

2015 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church at the 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Services. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$15.00 for each poinsettia no later than Wednesday December 16. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, after the 11:15 am service on Sunday, December 27 or on Tuesday, December 29.

Enclosed/attached is my \$15.00 for each poinsettia given.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 THROUGH DECEMBER 20

TODAY - DECEMBER 13

7:00 am GAIHN Takedown
 7:45 am Holy Communion
 8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
 9:00 am Holy Communion
 9:00 am Project Host Soup Kitchen
 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
 10:10 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
 11:15 am Holy Communion
 2:00 pm Kids' Stuff and Club 345
 3:30 pm Congregation Council
 3:30 pm Adult, Handbell and Youth Choirs and Strings Warmup
 4:00 pm Theology Roundtable - 2nd Floor Pence Building
 4:00 pm Loving Threads - Parlor
 4:00 pm TLC4TLC - Library
 5:00 pm Lessons and Carols
 6:00 pm LCY

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:45 am Leisure/Action Luncheon
 7:00 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ Trinity
 8:00 pm Sr Boys I BB Game @ 2nd Pres
 8:00 pm Sr Boys II BB Game at Westm Pres

TUESDAY

6:00 pm Mites Girls BB Practice @ St. James Episcopal
 6:30 pm Mites Boys BB Practice @ St. Matthew UMC

WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Prayer Group
 12:00 noon Advent Worship
 6:00 pm High School Small Group
 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00 pm Book Group
 7:00 pm Men's BB Game @ Westm Pres

SATURDAY

8:30 am Midget Girls BB Game @ ARP
 9:30 am Jr Boys BB Game @ St. George
 10:00 am Mites Boys BB Game @ Westm Pres
 10:30 am Midget Boys BB Game @ 2nd Pres
 1:30 pm Mites Girls BB Game @ St. James

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 20

7:45 am Holy Communion - Sanctuary
 10:00 am Holy Communion and Christmas Pageant - Gym
 11:00 am Brunch



Activities and Opportunities

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December 13, 2015

Today's Baptisms

Westyn Daniel Small, son of Chad and Natalee Small
 Marcus Leonard Green, Daniel Christian Green and Lucy Evangeline Green,
 children of Frank and Christie Green

Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Mike Wilson and his family at the death of his mother.

Members Receiving Communion at Home Today

George Heer, Raymond Poore, Diane Stack, Sarah Taylor,
 Jim and Pat Wood, JoLyn Wood, and Chris and Christa Wunderlich

Announcements

2016 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Multipurpose Room this morning. The envelopes are on tables in alphabetical order for members to pick up. Those not pick up this morning will be mailed later in the week. Note that those who contribute by bank draft will not receive envelopes, but are welcome to use the envelopes in the pew racks for additional offering. Please wait until the new year to begin using the new envelopes.

Mid-Day Wednesday Advent Worship. During the Advent season worship will continue to be held at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary on December 16. This thirty-minute service will include a meditation and Holy Communion.

Christmas Worship Schedule. On Thursday, December 24, at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm, the congregation will gather to worship and celebrate the Nativity of Christ. The children's and youth choirs will sing at 3:00 pm, and the adult choir will sing at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Worshipers are encouraged to come early as these services (especially 5:00 pm) fill quickly. A nursery will be available at the 3:00 and 5:00 pm Services.

Special Worship Opportunity - next Sunday, December 20, 10:00 am, Gym. The congregation is invited to gather for a unique Advent and Christmas worship experience that will include an interactive, inter-generational Christmas Pageant entitled *The ABC's of Christmas*. This service will include musical leadership from the Children's Choir and Trinity instrumentalists. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Following worship, a festive brunch of breakfast casserole, mini quiches, sausage biscuits, fresh fruit, muffins, orange juice, coffee and apple cider will be served in the Multipurpose Room. While the 7:45 am service will take place as usual, this 10:00 am service will take the place of the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Please make plans to attend this unique and meaningful experience of worship and fellowship.

End of Year Giving. According to IRS regulations, gifts should be made on or before December 31 to be considered tax-deductible for the year 2015. During the last week of the year, the Church Office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 29, Wednesday, December 30, and Thursday, December 31.

Announcements (Cont'd)

Preserving Our Heritage - While the capital campaign to raise funds for deferred maintenance will kick off in the new year, gifts to the campaign are currently being received.

Chrismon Tree - Brochures which give a brief history of the tree and description of the Chrismons are available in the Narthex.

Advent Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex and the Multipurpose Room for adults and families with children.

Relational Groups

Loving Threads - Today, 4:00 pm, Parlor. Loving Threads is a ministry that knits and crochets handmade prayer shawls, baby blankets and bandages for those in the community and around the world. Anyone who can knit or crochet, or would like to learn, is invited to participate. For more information, contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.

TLC4TLC - Today, 4:00 pm, Library. Adults are invited to gather once a month to write notes and cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450 or Tracey Hoffert at 991-8547.

