

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, December 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent



**GATHERING/WELCOME** ..... Holy Comforter Carillon

**PRELUDE:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ..... Chamber Choir

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Faithful God,

**C** **we confess that we have been unfaithful to you.**

**Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.**

**P** God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

**C** **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light,  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star,  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4  
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.


**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE


**A**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.


C   
 Lord, have mer - cy.


A   
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.


C   
 Lord, have mer - cy.

A   
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

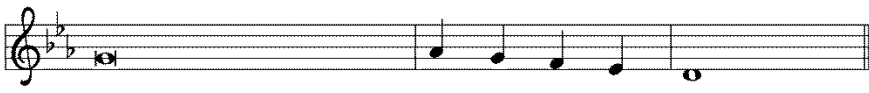
  
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C   
 Lord, have mer - cy.

A   
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

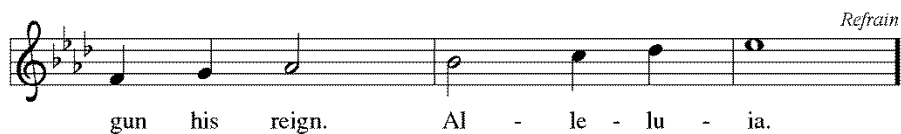
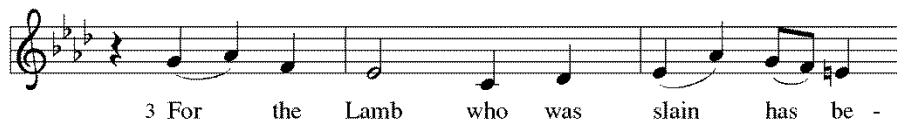
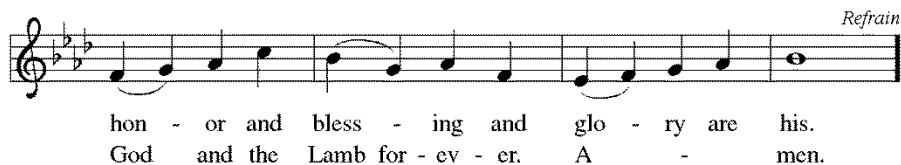
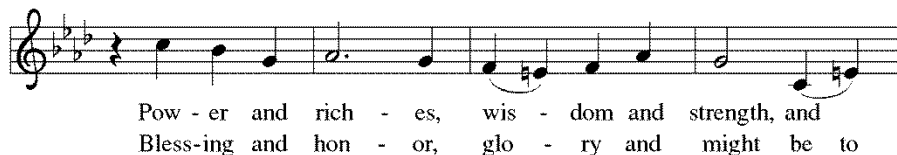
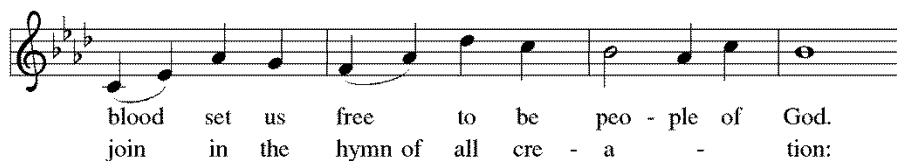
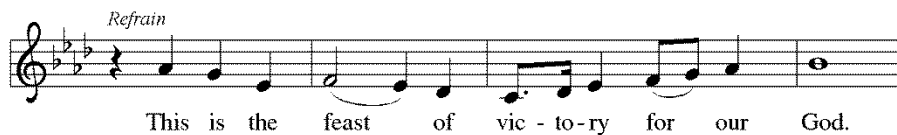
  
 let us pray to the Lord.

C   
 Lord, have mer - cy.

A   
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C   
 A - men, a - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Congregation is Seated*

## FIRST READING

**2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16**

A reading from the seventh chapter of 2 Samuel.

