

*Trinity Church*  
*December 3, 2017*  
*Family Worship 10:30 a.m.*

Church Life

The Advent Wreath Trinity Preschool

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

\*Opening Praise & Worship

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" pg. 124, vs 1-2

Preschool Music Presentation

Connections "O, Come Let Us Adore Him" pg. 82 vs. 1, 4

Morning Prayer Dr. Marc Putnam

Welcome Dr. 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. – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade leave for KidZone*

Offertory "Quasi Adagio" Mengfei Xu  
arr. by Louis Vierne

Doxology

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:8-20

Sermon "The Story of the Shepherds" Steve Ellis

Communion

Anthem "Away In A Manger" Chancel Choir  
arr. by John Rutter

\*Closing Worship "The First Noel" pg. 136 vs.1,6

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Mengfei Xu  
arr. by Craig Phillips

**\*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:

Melody Hudnall, Annabelle Cunane  
Mike Lumley, Jan Stoneman

### Announcements:

As today is **Communion Sunday**, the baskets are available for those who would like to give to the **Benevolent Fund**. Please indicate on the memo line of your check or on the envelope it is for the Benevolent Fund.

**Bring your appetite following worship today** and join us for a **covered dish lunch in the CLC**. Hope to see you at this time of fellowship!

Today, **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we have the **William Mangum Honor Cards available at Trinity Church for \$5 each**. 100% of your \$5 donation goes directly to help the homeless and hungry at Greensboro Urban Ministry.

**Mary Martha Fellowship** – make sure to meet at Trinity tomorrow, **Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**, to carpool to the home of Joyce McDowell. We will have devotions, fill Christmas Stockings for the homebound, and enjoy delicious Christmas goodies! Be sure to join us!

Parents – it's the return of our Parent's Night Out! **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm** we will have pizza, crafts, games and a movie for your children while you do some Christmas shopping.

**Children's Christmas Pageant!** Rehearsal for the children's Christmas pageant will be during parents night out on December 9<sup>th</sup>, then the children will perform during the worship service on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. It will be spectacular – make sure you attend the 10:30 worship!

Ready to go caroling? **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm we will go Christmas Caroling** to our Homebound, followed by Cookies and Hot Cocoa at church upon return. We would love to have children join us! We need 4-5 groups with at least 5 people in each group as we have many homebound to cover. Let's make this a special time for them to enjoy! Sign up today!

Save the date! On **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, the preschool will be having a **book fair at Barnes & Noble in Friendly Center!** We will receive 10-15% of sales all day if shoppers say they are supporting Trinity Preschool. More details to come, but make your Christmas list for books and games and save your shopping for December 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Do you want to be a Choir Angel?** The choir has been working diligently to prepare John Rutter's music for the Lessons and Carols event, scheduled for Sunday, December 17 at 5:30 pm. We have hired a professional string quartet to accompany the choir, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we don't quite have the music budget to cover the fees (\$1000 total). We are reaching out to the congregation to ask for any "choir angels" to give donations towards this fee. Please write a check to Trinity Church with "Christmas Music 2017" on the memo line and submit to either Liz Doebler or Sue Bailey. Any assistance is greatly appreciated!

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

**Golden Heirs** – Plan to join us on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** in the MPR. This will be a fun and festive fellowship with pizza, salad and games! Bring a desert we can all sample and enjoy! Sign-up sheets are at both entrances!

In this season of remembering the blessings 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 in February.

Come listen and be blessed on **Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** for our **Choir Christmas Cantata "Joy to the World"**. Don't miss this special time to meditate on Christ's birth through uplifting music.

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

We need five couples to serve the **Love Feast on Christmas Eve**. Please consider helping with this holy service. Contact Madeline Bradley at 336.286.8676 or via email at madeline@bradleydata.com if you will be willing to serve.

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.

Start your Wednesday morning with a blessing at the **Men's Bible Study** – Join us in the library for an hour of fellowship, a morning devotion, and close with prayer. It's a great way to get your day going! **Every Wednesday morning from 7:30am-8:30am**. All men are welcome!

### Lectinary December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

# What's Happening

## Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Reading Class
- 9:15 a.m. Sonshine/Fellowship Class
- 9:15 a.m. Good Medicine Class
- 9:30 a.m. Family Focus Class
- 10:30 a.m. Family Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Slavic Church
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

## Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Mary Martha Fellowship Christmas Party

## Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Fitness at A.C.T.

## Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. College Bible Study

## Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Fitness at A.C.T.
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 106 in CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 104 in Room 10
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

## Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 p.m. Parents Night Out in CLC

## Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. Ignite Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Reading Class
- 9:15 a.m. Sonshine/Fellowship Class
- 9:15 a.m. Good Medicine Class
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**Nursery Workers today: Sheila Brady, Andorina Zac-Williams**  
**Nursery December 10<sup>th</sup>: Virginia McMath, Donna Van Eerden**

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