

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, You sent Jesus into a world where children are at risk; where innocents suffer and their parents weep for them. When we forget that You, our Savior came into this world to a poor family, have mercy upon us. When we forget that You, O Christ were once a refugee family, have mercy upon us. When we forget that You, Emmanuel were part of an immigrant family have mercy upon us. Help us to open our hearts and yes to rebuild and restore relationships and strive to do the painstaking work of the Kingdom of God. Forgive us, O God and lead us to recognize Your Holy Child in the places of greatest need.**

**Congregational Response No. 565** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*  
(Silence for personal prayer)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Response to Grace No. 567** *Gloria Patri*  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Gospel Lesson** – Matthew 2:13-23

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** See amid the Winter’s Snow Timothy Shaw

**New Testament Lesson** – Hebrews 2:10-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** To Be Called Children of God Pastor Dees

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 53** What Child is This *Greensleeves*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** - from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE**  
have been given to the glory of God,  
by Bryan and Jackie Wright,  
in celebration of our related family, now all Southerners,  
and our wonderful and loving Trinity Church family.

**Assisting In Worship Today**  
Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister  
John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music  
Malia Springfield.....Guest Pianist  
Bill Wicks.....Lay Reader  
Guy Oliver.....Usher Team  
Roberta Boyd, Charlie Oliver  
John Roan, Ann Smith  
Kim Dudley.....Greeters  
Benjamin Dudley, Ebb Dudley  
Christal Dudley.....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

**“De-Greening of the Church”**  
The Worship Committee requests as many folks as are able to remain after worship today, **January 1, 2017**, to remove the decorations from the Sanctuary.

**New Flower Chart for 2017**  
The flower chart for 2017 is now available in the atrium. You are invited to sign-up for the Sunday you wish to provide flowers in the sanctuary for our Worship Service. The cost is \$48.00, payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**  
For Wednesday, **January 4, 2017**  
5:30 p.m. – KOW for Children or Music with Makinsey Rosser  
5:45 p.m. – Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
6:15 p.m. – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a prayer of thanksgiving in the Atrium  
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Bible Study  
SMASH for Youth  
Supper will be provided by the Dupras/Wright Cooking Team. The menu will include chili. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.  
**The charge for the meal will be as follows:**  
**\$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school), with a \$12.00 Maximum per family.**  
**Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.**

**You're Invited to the Olivers’**  
Charlie and Guy Oliver invite the congregation to their home for their New Year Reception on **Saturday, January 7, 2017**, from 2 to 5 p.m. Their address is 112 Sunnymead, or call Charlie or Guy at 229-247-1893 for directions.

**Service of Ordination and Installation**  
Our newly elected ruling elders will be ordained and installed by the Session on **Sunday, January 8, 2017**, during worship at 11:00 a.m. Please make every effort to be present and support those who have been called to serve our congregation in this important office.

**Belhar Confession Banner Dedication**  
With the addition of another document to our PCUSA Book of Confessions, a new banner has been commissioned, designed, and constructed by our own Trinity members. The banner will be dedicated on **Sunday, January 8, 2017**, during worship at 11:00 a.m. This will initiate a series of sermons by the Pastors focusing on the Belhar Confession. Special thanks to Barbara Aiken, Roberta Boyd, and Chris Roan, for designing and making the banner. We intend to submit the design to the PCUSA Office of Worship for use by other congregations who might like to make the banner. Trinity will retain the rights to the design, but give permission for its use.

**Stated Session Meeting**  
The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 8**, at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Hart, Pastor Dees, or Bryan Wright if you cannot attend.

**YOUTH YARD SALE**  
The yard sale is back and we need your stuff! The Yard Sale which benefits our youth & children summer trips is scheduled for February 4, 2017. We can start accepting items here at the church on **December 26th!** Please bring your items and place them in the Noah’s Ark room. And if you are willing to volunteer to help with the sale let Pastor Anghaarad know!

**\*Doxology** *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God

**It is right that we give our thanks and praise.**

**The Distribution of the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Choral Dismissal** We take the love of God Emma Lou Diemer

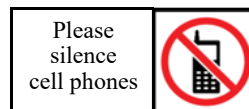
**\*Recessional Hymn No. 40** Joy to the World! Antioch

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing The Peace of Christ**

**\*Postlude**

\*All who are able may stand.



