

Love. Everything leans toward Love.

From the greatest ruler to the tiniest baby, God's love changes everything.

Shine a candle in the darkness, breathe new love into our lives.

Wind Your blessed peace around us till the day when Christ arrives.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, You love us and in You we put our hope. We are certain that You are refuge, shelter, fortress and stronghold against which darkness cannot penetrate.

But we struggle with the certainty of Your love and power. We falter in our ability to share Your love with one another...we allow resentment, jealousy, and hurt to close our hearts.

Create in us a pure heart, O God and renew a faithful spirit within us, we pray.

Congregational Response No. 574 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*
(Silence for personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response to Grace No. 577** *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 7:10-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

(Following the Children's Message, child care is provided for children of pre-school age up through first grade. Older children remaining in worship may get a Children's Bulletin from the Ushers.)

Anthem

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Joseph Dearest

Pastor Dees

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 57** The Snow Lay on the Ground *Venite adoremus*

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen."

THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE
have been given to the glory of God
by Guy and Charlie Oliver in celebration of
their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary.

Assisting In Worship Today
Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister
Richard Hart.....Minister
John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music
Edward Neeman.....Pianist
Miranda Cross.....Lay Reader
Brian and Renae Preyna.....Advent Candles
Andrew, David, C.J., Matthew
David Armond.....Usher Team
Noelle Collins, Lisa Pearce
Billy Ryan
Don Thieme.....Greeters
Lyle McGhin, Annie McGhin
Connor Bickers.....Acolyte

TRINITY ELDERS

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Linda Brown	Kim Dudley	Jeff Bickers
Margaret Bruch	Cathy Hoover	Frank Kilgard
Patsi Peacock	Don Thieme	Marcie Swank
Sherry Stranahan	Bob Wakefield	Brooke Webb
	Kelly Wicks	Bryan Wright

OUR TRINITY STAFF
Dr. Richard Hart.....Pastor
Rev. Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Pastor
Mrs. Andrea Micklon.....Director of Children Ministries
Mr. John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music
Dr. Edward Neeman.....Pianist
Mr. Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Chancel Handbells
Mr. Bryan Wright.....Administrative Assistant
Miss Kendra Beasley, Miss Makinsey Rosser.....Choir Interns
Mr. Zackary Serrott

Advent Christian Village Church Christmas Musical
Dowling Park, Florida, **Sunday, December 18, 2016**, 3:00 p.m.
Those who wish to attend may sign up and carpool together.
Meet at trinity at 1:00 p.m.
Contact Linda Brown for more information.

Christmas Caroling 2016
Join the fun and bring Christmas cheer to others during our annual Christmas Caroling outing this evening, Sunday, **December 18, 2016**. We will meet at Trinity at 5:00 p.m. and ride together on the church bus and van. In addition to visiting a few homes of church members, we will also go to Fellowship Home and Heritage House. Frank Kilgard has agreed to accompany the group on his violin. Bring the whole family and help us spread the joy of the season.
In the event of rain, we will carol indoors at two assisted living centers.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor
Boy Scout Troop 454 invites the congregation to an Eagle Court of Honor to recognize Nick Towne for achieving this highest rank in scouting. Nick's Eagle project was rebuilding the backstop on our ball field. The Court of Honor will be held at Trinity in the Sanctuary on Monday evening, **December 19, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the ceremony .

Journaling in Color & Christmas Cookies
Tuesday, **December 20th** we will gather in the room next to the Youth Room at 6:00pm for a little journaling and some yummy cookies & cider. If you've never joined us before but are curious please come and get creative in this Advent season.

Christmas Day Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Please plan to join us for an informal service of Carols and the Christmas Story. Everyone will have a chance to be a part of our Instant Christmas Pageant either as a character in the story, a spectator or part of the heavenly choir. As everyone enters Christmas morning there will be parts to choose from as well as simple costumes as we share the beloved story from Luke's Gospel. Another part of the service will include your participation as well as you help us select what Christmas carols we will sing that day. There will be no Sunday school and no Chancel choir in the loft so bring your family and worship with us Christmas Day.

Message from the Finance Committee of Flint River Presbytery
Many retirement accounts (IRA's etc.) require that you take a "minimum distribution" each year after you turn 70½. However, if you don't need the extra income, we hope you might consider a charitable donation to your church or to Flint River Presbytery, since there are many mission projects of our Presbytery that are in need of an extra financial boost. The deduction for your charitable contribution offsets the additional income taxes you would otherwise pay.

A Message From Your Finance Committee
As the end of the year approaches, please note well: For contributions to be credited in the 2016 tax year, they **must be received by Thursday, December 29, 2016**. These monies must be deposited in the Church's account prior to the last day of the year to be claimed as a 2016 donation. Year end contributions over and above one's pledge benefit the church and provide an additional tax benefit to the donor. Please consider your church if you are considering additional charitable contributions this year.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory "Comfort Ye" from *The Messiah* George F. Handel
John-Alan Gourdine - Tenor

***Doxology No. 593** *Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Choral Dismissal** Come, Lord Jesus Anna L. Page

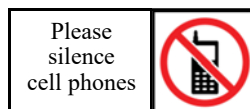
***Recessional Hymn No. 1** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Stuttgart*

***Benediction**

***Passing The Peace of Christ**

***Postlude** Improvisation Edward Neeman

*All who are able may stand.



