

## The Worship of God

December 15, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

### Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude

*Prelude of Christ's Birth*

*arr. Wyrzten*

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

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)

Concerns and Celebrations + Reception of New Members

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:30 – Paul & Sandy Marlow

11:00 – Bob & Nancy Gorman

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

All: **“the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion.” Everlasting Joy shall be upon our heads.**

+Choral Introit

*O Prince of Hope, Hope of God*

James Murray

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #107

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

\*Call to Confession

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

**Advent God, You enter into our weary world to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry, to establish equity throughout the earth. Yet, like perplexed prophets and doubting disciples, we scarcely believe that you can right the world. We see suffering and sorrow and sin and wonder if creation is beyond repair. But you hold out healing, wholeness, and hope. You promise to drive out despair and free us from debilitating fear. Broaden our imaginations, that we might conceive of communities where all people thrive and embody your vision of shalom. Expand our hearts, that we might see the extraordinary in our midst and embrace the everlasting joy you bring. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

\**The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #581

### The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Christmas Medley*

Glory to God

\**The Doxology*

(Sung response printed on back of Anthem Insert)

\*Prayer of Dedication

*Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 27; 11:00a.m. – 151*

## The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Joyce Winkler

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

+Anthem

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Hal Hopson

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

**“The Prison of Waiting”**

Rev. John Causey

### Response to the Word

Reception of New Members by Reaffirmation of Faith – 8:30

+\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### Sending

\*Hymn #106

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

\*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response

*Advent Blessing*

Noel E. Trof

Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand

+ 11:00 Worship Service only

*We welcome New Members today. Jim & Peggy Benton join by Reaffirmation of Faith. Doris Williams joins by transfer from First Presbyterian in Narrows, VA. The Bentons live in Brick Landing and Doris lives in Rourk Woods.*

### Calendar for the Week

Sunday 12/15 8:30am Early Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

Mon 12/16 6:30pm Session Meeting

Thurs 12/19 6:00pm Handbells

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri 12/20 11:30am S.O.S. Group Gathering at Jerome's in Shallotte

Sunday 12/22 8:30am Early Worship – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering

*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](http://www.shallottechurch.org)) by Tuesday morning as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend*

## 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 white poinsettias** are given by **Presbyterian Women** to the **Glory of God** in honor of **John & Margaret Causey**. **The red poinsettias** are given by members of the **SPC Congregation** for the **Glory of God** and in special recognition of **loved ones**. Last Sunday's insert of donors' names can be found in the Narthex.

Thanks to Janie King who is filling in for Randy Warner this morning. Janie and all of our other Choir members blessed us with last Sunday's Special Music.

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.

Please pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes on the table in the Narthex.

**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](mailto: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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