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"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."  
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

### For Those with Cancer:

Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark; Robert Holbrook; Kamy (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister)

### Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams; Elizabeth White; Nancy Toney; Terry Goodman; Jean Hendrick; Haylee White; Karen West; Ruben Allman

### Non-Specific Prayers for:

The Polly family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Beth & John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore & family; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; June Pendergrass; John Wheeley; Louise Wright; Joyce Ann Harver; Irene Black

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.

### Hanging of the Greens

We need to get the sanctuary and the church ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will be doing this today beginning at 3:00 pm. The more people we have to help, the quicker it will go.

### Cross Country Banquet

The meal for the Cross Country Team has been set for Monday, November 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. If you would still like to help with this meal, please contact the church office.

### Great Cookie Caper

The Great Cookie Caper is happening Sunday, December 4! Members of the congregation are asked to bake lots of cookies to be taken out into the community to show our appreciation of all the civil servants, educators, healthcare providers, etc. You are asked to please package the cookies, 2 or 3 to a bag to lessen the risk of spreading germs and please label them if they contain peanuts or tree nuts. Patty Robbins will also need volunteers on the 4th to help get the cookies ready for transport and to start delivering them that evening. She will also need volunteers to help deliver the remaining cookies on Monday, December 5. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Patty Robbins or the church office.

### NOW Team Meeting

The NOW Team will have it's final meeting of 2016 on December 5 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We invite you to come be with us as we discuss what we have left to accomplish before the year is through and what goals we will have to look forward to for 2017.

### December Fellowship Dinner

Our December Fellowship Supper will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm. Dennis and Cindy Ashley will be hosting this supper. Please bring a covered dish and invite someone to come along with you as we prepare to close out another year the Lord has given us.

### Christmas Cantata

There will be two performances of the Christmas Cantata, "Joy! A Suite for Christmas". December 10 at 7 pm and December 11 at 11 am. We look forward to seeing everyone at these performances.

### Please Donate to Staff Christmas Fund

Each year we take a special Christmas offering for our staff. The amount gathered will be divided among the following persons: Ashley Turner, Joyce Palmer, Rick Galyean, Robert Holbrook, Jan Tate, David Barker, and Steve Guerrant, PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to receive a tax deduction for this gift. Please make your checks out to CASH or enclose cash in an envelope clearly marked Staff Christmas Gift. We will collect these gifts through Sunday December 18th. On behalf of the staff, let me say thank you for your generosity to this cause.

## The Trinity Companion Sunday November 27, 2016



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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We’d really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we’ll get back in touch with you.

**Greeters:** Kathleen Gillespie and Jackie Mainous

**Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction :** Diane Botts

**\*Prelude:**

**Call to Worship:**

In Advent we watch and wait, and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship, and watch faithfully for signs of God’s light breaking into the world.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

As we wait, dear One, we watch for signs of your action in the world, Actions of compassion and grace breaking in.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Holy God, we recognize that we do not know the day or the hour, but we know that the day is near.  
**Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.**

**Invocation:**

In this season as the days grow shorter and the shadows lengthen, we gather in eager expectation for the Light of the World to dawn. Help us, God, to lay aside all the works of night and even our cynicism as we enter this sacred season. During this hour of worship, send your Spirit to empower us to live in the light with hope. Amen.

**ADVENT I – HOPE (Isaiah 60: 2-3a; Luke 21: 25-26)**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Leader: This is the day we begin our journey to the Child, His Mother and the manger.

**All: May we kindle God’s light together as we journey on.**

Leader: It is a journey shrouded in a fading sun and a growing uncertainty as the world turns cold. And we journey anyway.

**All: May we kindle God’s light together as we journey on.**

Leader: We journey because we are drawn to God’s light at the end: it is God’s promise, borne into our lives.

**All: May we kindle God’s light together as we journey on.**

Leader: This is the day we begin our journey. May we kindle God’s light within us, together, as we journey on.

**All: Amen.**

**Lighting the Advent Candle—The Goodman Family**

Leader: We light this candle in HOPE. [The candle is lit.]

We bring this light of hope with us, together, on this journey. Hope comes from the Child and our hope is dedicated to the Child lying in a manger. Seeking goodness only, for our neighbors and for ourselves, may we kindle God’s light of hope within us.

The first verse of “O Little Town of Bethlehem” will be sung in response.

“O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in they dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”

Following the carol response, the leader will lead the congregation in this prayer.

**Leader:** Let us pray together.

**All:** Good and gracious God, God of darkness and light, God of hope and fear, help us take one step closer to you, toward the joy of unity with you. In this candle light, show us that the power of hope silences doubts and fears. Take this light, small but mighty, and magnify it within us until our hope chases away all shadows around our church, our community, our nations and our world. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 211

**A Time for Morning Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**Holy and Loving God, we give thanks for the promise of this sacred season and for the joy we find in the Christ Child. Yet even as we rejoice, we recognize that we often fail to live with the hope of redemption. In this season of anticipation, we know that we are easily distracted by our own projects and preparation. We lose focus on the one who is the Source of our joy. Forgive us, God, and restore our hope in you. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The promise of the season of Advent is the promise of Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus calls us to keep awake so that we are ready for God’s arrival. Therefore, let us lay aside all those things that distract us from faithful watching for God. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings**

*(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving. After you state your concern, everyone will join together and say: **Lord. In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.**)*

**Gloria Patri** No. 70

**Children’s Message** Mary Beth Allen

**Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

In response to the promise of God, let us give thanks through the presentation of our gifts and offerings. Would the Ushers please come forward.

**(ALL WILL PRAY IN UNISON)** God of hopeful waiting, we give thanks for all of the ways in which you reveal yourself to us. Help us to clear away the many distractions of this season and offer our whole lives as gifts to you. May these offerings nurture all of the ways in which your promise is breaking into the world in acts of compassion and justice. May these gifts nurture your rule of peace. Amen.

**Ushers:** Mary Beth Allen, Angie Tipton, Kathleen Gillespie, Nancy Allman  
**Offertory:**

**\* The Doxology** **No. 95**

**\*Special Music:** David Goodman

**The Presentation of God’s Word**

**Scripture:** Romans 13: 11-14 Nancy Toney

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Sermon:** “Wake Up Sleepy Head”

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Stewards:** Kenny & Martha Spurlock, Dennis & Cindy Ashley

**Communion Ushers:** Mary Beth Allen, Angie Tipton, Kathleen Gillespie, Nancy Allman

**\* Closing Hymn:** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” No. 626

**\* Pastoral Benediction :** “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

**\*Postlude:**

***\*Please stand, as you are able***

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