**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*  
 Hannah Capece, *granddaughter of Jane Gore*  
 Steve & Twila Capps, *cousins of Lynn Kilgard*  
 Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*  
 Alan Davis, *husband of Paran Barrett Davis*  
 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)**

**Scott Aley** (Sherry Stranahan)  
 Sherrard Ashley (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
 Les Bass (Zane Dees)  
 Melvin Benjamin (Chance Bickers)  
 Connie Benson (Jim & Marie Hill)  
 Sharon Coleman (Mili Collins)  
 Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)  
 Betty Davis (Marcie Swank)  
 June Denney (Richard Hart)  
 Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)  
 Courtney Fleming (Brooke Webb)  
 John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)  
 Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)  
 Susan Hancock (Winnie Dooly)  
 Harry Haverkamp (Candy Wakefield)  
 Cil Herndon (Catherine Loveday)  
 London Herring (Richard Hart)  
 Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)  
 Alex & Lydia Mai (Alexa Singer)  
 Hank & Tana Majeski (Kelly Wicks)

Rick McCall (Brian Greene)  
**Nancy Miles** (Marcie Swank)  
 David Moorer (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)  
 Ashton Morgan (Catherine Loveday)  
 Jeff Newbern (Glennie Wicks)  
 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)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Woods (Linda Brown)  
 Phyllis Woody (Kathy Roe)  
 Lettrice Zellars-Little (Andrea Micklon)

**Long Term Prayer List**

**Members**  
 Margaret Bruch

**Relatives**

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*  
 Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*  
 James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*  
 Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*  
 Edna McElroy, *sister-in law of Martha Bennett*  
 J. W. Oorlog, *father of Linda Reinhard*  
 Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*  
 Rachael Speck, *niece of Beverly Peters*  
 Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*  
 Mary Ellen Tyre, *aunt of Nita Cross*  
 Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

**Friends**

Rachele Davis (Charlie Oliver)  
 Bobby Dugger (Richard Hart)  
 Barbara Ehrhardt (Jane Gore)  
 Ann Embry (Margie Vollenweider)  
 Mary Marshall (Margaret Bruch)

**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**

Glennie Wicks  
 Lorrie Wicks

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**Our Military Personnel**

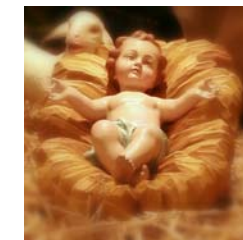
Missionaries

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.

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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**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*1 January 2017*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Silent Meditation:**

He said, "Without question these are my people, children who would never betray me." So He became their Savior. In all their troubles, He was troubled, too. He didn't send someone else to help them. He did it Himself, in person. Out of His own love and pity He redeemed them. He rescued them and carried them along for a long, long time. ~ Isaiah 63:8-9 *The Message*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**The Lighting of the Candles**

**Choral Introit** Sing and Rejoice Emma Lou Diemer

**\*Processional Hymn No. 23** Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria

**\*Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

**Everything that has breath praise the Creator!**

Praise God, all you messengers! Even the sun and moon, praise God!

**All of you bright stars, praise the Lord!**

And you animals-wild or tame- and you creatures that creep and fly.

**Praise the Lord!**

Young ones, old ones, princes and rulers, all together do the same.

**Praise the Lord! Let everything that has breath worship our Creator together!**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

We gather in the Light that was before, is now, and ever will be.

**We seek the Light's ancient wisdom.**

We gather in the Light that is God's continuing gift.

**We live into the Light's new wisdom.**

We gather in the Light that is our own, emerging anew each day.

**We seek to share this wisdom, nurtured in the Light from Bethlehem's cradle.**

**Upcoming Events**

|                               |                   |                             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday Jan 1                  | Noon              | "De-greening" of the Church |
| Monday Jan 2                  |                   | Church Office Closed        |
| Monday Jan 2                  |                   | Food Pantry Closed          |
| Monday Jan 2 - Thursday Jan 5 |                   | Montreat College Conference |
| Wednesday Jan 4               |                   | Wednesday Night Activities  |
| Thursday Jan 5                | 11:00 a.m.        | Bible Study                 |
| Friday Jan 6                  | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | MOPS                        |
| Saturday Jan 7                | 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  | Olivers' New Year Reception |