*Instead of David building a house (temple) for the Lord, the Lord promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, the Lord's anointed.*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>"I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:** The fourth candle represents **LOVE**. Because of his love, all people are saved. Since God's love for us is perfect, may we perfect our answering love by loving one another.



## SECOND READING

**Romans 16:25–27**

A reading from the sixteenth chapter of Romans.

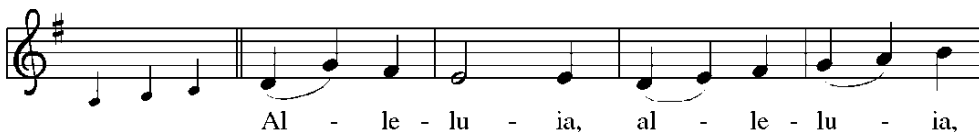
*Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.*

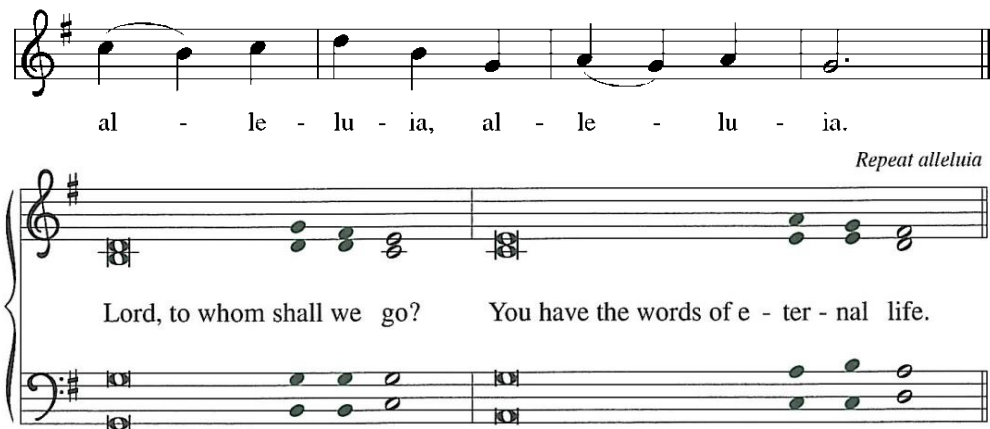
<sup>25</sup>Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.** ..... **All Stand & Sing**





## GOSPEL

**Luke 1:26–38**

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

*In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from little known places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in his gospel.*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



P The gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.



## CHILDREN'S PLAY

**HYMN:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* . . . . . All Remain Seated & Sing

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to all the earth.

(Play continues...)

**HYMN:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* . . . . . All Remain Seated & Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth. (*Refrain*)

**Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

(Play continues...)



**HYMN:** *Away in a Manger* . . . . . All Remain Seated & Sing  
**Children sing verse 1, All sing remaining verses**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19<sup>th</sup> century

(Play continues...)

**HYMN:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* . . . . . All Remain Seated & Sing

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

**Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
**(Repeat Refrain)**

(Play continues...)

**HYMN:** *Joy to the World* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Fill the church with your Spirit, that it may be a messenger of peace and goodwill. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Anoint the leaders of nations to protect and care for those who are vulnerable, weak, poor, and oppressed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Fill us with gratitude for sun, moon, and stars as we today mark the shortest day of the year and welcome the light. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Shelter all who are hungry and homeless, strengthen all who are perplexed or afraid, and comfort all who are grieving or ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to all in this assembly who will travel or welcome others this week, who are

expecting a child or struggling with infertility, and who face the holidays with eagerness or anxiety. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With Mary we ponder the mystery of your grace, and give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

*Congregation is Seated*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Wexford Carol* . . . . . Church Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

