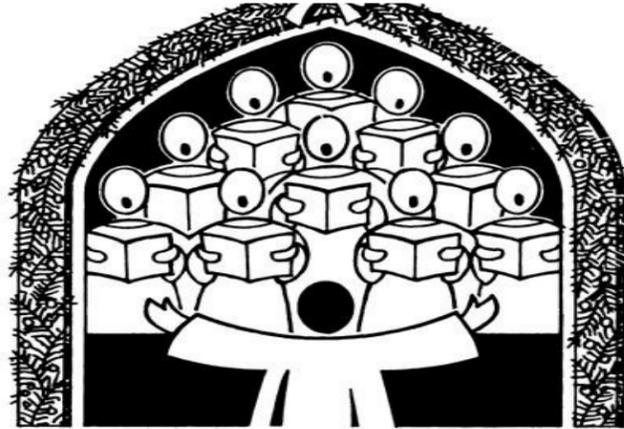


Trinity United Methodist Church Choir
Presents
Handel's Christmas Messiah
Arranged by James Dasher

Richard Galyean—Director
Robert Holbrook—Organist Calli Shell—Pianist



Sopranos

Cindy Ashley
Paula Barton
Misty Belcher
Martha Spurlock

Tenors

Ben Harding
Andrew Holyfield
Skip Skinner

Altos

Hannah Barker
Diane Botts
Calli Shell
Nan Tate
Nancy Toney

Bass

Dennis Ashley
Paul Clark
Bill Cole
Ian Maxie
Kenny Spurlock

First Sunday of Advent



Van Drivers and Riders

2—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
9—Christy Smith & Diane Botts
16—Christy Smith & Donna Mahan
23—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
30—Christy Smith & Cathy Galyean

Money Counters

2—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
9—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
16—Christy Smith, Diane Botts
23—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner
30—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons

Children's Message

2—Communion Sunday
9—Nancy Toney
16—Mary Beth Allen
23—Andrew Holyfield
30—Diane Botts

Scripture Readers

2—Dennis Ashley
9—Kenny Spurlock
16—Martha Spurlock
23—Bill Cole
30—Andrew Holyfield

Greeters

Kathleen Gillespie
Patty Robbins

Announcements

Christy Smith

Ushers

John Hagan, Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, Jack Williams

Fellowship Dinner Hosts

Tiffany Adams



"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); Denise Qualls; David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Steve Clark; Robert Holbrook; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister); Wilma Mills; Lois Smith

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Larry Spears; Jeff Wright; Alberta Mitchell; Jack Williams; Ben Allen

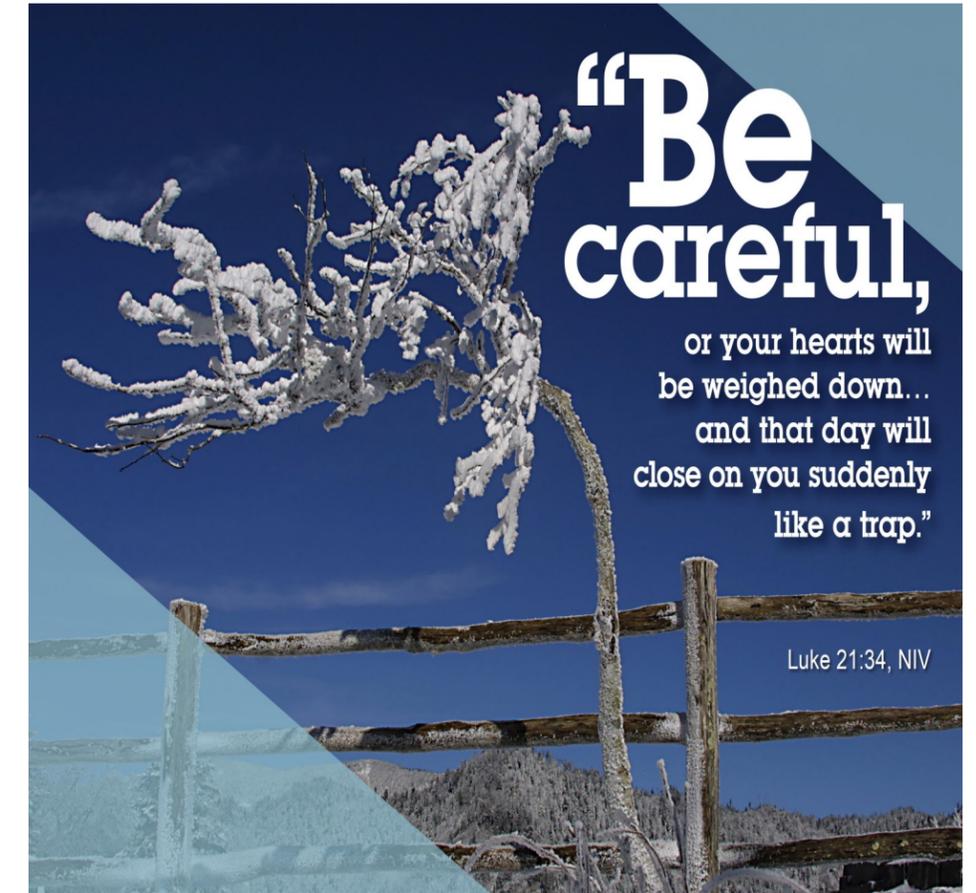
Non-Specific Prayers for:

Jim Cooper; Toney family; Marion Kocher; Matt Carroll; Bob Horne; Beth & John Hagan; Ida McCall; Judy Cole; Jordan Barnette; Joann Patton; Martha Patsy Lay; Jon Seay

- 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.

