



partnered in Christ with FUENTE DE VIDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Guatemala

December 5, 2021 - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Second Sunday in Advent
Communion**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the path. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,...” Luke 3: 4b-5a

Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland *J.S. Bach*

Introit 85 Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah, vs. 2

Advent Candle Litany

Leader: As the Lord has promised, in days to come,
the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**People: the calf and the lion and the fatling
will lie down together,
and a little child shall lead them.**

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

People: Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord, darkness surrounds us like a cold stone tomb, until your light bursts into our lives like a clear, bright dawn. We cover our eyes, we're so unprepared for your coming. Your light blazes forth like a white-hot fire, consuming all that it touches. How can we stand before you, Lord? The road that we thought was straight and wide is now exposed as a twisted, crooked path, blocked by a mountain of sin. Where can we turn? Who will guide us back to the way of peace—the way that leads to you? Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response 103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace, vs. 2

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Offering & Blessing of the Gifts

Old Testament

Malachi 3: 1-4

Anthem

Bring Us Hope

Ruth Elaine Schram

New Testament

Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon

"Getting Ready for Change"

Mark Stanley

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

A Brief Statement of Faith, sections 2 & 5

Hymn 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- Invitation to the Table
- The Prayer of Thanksgiving
- The Words of Institution
- Communion of the People

Hymn 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn

J.S. Bach



Worship Notes: The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from "Ministry Matters" by Bill Hoppe

LITURGIST: Donna Crawford

PROJECTIONIST: Russ Russell

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury

Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.

Music Director/Organist: Stephen Klein

Soloists: Frank Burzio, Katie Cilluffo,

Eric McAnallen, Beth Pensiero

TRINITY TEAM

Caretaker: Jim Kisner

Treasurer: Tom Karvonen

Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers

Bookkeepers: Lynne Meluch & Fitz Sthreshley
...plus other volunteers like you!

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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**TODAY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
& COMMUNION**

8:30 IN PERSON WORSHIP

9:45 Issues & Concerns

11:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP

3:00 Campfire Songs & Stories

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

2:00 PW Coordinating Team

4:00 Tai chi

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:00 Zoom: PW of Guatemala

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ

7:00 Wednesday Night Live:

Christmas On-Stage!

THURSDAY - HVAC TUNE-UP

11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines"

1:30 AA Ladies

2:00 PW Advent Gathering

"Meditations & Music"

2:00 Spanish Tutorial

4:00 Finance Ministry Meeting

4:00 Tai chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY - HVAC TUNE-UP

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

8:30 IN PERSON WORSHIP

9:45 Issues & Concerns

11:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project

Weekly Calendar: Dec 5 - Dec 12

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Rehabilitation/Nursing:

Nancy Underwood (The Bridge); Nell Payne; Carol Garnett (Molly's mother-in-law), Ron Hoverson (The Lodge at Mills River) **Hospital:** Margaret Stanley Pyle (Mark Stanley's mother)

Home: Jim Luzadder, Margaret Pile (Mark Stanley's mother); Brenda Jarrett & Irene Lunsford (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Denny Moss (Steve Kuykendoll's friend); Chip & Dana Williams (Angela Kuykendoll's brother and sister-in-law) Brad Dienst, Sara Noegel, Anne Fennell, Cindi Sthresley, Pat Dienst, John Kostlevy; Shannon Slater; Barbara Pickwood; Dave Gilbert; Bill Payne; Jack Presseau; Barbara Garrison; Ginny Vallar; Ben Moore; Dan Green; Alice McCullough; Barbara Nichols; Dave Morrison; Bud Weeks; Evans Thibodeau; Jeremy (Sandra Dwork's grandson); Jeffrey Presseau; Mary Louise Forsythe's sister, Evelyn; Jim Smelker's sister, Linda Leach; Irma Baldwin; Don Cunningham (Sarah Thibodeau's brother). Please remember mission coworkers and our Guatemalan partner church, Fuente de Vida.

"FINDING SANCTUARY IN THE MIDST OF ALZHEIMER'S": TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 9:45.

The Christian Nurture Ministry begins a special two-week class that will explore experiences, concerns, and resources around supporting those with memory loss. How does our faith inform caregiving in our own lives and in our church? What support is needed? What do dementia caregivers want congregations to know and understand?

BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS: WOW, WHAT A RESPONSE!

Thank you to the many of you who claimed Christmas wishes for young people of the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families. If you haven't already brought in your gifts, you have until Sunday, December 12, to drop them off in the church office (remember, no gift wrapping is required). Thank you!

SPONSOR OUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS! We are updating our poinsettia procedure this year. If you would like to donate towards the poinsettia fund to honor/memorialize a loved one in the bulletin, please sign up on the Trinity website under "Get Involved" Sign-ups or just click the big red "Sign-up" button at the top.

GOD IN OUR MIDST: ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

Thanks to all our talented authors for your contributions to our annual Advent Devotional Guide. Print copies are now available on the blue-covered table in the Narthex; you can also find a digital version (with color photos!) on the Trinity website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

Campfire Songs & Stories: TODAY, Dec. 5, 3:00–5:00 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to the Trinity campfire circle for Christmas carols, stories, and hot chocolate. Please bring lawn chairs, blankets or sleeping bags, and mugs for cocoa! (Rain date, Dec. 12.)

Wednesday Night Live: Christmas on Stage, Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m. Join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday evening, December 8, at 7:00 for "Christmas on Stage," as some of the talented members and friends of Trinity church share their gifts with us. We've got a great lineup of poets, storytellers, musicians, and masters of multimedia—don't miss it!

Longest Night Service: Wednesday, Dec. 15, 5:00 p.m. A worship service for the season that acknowledges the reality of loss and grief amid all the Christmas cheer.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Friday, Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. Our annual traditional service of warmth and light as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

THE MITTEN TREE is up, courtesy of Bud & Sandy Weeks, and ready to accept all sorts of cozy decorations. Please adorn her with all things snuggly to make this Christmas season a little warmer for those in need. (Please keep in mind, we need warm goods for children of all ages, sizes, and fashion preferences!)