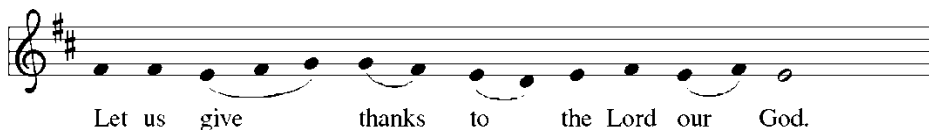
## DIALOGUE

*Pastor*

*Congregation*



*Pastor*



*Cong.*



## PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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,**

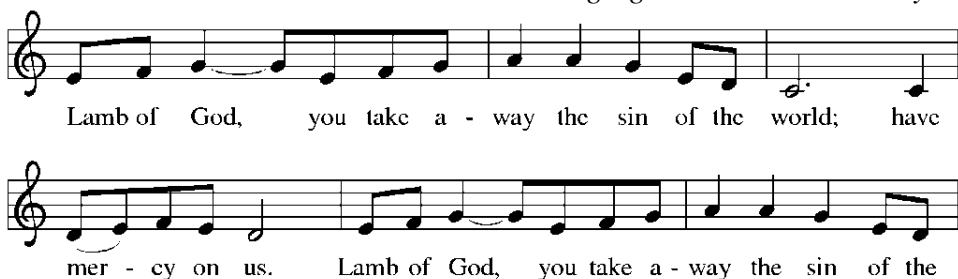
**and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**COMMUNION SONG** ..... *Congregation is seated as they sing:*





## COMMUNION

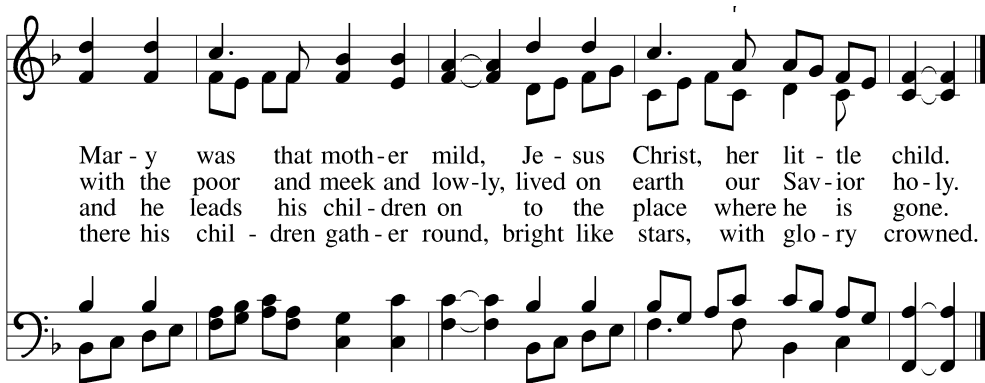
*A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

*Once In Royal David's City* ..... All Sing

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

*Christ Is Born* . . . . . Handbell Choir  
*The Apple Tree* . . . . . Chamber Choir

**P** The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

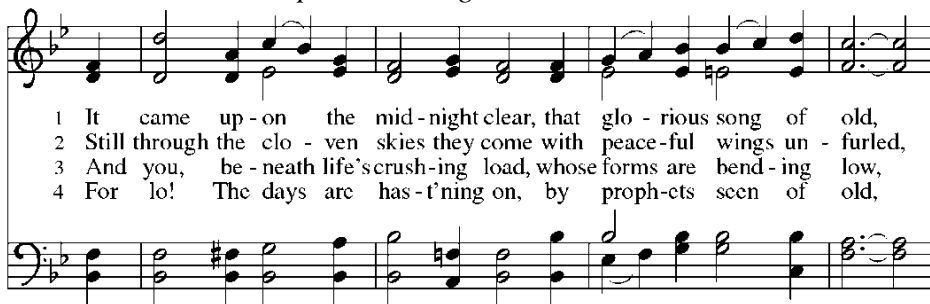
**A** Let us pray.  
**C** Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

