

The Worship of God

December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude

Love Has Come

arr. Howard Helvey

Janie King and Randy Warner, piano duet

(See Hymn #110)

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 – Joyce Winkler

11:00 – Mike & Deb Claxton

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

All: “A young woman shall bear a child and His name shall be Immanuel, God with us.”

+Choral Introit

O Prince of Love, Love of God

Randy Warner/James Murray

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Call to Confession

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

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! You call us each by name and invite us to follow you. But we - like sheep - do not heed your voice; we stray from your path. Now we call upon your name. Save us from all that ensnares our lives! Restore us, O God! Let your face shine, that we may be saved. You come among us to enfold us with love. As we await the babe of Bethlehem, give us the steadfast faith of Joseph and the expectant hope of Mary, that we, too, may come in wonder to worship the newborn king. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Pardon

**The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #581

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and *Christmas Joy Offering*

Offertory

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

arr. Paul Manz

**The Doxology* (Sung response printed on back of Anthem Insert) VENI EMMAUEL

*Prayer of Dedication

Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. –50; 11:00a.m. – 105

The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Joyce Winkler

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

+Anthem

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMAUEL

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

“**Surprise Gift**”

Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response

Advent Blessing

Noel E. Trof

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand

+ 11:00 Worship Service only

We welcome Bruce & Carolyn Voorheis as they join our Congregation by Certificate of Transfer from the Trinity PC in Charlotte. The Voorheises live in Sunset Ridge.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday 12/22	8:30am	Early Worship –4 th Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship – 4 th Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering
Tues 12/24	5:00pm	Candlelight Worship Service (Office Closed 12/24, 12/25 & 12/26)
Wed 12/25		Christmas
Sunday 12/29	8:30am	Early Worship –New Church Development Offering
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship – New Church Development Offering
	Noon	Reception for John & Margaret Causey

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

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.

Special Offering Envelopes for the **Christmas Joy Offering**, are in the pew racks.

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.

Our **Christian Sympathy** to Judy McCann on the death of her husband Rev. Jerry McCann on Dec. 10. Jerry's funeral will be at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Greensboro on Dec. 28.

Reminder: 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, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Mary Sanderford, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson and Bob Williams.

Rev. John Causey, Minister causeyoib@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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