**Trinity Church**

**December 22nd, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Family Worship 10:30 a.m.**

**Church Life** Charles Hinerman

**Prelude** Mengfei Xu

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Steve & Mimi Joyce

**Childrens Program**

**\*Opening Praise & Worship** pg. 145; vs. 1-3

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

**Connections** pg. 151; vs. 1,2

“*Good Christian Men, Rojoice*”

**Morning Prayer** Marc Putnam

**Welcome** Francis Williams

***If you are seated on or near an aisle, please take out the***

***red attendance register, sign it, and pass it on.***

**Children’s Message** Kiki Samba

**Offertory** Trinity Men’s Choir

“*Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

*Arr. Harry Simeone*

**\*Doxology**

**Anthem** *“Westminster Carol”*

*By Carl Nygard*

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon** “Mystery” Marc Putnam

**\*Closing Worship**pg. 133; vs. 1&3

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Mengfei Xu

***\*Congregation to Stand***

**Welcome to Trinity Church!**

**Greeters today Steve & Mimi Joyce,**

**Nancy Bell & Carole Gibson**

**Announcements:**

Tasteful or tacky, who doesn't like Christmas lights. Join the Trinity family as we take a bus tour of Greensboro neighborhoods to celebrate the lights. We may even stop for some hot chocolate along the way. The bus will leave the church at **5:30 Sunday evening, December 22**.

Trinity members have the opportunity of going on a mission trip to Alaska Christian College in **Soldotna, Alaska June 16-13, 2020**. If you are interested, please let Pastor Marc know today.

Bring your Christmas cards for Trinity members and put in the large **Trinity Mailbox** in the atrium! They will be sorted and “delivered” to a pick up box where you can find cards addressed to you in alphabetical order by last name. Plan to mail your cards here and also remember to stop by the box each week to receive cards addressed to you! *Donations are appreciated* for this service, and will be given to the International Students towards their monthly dinner.

The **William Mangum Honor Cards are available at Trinity Church for $5 each.** 100% of your $5 donation goes directly to help the homeless and hungry at Greensboro Urban Ministry. Please reach out Lynn Wood if you would like to help.

In this season of remembering the blessings God, we want to remember those around the world who have so little to eat. We ask each family to pick up an Advent Box **this Sunday** in the Atrium and fill it with change during the holiday season, then return it after Christmas. This money will be used to kick off our Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon.

**The Golden Heirs** covered dish lunch with Owen & Judy Allen has will be rescheduled for a later date. **More to come!**

Join us for coffee, rolls, song and candle lighting when we gather for our **Love Feast** in the Moravian tradition on **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th from 5:30-6:30 pm. Five couples are needed** to serve the Love Feast on Christmas Eve.  Please consider helping with this holy service. **Contact Madeline**

**Bradley at 336.286.8676 or via email at madeline@bradleydata.com if you**

**are willing to serve.**

Save the Date! Prayers & Soup for The New Year. Join us on **Tuesday, December 31st at 12 p.m / noon.** This is a special time to stop and thank God for all His blessings of the past year and commit the coming year into His hands. Sign up sheets are out in Nathex and Atrium**. Please sign up or call the church office.**

**Financial Update: Our 4th quarter operating fund giving goal is $150,000.  $127,557 has been given as of 12-20-19 to meet the goal leaving a challenge of $22,443 for the remainder of December. Please pray that God will supply our need, join us in worship, and give as God blesses you.**

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday morning January 12 at 9:30 AM** to vote on passage of proposed Bylaws. Trinity’s Bylaws were rewritten last year to streamline the function of our elder board and ministry teams. The proposed bylaws also were written to improve clarity in procedure. There are no substantive changes proposed to congregational life or doctrine. The proposed Bylaws and an Addendum explaining the church’s foundational theological positions are available on the Trinity Church website or in hard copy through the church office.Our Articles of Incorporation **require a 2/3 majority vote** of active membership for acceptance of the proposed By Laws. We will need at least 95 persons to attend and vote for the measure. **Please inform yourself of the proposal and be present Sunday morning January 12 at 9:30.**

**Lectionary Reading:**

**December 22nd –** Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-199;

Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 3:1-12

**December 29th –** Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 147:12-20;

Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

**Nursery and Kidzone:**

**December 22nd**

Nursery – Matt & Amy Brown

Kidzone – Lynn Moudy,Ella McClellan and Roland Ken Williams

**December 29th**

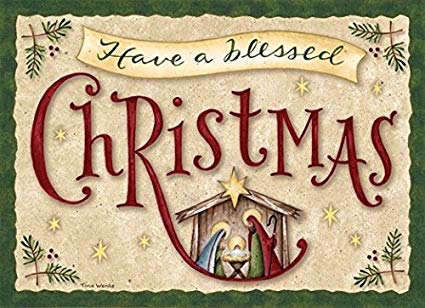
Nursery – Elizabeth McClellan & Elaine Putnam

Kidzone – Kiki Samba and Victoria Lakhavani

*If you are visiting with us today, please pick up a Visitors Packet*

*at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for being a part of our service!*

*We welcome you to join us again.*

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**Sunday, December 22nd**

8:30 a.m. Early Worship in Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Preschool & Elementary Children

9:30 a.m. Bible Reading Class

9:30 a.m. Sonshine/Fellowship Class

9:30 a.m. Good Medicine Class

9:30 a.m. Family Focus Class

10:30 a.m. Family Worship in Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. Slavic Church

5:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs

**Tuesday, December 24th**

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Love Feast

**Wednesday, December 25th**

Church Office Closed

All regularly scheduled activites are cancelled

for the Christmas Holiday. Merry Christmas!

**Thursday, December 26th**

Church Office Closed

**Sunday, December 29th**

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9:30 a.m. Preschool & Elementary Children

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**Trinity Wifi Password: Godlovesyou**

**Website: TrinityChurchgso.org**

**Facebook: Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church**

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Youth for Christ Nicaragua works with at risk youth in an environment of extreme political and economic uncertainty. The message of Jesus Christ brings hope and the only possibility of peace in this place. Our Mission Team received this request for new tires from Alberto Leiva, our Youth for Christ partner in Nicaragua. Through your generous giving Alberto and YFC Nicaragua will be able to continue ministry with new tires on their van.

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