Upcoming Events		
Sunday Dec 18	1:00 p.m.	Meet at Trinity to Carpool to Dowling Park for Advent Christian Village Church Christmas Musical
Sunday Dec 18	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling
Monday Dec 19	7:00 p.m.	Eagle Court of Honor for Nick Towne
Tuesday Dec 20	10 a.m. - 8p.m.	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Tuesday Dec 20	6:00 p.m.	Bible Journaling in Color & Cookies
Wednesday Dec 21		No WNS or Choir Practice
Friday Dec 23		Church Office Closed
Saturday Dec 24	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion Service

FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.

Members & Regular Participants

Mae Baker
Marvin Bruch
Jansom Butts
Courtney & Josh Geidel
Barbara Sanders
Brooke Webb
Janet Wright

Relatives

Eric Aiken, grandson of Barbara Aiken
Reed Armond, brother of David Armond
Tim Bruch, son of Margaret Bruch
Steve & Twila Capps, cousins of Lynn Kilgard
Ben Chunn, grandfather of Brooke Webb
Jerry Dibble, uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt
Violet Dupras, mother of Bill Dupras
Ruth Duss, mother of Sherry Stranahan
Beth Anne Ellzey, cousin of Anghaarad Dees
Scott Ferguson, brother-in-law of Kathy Roe
Jeff Gore, son of Jane Gore
Diane Haines, mother of Leonard Mittelstadt
Dave Hart, uncle of Richard Hart
Doris Humphreys, grandmother of Alexa Singer
Melanie Jones, niece of Jackie Wright
James & Johnnie Kinchen, parents of Jackie Wright
John Luketie, cousin of Sherry Stranahan
Greg Majewski, brother-in-law of Zane Dees
Kim Radabaugh, sister-in-law of Bob Radabaugh
Herb Reinhard II, father of Herb Reinhard III
Jenny Roe, niece of Kathy Roe
Bonnie Schmidt, mother of Lisa Pearce
John & Gwen Seanor, grandparents of Paul Guilbeau
Laurie Teague, mother of Anghaarad Teague Dees
Gina Trulock, sister-in-law of Chris Roan
Davi Watkins, sister of Barbara Aiken

Friends (contact person)

Les Bass (Zane Dees)
Melvin Benjamin (Chance Bickers)
Connie Benson (Jim & Marie Hill)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
Sharon Coleman (Mili Collins)
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Sherrard Ashley (Leonard Mittelstadt)
June Denney (Richard Hart)
Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)
Courtney Fleming (Brooke Webb)
John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Susan Hancock (Winnie Dooly)

Cil Herndon (Catherine Loveday)
London Herring (Richard Hart)
Ernst Klaus (Kathy Roe)
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)
Madison Lay (Chris Roan)
Alex & Lydia Mai (Alexa Singer)
Hank & Tana Majeski (Kelly Wicks)
Rick McCall (Brian Greene)
David Moorer (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
Ashton Morgan (Catherine Loveday)
Richard Olphie (Billy Ryan)
Marilyn Onan (Janet Wright)
Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)
Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)
Doug Pool (Suzanne Lee)
Les Preston (Matthew Hart)
Rachael Prodanovic (Janet Wright)
Minnie Quartey (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
Sean Richardson (Mary Beckett)
Julie Seccord (David Johnson)
Amy Slaven, Leah & Ava (Melissa Mittelstadt)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Nancy Vernon (Chris Roan)
Robby Walker (David Armond)
Nick Whilse (Kathy Roe)
Dale Willingham (Lyle McGhin)
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Woods (Linda Brown)
Phyllis Woody (Kathy Roe)
Lettrice Zellars-Little (Andrea Micklon)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Bob and Candy Wakefield
Heather
Jeremy and Lisa Ware
Justin, Preslie, and Levi

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries
Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan,
Victims of hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters
Refugees fleeing oppression and countries that are offering those refugees shelter and aid. Victims of terrorism within our borders, and around the world.

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to
the family and friends of
Terry Paynter,
who died recently,
relative of the Radabaughs.

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Mission Statement

As Believers, we will worship God by . . . Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.

As Disciples, we will follow God by . . . Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.

As Stewards, we will honor God by . . . Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The acolyte in today's worship brings the light of Christ into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. At the end of worship, as we are called into service in our church, across our city, and beyond, the light of Christ leads us out into the world.

Silent Meditation:

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let Your face shine, that we may be saved.
~ Psalm 80:19

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Love Theme" from Polonaise No. 1 Franz Liszt

The Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit Rejoice! *Veni Emmanuel*

***Processional Hymn No. 20** Watchman, Tell Us of the Night *Aberystwyth*

***Call to Worship**

Circle us Lord with the light of Your presence, bright within this dark world,
Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation,
Enable us to become that which You would desire,
Circle us with the light of Your presence and love us all.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come again and with us ever dwell.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Love. Everything begins with Love.
From the beginning of creation to the end of time, God's love colors everything.

Love. Everything continues with Love.
From strangers across oceans to neighbors next door, God's love dwells in everything.

Love. Everything ends with Love.
From the most challenging struggle to the most wondrous delight, God's love flows through everything. *(continued over)*