



partnered in Christ with FUENTE DE VIDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Guatemala

December 12, 2021 - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

"The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more."

—Zephaniah 3:15

Prelude

Pastorale

Domenico Scarlatti

Introit 85

Light Three Candles to Watch for Messiah, vs. 3

Advent Candle Litany

Ron and Barbara Howard (8:30); Marty Zigovsky (11:00)

As the Lord has promised, in days to come:
The wilderness and the day land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

**like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, Your servant John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He warned people of the wrath that was coming; he showed them who they were, and taught them how to live. Help us to see ourselves as we truly are; teach us how to live; fit us for the days to come, as we prepare to welcome the One who baptizes with Holy Spirit and fire. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response 103, v.3

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Old Testament Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Anthem

Every Valley

John Ness Beck

A Moment for Children

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:7–18

Sermon

“Ax, Fork, and Flame”

Dwight Christenbury

Hymn 354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Affirmation of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*, inclusive language version)

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering & Blessing of the Gifts

Hymn 144

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Antioch

Alfred Fedak

LITURGISTS: 8:30 - Ron Howard
11:00 - Nancy Williard

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 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 IN PERSON WORSHIP

9:45 Issues & Concerns

11:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP

12:30 Matthew 25 Task Force

12:30 New Deacons & Elders Training

3:00 Campfire Songs & Stories

5:00 ManKind Project

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

1:00 Rebekah Circle

4:00 Tai chi

5:30 Zoom: Local Missions Ministry

6:30 Zoom: Session Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

3:30 Deacons' Meeting

4:00 Global Missions Ministry

5:00 Remembrance Vigil

for Gun Violence Victims (historic
couthouse)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ

5:00 WORSHIP SERVICE "THE LONGEST NIGHT"

THURSDAY

11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines"

1:30 AA Ladies

2:00 Spanish Tutorial

4:00 Tai chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

8:30 IN PERSON WORSHIP

9:45 Issues & Concerns

10:30 Special Session Meeting
with Prospective New Members

11:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP

2:00 Rev. Becky Stanley Retirement
Party (Mills River)

Weekly Calendar: Dec 12 - 19

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) **Home:** Jim Luzadder, Margaret Stanley Pyle (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, 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.

UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

Campfire Songs & Stories: TODAY, Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m. All are invited to the Trinity campfire circle for Christmas carols, stories, hot chocolate or cider, and sweet treats! (To get to the campfire circle, keep to the right as you enter the church parking lot and follow the drive around back; there's plenty of parking near the campfire area.)

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. This will be a service of Lessons & Carols, and we'd love to have a variety faces and voices reading Scripture passages; if you'd like to take part, please see or call Dwight Christenbury.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS (Jan - Mar) have arrived and are available in the Narthex. Please share within your household so others may use as well.

BECKY STANLEY'S RETIREMENT PARTY! All are invited! After 35 years of Ordained Ministry, Becky Stanley is retiring... at least for the first time! Please come and join us for a celebration of her ministry and her most recent work with the Etowah Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec. 19th, from 2-5 pm at the home of Tom and Karen Phillips. Their address is: 5 Mallard Circle, Mills River, NC 28759 Hope to see you there!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN TRINITY? We receive new members on the third Sunday of each month. The Session (our governing body) meets at 10:30 in The Trinity Room, just off the Atrium on 3rd Sundays. Let Mark or Dwight know that you are coming, or just drop in. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you as a member!

"FINDING SANCTUARY IN THE MIDST OF ALZHEIMER'S": CONCLUDES TODAY, DEC. 12, AT 9:45. The Christian Nurture Ministry concludes a special two-week class that has explored 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?

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION VIGIL Please join the local Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense group at 5:00 on Tuesday, December 14th in front of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street. It will observe 9 years since the shooting in Newtown CT. See Bob Miles for more information. (203) 974-2488

FISH of Henderson County seeks volunteers to drive people to medical appointments and to make calls/arrangements to match up those in need with rides. Questions or to sign up, please call Dick Belanger 828-697-2135 or talk to Myrl Jean Hughes for informal details.

BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME Thank you for making Christmas extra special for children in need. We'll deliver gifts soon, so please drop off your (unwrapped) gifts to the church ASAP. Thanks!