The Trinity Companion Sunday December 2, 2018



"Be careful,
or your hearts will be weighed down... and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap."

Luke 21:34, NIV

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Greeters—Kathleen Gillespie and Patty Robbins
Announcements—Christy Smith (please begin at 10:55 am)

Prelude: Every Valley Shall Be Exalted from “The Messiah” by GF Handel,
Arranged by Emily Lund
Lighting of the Alter Candles: Caitlyn and Natalie Shell

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The First Candle of Advent—HOPE David and Katie Shupe

The First Candle in Advent is our sign of Hope. Remember, we who have hope do not long for things that can be seen. Our hope is lived by faith in the words, promises, and mighty deeds of Jesus Christ. Let us proclaim our hope.

Christ died! Christ rose from the dead! Christ is Coming just as He promised!

Jesus says, “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.”

Hurricane Michael tossed the sea. His 155 mile per hour winds and rain left the nation in anguish. How should we respond to such signs?

Jesus says, “People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

Scientist warn of global warming. They say, temperatures are rising, polar ice is melting, and the oceans will flood our coast. In California people are terrorized by wildfires. How should we respond to such signs?

Jesus says, 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Why would Jesus tell us to lift our heads? Don’t we need to roll up our sleeves and fix these problems?

Jesus says, “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (*Light the first purple candle, the sign of Hope.*)

Lord, we light this candle as a sign of our Hope in your Word. We lift our heads unto you. Calm our thoughts, Lord Jesus! We lift our hearts unto you. Comfort our emotions, Lord Jesus. Thank you for Hope that gives us eyes to see your Kingdom Come on earth as it is in heaven

The Great Thanksgiving: The First Sunday in Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord!

What? Can’t you see the signs in the sun, moon and stars? Are you blind to the earthquakes, famines, and hurricanes. Have you not heard about global warming?

Prepare the way of the Lord!.

Really? Are you deaf? Can’t you hear the nations anguish. Our leaders are perplexed. Terrorism leaves us trembling in fear!

Jesus says, “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

We lift our heads and hearts to the Lord. Lead us Holy Spirit. Lead us not into the temptation we see in the signs displayed in the sun, moon, and stars. Deliver us from anguish, fear, and terrorism. Come, Holy Spirit, give us eyes to see Jesus coming near to redeem us.

Holy, God, where were we when you created the sun, moon, stars, the earth, and the animals? Come redeem our fear with Faith in Your Son.

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Creation,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Jesus came in the name of the Lord. We come in the name of the Lord who suffered, died, and rose to new-life.

Bless us, Jesus Christ, with eyes to see our neighbor’s suffering with heart felt empathy.

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ.
Before you gave up Your spirit You said, “Father, forgive them they do not know what they are doing.”

Bless us, Holy Spirit, with ears to hear our neighbor’s suffering as a cry for mercy; a desire for Grace; a hunger to be Loved.

As we break the Bread of Life, stir our hearts with empathy. As we lift the Cup of Salvation, set our minds on compassion. Through these gifts of bread and wine lift up our souls to experience your Son’s healing power.

**Holy Spirit, as we receive Christ’s Victorious Feast, make us one WITH one another, and one IN Jesus Christ. Prepare us for this Way of the Lord until we are One with:
“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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4) No. 211

The Feast of the Victory: All are welcome to the Lord’s Table: God invites everyone who seeks His love to His table. Come to the Feast of the Victory of our Lord. Come feast until at last we sit at the table He has prepared for us in Heaven. Communion Music: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Adapted by Thomas Helmore and Arranged by Michael Scott

Pastoral Prayer

The Cantata: Part 1

Prelude

Comfort Ye My People—solo by Ben Harding (Tenor)

And The Glory of the Lord

But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings

For Unto Us a Child is Born—solo by Bill Cole (Bass)

Offertory: *Ushers:* John Hagan, Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, and Jack Williams

Offertory Music: The Pastoral Symphony from “The Messiah” by GF Handel

The Cantata: Part 2

There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field—Martha Spurlock (Soprano)

Glory to God

He Shall Feed His Flock—duet featuring Paula Barton (Soprano) and Calli Shell (Alto)

Hallelujah Chorus

Benediction

Postlude: Largo (“Ombra mai fu” from Serse) by GF Handel

* Indicates that you may stand, as you are able
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