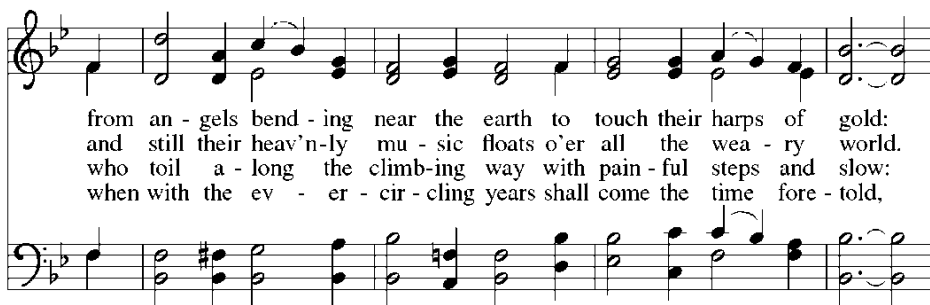
**P** God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**



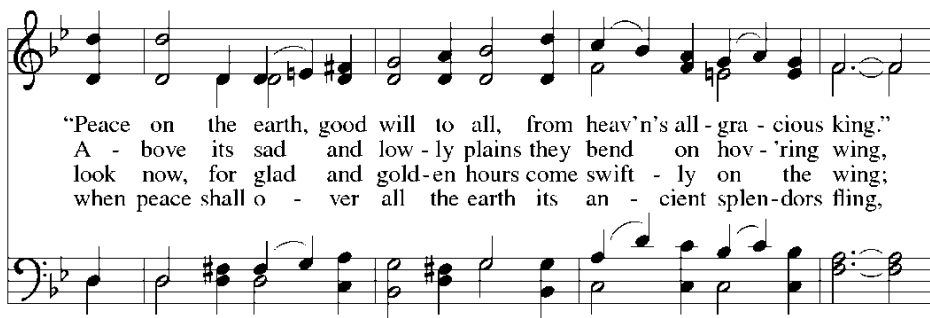
# SENDING SONG: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



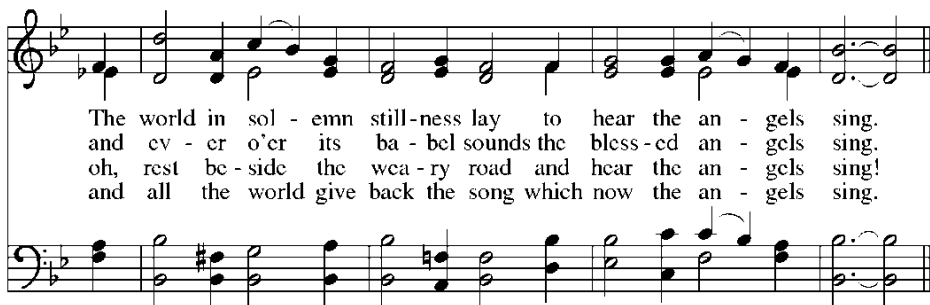
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world.  
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king."  
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-lemn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.  
 and ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876  
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900



## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all of our visitors on this **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP.** Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.



**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).**

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Mark & Rebecca Yount in loving memory of Heather M. Yount.

**Those who have placed flowers on the altar** may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

***Greg Byrum, Worship & Music***

**Offering and Attendance Report for Sunday, December 14, 2014:**

Attendance: 161

**Budget Report****December 14, 2014**

Current Offering Received 12/14/14	\$ 3,336.50
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, YTD	\$205,287.70
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	(\$ 3,237.66)
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 18,428.23)

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**ASSISTING MINISTERS:****LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Jr., Julia Gunter**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:**

Brenda Daly, Louise Day

**ACOLYTES:**

Becca Gatlin, Alec Via

**GREETER:** Pat Koehler**CRUCIFERS:**

Madison Carr, Noah Rogers

**SOLOIST:** Greg Byrum**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)Louise Day, Co-Captain  
Brenda Daly, Co-Captain  
Donna Bean  
Nancy Powell  
Becky Richards**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team C)Sherry Alexander Courtney Gatlin  
Greg Garrison Volunteer**TELLERS:** Janet Achor, John Koehler**USHERS:** Need Volunteers**BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:** December 21-27Today, December 21 Denise Jenkins  
December 24 Kurt Rogers

