Emma Fallin,  
19<sup>th</sup> Bill Noble, 20<sup>th</sup> Wendy Tatman

**FLOWERS**  
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of all who volunteer or have supported Staples this past year. Your participation has made this a successful ministry, and you are appreciated by Pat Sanderson

**ROSE ON THE ALTAR**  
The rose on the altar is given in congratulations to Anna & Rob Coly on the birth of their daughters, Winnie Holly Coly on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today during the Sunday School hour, Mark Donnell will lead all children, young adults and Sunday School teachers. We will have a Hanukkah celebration with traditional latkes, stories and games. Please join us!*

**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 42 pledges representing \$180,000 or 78% 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.

**Theology Group-**In our effort to hear God's word and practice it, we struggle to balance the virtues of justice and mercy. One seems to undo the other. Does our Christian faith move us more toward justice or mercy and does it instruct us on how to reconcile the two? *Please join Trinity's Theology Group as we examine the roles of justice and mercy in our faith and daily lives, Thursday, December 18th at 5:30 pm. Supper will be served.*

**Christmas Assistance:** We have been asked to assist a family with help for their three children for Christmas. The following list has been given for sizes:

- Female Youth is a size 3 in jeans and small in leggings and sweatpants, medium shirts, size 8 shoes
- Male Youth is allowed xl in joggers (no cuffed bottoms) and a size 42 pants/jeans, 2x shirts, size 11 shoes
- Male Youth is xl jogging pants and 2x shirts, size 13 shoes

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.

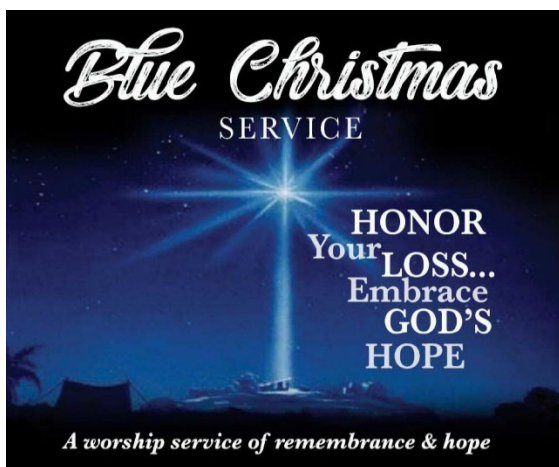
**The Caregiver/ Grief Support Group** will break for the holidays and resume meeting on Wednesday, January 7th at 3 PM.

**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

- This afternoon 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 at 6:00 p.m.**
- 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

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Jessica Simandle	LECTOR	Pat Sanderson
Mike Wilson	CHALICE BEARER	Jessica Simandle
Pat Sanderson	GREETER	Benny Combs
Mike Wilson	ACOLYTE	Jessica Simandle

### MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Ann Vaughn	LECTOR	Margie Martin
Brenda & David	CHALICE BEARER	Wendy & Roxann
Gloria & Larry	GREETERS	Pat & Morris
Pat Gallagher	ALTAR GUILD	Jill & Cindy
Brenda Goings	VESTRY	Pam Smith
David Silvia	ACOLYTE	Roxann Moore

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 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
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
	5:30 p.m.	Theology Group
	6:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Young Adult
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

### 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*