

The Worship of God

December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

J.S. Bach

As the prelude begins, let us prepare silently for worship.

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)

Concerns and Celebrations

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:30 - Dick & Cynthia Wilson

11:00 - John & Margaret Causey

One: We live in Hope. As we light the Candle of Hope, we remember,

All: God will judge the nations and bring instruction to all from Zion.

We live in confidence of God's Hope – Immanuel, that is “God With Us.”

+Choral Introit

O Prince of Hope, Hope of God

Randy Warner/James Murray

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship* - Year A)

You set before us the way of goodness and beckon us to follow you, but we disregard your teachings and disobey your word. You call people of every land to dwell in harmony, but we sow division and harvest discord. You command us to craft tools that sustain life, but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy. Forgive us, Lord. Your creation yearns for wholeness; your people long for justice and peace. Keep us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways as we wait in hope for the light of the world. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

**The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #581

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Lord! What a Morning

arr. Bert Carlson

**The Doxology*

(Sung response printed on back of Anthem Insert)

*Prayer of Dedication

The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Joyce Winkler

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

8:30 Duet

An Invitation for Advent

Ruth Elaine Schram

Wayne Tillman, tenor; Gail Thomas, soprano

+Anthem

Comfort, Comfort O My People

arr. Hal Hopson

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

“When Will It Be?”

Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Page 35 of Hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response

Advent Blessing

Noel E. Trof

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand

+ 11:00 Worship Service only

Calendar for the Week

Sunday 12/1

8:30am

Early Worship – 1st Sunday of Advent

9:45am

Sunday School

11:00am

Worship – 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00pm

Songfest 2019

Mon 12/2

5:30pm

Deacons Meeting

7:30pm

Joint Officers Meeting

Wed 12/4

10:00am

PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thurs 12/5

6:00pm

Handbells

7:00pm

Chancel Choir

Fri 12/6

2-6pm

Faithful First Friday at St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunday 12/8

8:30am

Early Worship – 2nd Sunday of Advent- Food Pantry Collection

9:45am

Sunday School

11:00am

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Festival of Lessons and Carols

Copies of the weekly 11:00 Worship Service are available on CD in the Narthex and Video Podcast will be downloaded to church website (www.shallottechurch.org) by Tuesday morning as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend

Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 46; 11:00a.m. – 115

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of Worship. Our prayer is that all will be blessed as we worship together. Visitors, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter as you leave worship. Thank you.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **Margaret & John Causey** to the **Glory of God** in loving honor of **our Shallotte Presbyterian Church family. God bless you.**

Advent Devotionals "Straw for the Manger" are available on the bench in the Narthex.

Thanks to everyone who took a Gift Tag from the **BFA's Tree of Hope** in our Narthex. Unwrapped gifts are due back **TODAY**.

The **2020 Flower Calendar** has been posted in the hallway. Please sign up for your special Sunday. Remember to fill out a request form and leave it on the Secretary's desk in the Church office.

Faithful First Friday – December 6 at St. Luke Lutheran Church on Hwy 17. Their sanctuary will be open from 2-6pm for self-directed prayers. Join us if you can, please pray wherever you are on the first Friday of each month.

Prayer Concerns: Tim Bartlett, John Buechner, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Betty Coggins, Larry Cook, Pat Dobbins, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Ann Long, Jerry McCann, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Mary Sanderford, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson and Bob Williams.



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Rev. John Causey, Minister causevoib@atmc.net

Robin Fort, Music Director

Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder

Dr. Les & Dr. Christy Morgan, Missionaries home from Bangladesh

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