December 26 Beverly Robinson

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:****Today, December 21**9:30 am Sunday Church School  
Adult Handbells  
10:10 am Church Choir Prep  
10:30 am *Children's Christmas* Program  
with Holy Communion  
6:00 pm Church Choir  
8:00 pm Nar-Anon**Wednesday, December 24**1:30 pm *Children's Christmas Eve*  
Worship  
10:10 pm Choir meets  
10:40 pm *Prelude*  
11:00 pm *Candlelight Service* with  
Holy Communion**Tuesday, December 23**

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

**Sunday, December 28****No Children's Sunday School**

10:30 am Worship Service w/Christmas Carols

**THE BLUE CANDLE** in the crèche reminds us that we are to keep our hearts and minds in confession and prayer this entire Advent Season.

**THE FIGURES OF A SHEPHERD & SHEEP ARE ADDED TO OUR CRECHE.** This morning we are reminded that on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep when a bright light appeared in the sky. The shepherds were very afraid. The light was angels sent by God. An angel told them not to be afraid, because he had some good news. He said the Son of God had been born and they would find him in Bethlehem. The shepherds went to find the baby.

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**The 2015 Flower Chart is now available in the narthex.**

Please *print your name* at the date you wish to furnish the altar vases (1 vase or both).

**If you wish to purchase both vases, please sign your name on both lines.**

Cost of both vases = \$45, One vase = \$22.50.

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If you would be willing to serve as a ***Communion Assistant, Eucharist Presenter, Greeter, Lector, and/or Usher*** during **2015**, please sign your name at the date you wish to serve on the sign-up sheets located in the narthex.

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**2015 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex for you to pick up.**

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**SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**December 24:** 1:30 pm **Children's Christmas Eve Service**

10:40 pm Prelude

11:00 pm ***Candlelight Service with Holy Communion***

**December 28:** 10:30 am Regular Service with Christmas Carols

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**The 2015 Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25 before the worship service.**

**All year-end reports from committee and church group chairpersons are due to Dianne in the church office by Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.**



## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin  
Daniel Dowd  
Monique Estelle  
Ferrie Hedrick  
Richard Holden

Dot Holland  
Zac Hullanter  
Bill & Pauline Joye  
Chase Lineberger  
Carol Posey

Mabel Ratchford  
Mark Reese  
Beverly Reynolds  
George Roberson  
Marguerite Shive

## GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Harriett Ange  
Paige Beaver  
Jenny Beer  
Father Frank Cancro  
Tina Capwell  
J. Don Devine  
Poss Garrett  
Ronnie Garrison  
Lewis Gilbert Family  
Brian Hedrick

Dennis Jordan  
Steve Keating  
Marshall Kinley  
Lance Kirkland  
Terry Mahaffey  
Steve Mathis  
Kenadee Nelson  
Mark Outlaw  
Alicia Overton  
Jean Peters

Taylor Propst & Family  
David Prouty  
Anna Rudder  
Megan Sigler  
E. Taylor & Family  
Gloria Ward  
Pastor Gary Weant  
Olivia Wilcox

## OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek

Jason Garndner

Dillon Kasmer



Jeremy Shaver

## OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Trudy Whitener or Dianne in the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).



