

The Worship of God

December 16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity
Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Shackley

As the prelude begins, let us prepare silently for worship.

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)
Concerns and Celebrations

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Call to Worship

T Worrell

One: As we light our third Advent candle,

All: We pray for hope, peace, and joy.

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

All: Come now, O Prince of Joy.

Hymn #85 (seated)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
(verse 3)

+Introit

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Chancel Choir

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship* - Year C)

You have told us what we should do: live humbly, give generously, and be rich in compassion. Even still, O God, we fall back into our selfish ways. We have been claimed in the waters of baptism, but we do not live as people redeemed. We have been washed in waters of grace, but we do not trust the depth of your love. Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us, guide us, and call us to try again. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

**The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #581

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

People, Look East

arr. Callahan

**The Doxology* Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Margaret Causey

Old Testament

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6

+Anthem

Thou Who Wast Rich (arr. Ljames)

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

"A Chance to Start Over"

Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response

Come, Come Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand
+ 11:00 Worship Service only

Calendar for the Week

Sunday 12/16 8:30am

Early Worship – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:45am

Sunday School

11:00am

Worship – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Newsletter Deadline

Mon 12/17 6:30pm

Session Meeting

Thurs 12/20 7:00pm

Chancel Choir

Fri 12/21 11:30am

S.O.S. Group Gathering at River's Edge Clubhouse

Sunday 12/23 8:30am

Early Worship – 4th Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering

9:45am

Sunday School

11:00am

Worship – 4th Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering

Copies of the weekly 11:00 Worship Service are available on CD in the Narthex and Video Podcast will be downloaded to church website (www.shallottechurch.org) by Tuesday morning as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend

Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 20; 11:00a.m. – 142

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of Worship. Our prayer is that all will be blessed as we worship together. Visitors, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter as you leave worship. Thank you.

The white poinsettias are given by **Presbyterian Women** to the **Glory of God** in honor of the **Chancel Choir's dedication**. **The red poinsettias** are given by members of the **SPC Congregation** for the **Glory of God** and in special recognition of **loved ones**. Last Sunday's insert of donors' names can be found in the Narthex.

Our **Christian Sympathy** to **Lesa Kolcun** whose father-in-law, Paul Kolcun, died at Novant Health on Wednesday, December 12. Paul was young Michael Kolcun's last surviving grandfather.

The **2019 Flower Calendar** has been posted in the hallway. Please sign up for your special Sunday. Remember to fill out a request form and leave it on the Secretary's desk in the Church office.

These Days, devotional guide for January, February and March of 2019 are available on the bench in the Narthex.

Please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes on the table in the Narthex.

Prayer Concerns: Tim Bartlett, Ralph Benoy, Lois Chadwick, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Pat Dobbins, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Ann Long, Jerry McCann, Martha Miller, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Bill Sing, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson, Roy Trest and Bob Williams.



Rev. John Causey, Minister causeyoib@atmc.net

Barry Auman, Director of Music

Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist

T Worrell, Seminary Intern

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder

Dr. Les & Dr. Christy Morgan, Missionaries in Bangladesh

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