Theology Roundtable - Today - 4:00 pm, 2nd Floor Pence Building. This group for adults gathers bi-weekly on Sunday afternoons to read and discuss theological and spiritual works. The current discussion centers on the book *My Conversations with Martin Luther* by Timothy Lull. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion and questions may be directed to him at 246-8661 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

Leisure/Action Christmas Luncheon - Monday, December 14, 11:45 pm, Multipurpose Room. The group will have a Christmas covered dish luncheon. Those attending are asked to bring meat, vegetables, side dishes or dessert to share. Speak with Amy Brown this morning if planning to attend.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 16, 11:30 am, Library. A prayer group meets every Wednesday. The group meets for thirty minutes to share prayer concerns and celebrations and pray for individuals and ministries in the life of Trinity. Prayer requests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com. All are invited to attend.

Book Group - Thursday, December 17, 7:00 pm. Group members will meet at the home of Nancy Jones, 340 Pimlico Road, Greenville, for a holiday get together and book exchange. The book to be discussed is *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. Those attending are invited to bring a new, wrapped paperback book they think members of the group might like to read. The books will then be exchanged and swapped. Participants are also invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Children and Youth

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - Today, 2:00 pm, Multipurpose Room. Kids' Stuff and Club 345 will experience *Christmas Around the World*. Kids will be divided into groups and learn about different Christmas traditions from across the globe through food, crafts, stories and games. Pick up is 4:00 pm. Parents are needed to help at this event.

LCY - Today, 6:00 pm, Youth Center. After dinner, youth will participate in a gift exchange and Christmas games. Youth should bring a \$10.00 gift for the exchange (no gift cards, please) and are encouraged to come dressed in tacky Christmas sweaters. Prizes will be given to the tackiest boy and girl.

High School Small Group - Wednesday, December 16, 6:00-7:15 pm, Youth Center. High School Small Group meets on Wednesday nights and is for all High School youth. Participants will enjoy a Christmas gift exchange.

Music Ministry

Lessons and Carols - Today, 5:00 pm. - *We Hope; We Adore; We See* will include scripture readings interspersed with prayers, carols and beautiful choral and handbell music. We read, reflect and sing about Christ promised, Christ with us and Christ revealed to us. Trinity's Adult Choir, Youth Choir and Handbell Choir will be joined by a string quartet to offer a rich worship experience for strengthening our faith and as a reminder of the true meaning, beauty and gift of this sacred season.

Handbell Choir - Wednesday, December 16, 6:00 pm. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm, right before Adult Choir (December 16 and 23). There will be no rehearsals on Wednesday, December 30. The Handbell Choir will play at the Advent Lessons and Carols service this afternoon, and on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 and 7:00 pm services.

Adult Choir - Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights (December 16 and 23) at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, December 30. The rehearsal with the string quartet for the Advent Lessons and Carols service is at 3:30 pm today. The Choir Christmas Party follows the service. The adult choir will not have an anthem on December 20, due to the Christmas pageant.

Education

Sunday School Classes are provided each week for children two years old on or before September 1 through those in Grade 12, as well as adults. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers who miss the September 1 deadline. At 9:50 am adults of all ages are invited for coffee, conversation, parish announcements and prayer in the Multipurpose Room of the Activities Building. This morning all adults will meet together for an Advent class in the Multipurpose Room.

Outreach Opportunities

Gifts of Hope - through next Sunday, December 20. *Gifts of Hope* is an alternative gift-giving program in the SC Synod (ELCA). This Christmas, give gifts to family and friends that give hope to others. The gifts are represented by institutions and Social Ministry Organizations affiliated with the SC Synod and South Carolina companion foreign synods. Every penny of *Gifts of Hope* will be distributed to help the poor, educate students from elementary school to seminary and support the elderly here and throughout the world. The Outreach Committee will be offering an opportunity to participate in *Gifts of Hope* through December 20. A display will be set up each Sunday morning in the Multipurpose Room during Coffee and Conversation. The *Gifts of Hope* catalog will offer 38 gift choices offers ranging in price from \$10 to \$130. Included are choices such as new shoes or a backpack for impoverished children, transportation for a homeless Veteran, or food for a refugee family. For each gift that is purchased, a gift card and an insert describing the chosen gift will be received. These may be sent to a friend or family member. To review the gifts that may be purchased, please visit www.GiftsOfHopeSC.com. For more information, please call Karla Koon at 609-6617 or kwkoon11@gmail.com or Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or spiershome@charter.net.

Advent Food Collection. Trinity will collect food and toiletry items during Advent for AID Upstate. AID Upstate is a non-profit organization that provides case management services to HIV-positive clients and HIV testing, counseling, and education to the general public. Bags with needed items are available in the Narthex, Breezeway and the Multipurpose Room. Please bring some of the items on the list to the Narthex during Advent. For more information, contact Bill Renninger at 232-4877 or Betsy League at 271-9556.