## Sunday School Attendance December 14, 2014

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Nursery	2	2
Pre-K	6	2
God's Eden	10	1
Youth	3	1
Seekers		7
Adult Bible Class		15
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>



## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2014

### GLORY TO GOD:

Dianne Lail  
Kurt & Cynthia Scholler (2 poinsettias)

### IN HONOR OF:

Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Libby) Byrum, Jr.  
Greg Cline in honor of Tom & Shirley Causby  
Greg Cline in honor of Faye & Warren Heller  
Carmen, Arden & Merritt De Nicholas in honor of our grandmothers  
Russell & Ellen Fleming in honor of our family  
Chuck, Ginger & Jake MacDonald in honor of our families  
Beverley & Charles Mauney in honor of our children & grandchildren  
Paul & Tracey Nault in honor of Caroline, Aaron & Ashton Nault  
Paul Outlaw in honor of Ann Featherstone and Becke & Ned Featherstone  
Mark & Anne Reese in honor of Jim & Barbara Reese and Jim Robertson  
Khloe Tench with love in honor of her godparents Tim & Shelia Kelly  
Khloe Tench with love in honor of Auntie Sarah  
Elizabeth & Khloe June Tench with love in honor of Nana & Papaw Tench  
Bob & Denise Wiegand in honor of their family  
Rebecca & Mark Yount and Luke & Alec Via in honor of Myra & Bill Hollar  
Rebecca & Mark Yount and Luke & Alec Via in honor of  
Paul Outlaw & Ann Featherstone

### IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean  
Greg Byrum in memory of Olin S. Byrum, Jr.  
Jill Cassel in memory of Al Allen  
Jill Cassell in memory of Dick Michael  
Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. William Kannapel  
Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega  
Russell & Ellen Fleming in memory of Myrtle, Gerald & Dick Bryan  
Kathy Graves in memory of husband, Bill Graves  
Dean & Diann Halvorson in memory of John Padgett  
Tim & Shelia Kelly in memory of Robert & Mary Kelly, Tim's parents  
Tim & Shelia Kelly in memory of Ken Hedrick, Shelia's dad  
Marsha Kinley in memory of May Cloninger  
Marsha Kinley in memory of Thelma Kinley

John & Sonja Kreitzer in memory of Caroline & Stewart Petterson (2 Poinsettias)  
Chuck, Ginger & Jake MacDonald in memory of Heather Mauney Yount  
Lynn Martin in memory of Adam Kijewski  
Charles & Beverley Mauney in memory of Mary McCoy, Betsy & Ray Mauney,  
and Heather Mauney Yount  
Paul Outlaw in memory of Judy Outlaw  
Nancy Powell in memory of her parents James & Margaret Sipe  
Mark & Anne Reese in memory of Shirley Marie Robertson  
Gary & Karen Rogers in memory of Harry & Helen Laver  
Lynne Sudarich in memory of her parents Leonard & Marie Sudarich  
Elizabeth Tench in memory of Howard Tench and Dorothy Thulin  
Deb Williams in memory of Bob Williams  
Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather M. Yount  
Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via in memory of Betty "G" King

*This is the list that the church office received. We apologize if there were any names omitted from the list.*

*Thank you to everyone for your concern, calls and  
cards during my recent illness.*

*Your prayers for my recovery were also  
very much appreciated!*

*I look forward to being back with you  
very soon.*

*Richard Holden*



*Prayers of Sympathy & Hope  
Are offered to  
The Family of Mrs. Sylvia Watts St. Clair*



Sylvia Watts St. Clair, 95, died December 14, 2014 at Clear Creek Nursing Center in Mint Hill. A native of McAdenville, she was daughter of the late Elijah and Lula May Hope Watts. She was a bookkeeper for Stowe Mills and a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church of The Holy Comforter. Survivors include her daughter and son in law, Judith S. and Hyman Harris of Matthews; grandson, Brandon A. Harris and fiancé, Gina Backlund of Indian Trail; granddaughter Kelly C. Uribe of Matthews; great granddaughters, Ashlyn H. Uribe and Kat C. Uribe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roy A. St. Clair; and her siblings. Mrs. St. Clair was the last living member of the Watts family.

A private immediate family graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte.

Memorials may be made to Lutheran Church of The Holy Comforter, P. O. Box 666, Belmont, NC 28012.

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service**  
**Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm**

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Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor  
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