



# SHALLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

*"The righteousness of God has been disclosed...the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." – Romans 3:21-22*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE "The Coventry Carol with Away in a Manger" James Murray

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)*

### CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

#### INTROIT

#### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE *(adapted from Psalm 80:1-19)*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**In Christ, there is life and light for all people.**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of Creation, you have set your people apart to do you will, but we confess how we refuse. When we are called, we do not answer; when you speak, we do not listen. Instead of love, we show cruelty; instead of forgiveness, we seek retribution. We take comfort in mortal pleasures and deny the image of Christ in our neighbor and ourselves. Lord, have mercy. Remind us of the grace that we have received. Send us out with joy as your apostles, that we may share the Good News of our redemption.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” (v.1)**

*Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near.*

*Let every hill and valley, a level place appear.*

*Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in ancient story.*

*O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:18-25

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“Every Valley”

Patti Drennan

*Every valley shall be exalted, every mountain and hill made low,*

*The crooked straight and the rough places plain;*

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed;*

*And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 1:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

What do we believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

*\*Response: Hymn #102 “Savior of the Nations, Come” (v.4)*

*Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin’s Son, incarnate Word!*

*To the holy Trinity, praise we sing eternally.*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

\*HYMN #107      “Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

REJOICE REJOICE

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Linda Stackhouse & Helen Odum  
Welcome Table: Bart Norwood  
Greeter: Joanne Prettyman  
Liturgist: Mike Claxton  
Acolyte: Seamus Smithwick

***As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone  
before our worship service begins.***

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**Class of 2025:** Kitty Green (Clerk), Sarah Henry, Rusty Russ, Linda Stackhouse

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**Class of 2027:** Linda Black, Sarah Braddock, Sarah Cook, Bart Norwood



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**Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.**

