

Trinity Church
December 24, 2017
Family Worship 10:30 a.m.

Church Life

The Advent Wreath "Peace" Brass Band

Choral Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Chancel Choir

***Opening Praise & Worship**

"O Come All Ye Faithful" pg. 145, vs 1,2,3
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" pg. 133, vs 1,2,3

Connections "Silent Night" pg. 147, vs 1

Morning Prayer Dr. Marc Putnam

Welcome Liz Doebler

If you are seated on or near an aisle, please take out the red attendance register, sign it, and pass it on. Children 3yr. – 3rd grade leave for KidZone

Offertory "O Holy Night"
Wanda Sears, Liz Doebler

Doxology

Anthem "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" Chancel Choir
arr. by John Rutter. Bryan Buck, Soloist

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:29-55

Apostles Creed

Sermon "Celebrate" Dr. Marc Putnam

***Closing Worship** "Joy to the World" pg. 125 vs.1-4

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Mengfei Xu

***Congregation stands**

If you are visiting with us today, please pick up a Visitors Packet at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for being a part of our service! Please join us again.

Welcome to Trinity Church!

Today's Greeters:

Bill & Shirley Everage
Vernon & Norma Swofford

Announcements:

Join us this evening for coffee, rolls, song and candle lighting when we gather for our **Love Feast** in the Moravian tradition on **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th from 5:30-6:30 pm.**

Remember to pick up your Christmas cards from the **box in the atrium.** You can find cards addressed to you in alphabetical order by last name.

Join us for a **Worship at 10:30 am on Sunday, December 31st.** There will be no early service or Sunday School. All Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th.

Mark your calendars - **Sunday, December 31st at 5:30 pm** is our **New Year's Eve Service.** This is a special time to stop and thank God for all His blessings of the past year and commit the coming year into His hands.

During the months of December & January, our Wednesday night prayer meeting will be moved up an hour to 5:30 pm.

In this season of remembering the blessings of God, we want to remember those around the world who have so little to eat. **We ask each family to pick up an Advent Box** in the Atrium and fill it with change during the holiday season, then return it after Christmas. This money will be used to kick off our Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon on February 27th. Please return your boxes by January 7th.

We're taking a break. **There will be no 8:30 services on Sunday morning for the months of January and February.** We hope to resume the service on March 11, 2018 when daylight savings time returns with the longer days and warmer temperatures.

Calling all middle and high school students. Trinity youth are joining Kallam Grove and Mt. Bethel Covenant churches for a **youth retreat January 19-21** to be held at **Camp Caraway** near Asheboro. Contact Pastor Marc or Beth Snyder for details.

From December through March, Greensboro Urban Ministry works with several congregational partners to offer additional shelter beds during the winter. The **Weaver Extension (WE) Program** provides shelter for men and women experiencing homelessness. This year Trinity Church is helping West Market Street United Methodist with their WE Shelter. If you are interested in volunteering as an overnight assistant, or to cook and serve a meal, please contact Greg Tripp.

The Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study will not meet this week. **Please join us on January 3rd at 7:30 am** and start your day off with a blessing. Bible Study is held in the library for an hour of fellowship, a morning devotion, and close with prayer. Every Wednesday from 7:30am-8:30am. All men are welcome!

Are you ready to go and serve in Nicaragua for a week and make a difference? We will leave for Nicaragua on June 13, 2018 and return on June 21, 2018 serving for a week in Esteli with Alberto and Minerva Leiva. The total cost for the whole trip which includes airfare, hotels, all meals and transportation is \$1,400/pp. If you are interested, please text Kumar Lakhavani at 202-257-5509 or send him an email at Lakhavanink@aol.com.

Financial Update, As of December 21st

Budget Goal: \$154,959.00
Received: \$133,568.75
Balance needed: \$ 21,390.25

Remember there are many ways to support Trinity Church financially. Along with dropping your check or cash in the Sunday offering plate, you may mail your check to the church office, visit the church website and click on the "Donation" tab, or use your bank's online bill pay system to set up a recurring donation. In addition, Trinity now has a brokerage account which is set up to receive donations of securities. Call Sue Bailey in the finance office for more information.



Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried;
He descended into hades;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting. - Amen***



What's Happening

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve - No early service
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Family Worship
1:00 p.m. Slavic Church
5:30 p.m. Love Feast – Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27th

5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday, December 28th

8:30 am "Last" Thursday" Breakfast at Oakcrest

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1:00 p.m. Slavic Church
5:30 p.m. New Years Eve Service

**The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 1st
in observance of New Years.*

Nursery Workers today: Donna and Gracie Battaille
Nursery January 7th: Carole Gibson, Carmen Cox

Lectionary December 24th
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46-55;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 26-38

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"Reaching and Teaching the Next Generation"



FOR UNTO US
a child IS BORN

HE WILL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,
Mighty God,
EVERLASTING FATHER,
Prince of Peace.

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