

THIS WEEK AT TRIUNE

Sunday, December 20

Sunday School via Zoom, 9
Worship, 11 online only
Bag Lunch, 9-1 (?)

Monday, December 21

Bag Breakfast, 7-8
Mail pick-up or other needs 9-1
Closed for lunch, 1-2
Staff Appointments, 2-5

Tuesday, December 22

Mail pick-up or other needs, 9-1
Closed for Lunch and Staff meeting, 1-3:30
Staff Appointments, 3:30-5

Wednesday, December 23

Closed

Thursday, December 24

Closed
Christmas Eve Service in parking lot, 5 (rain plan is online)

Friday, December 25

Closed
Merry Christmas!

Saturday, December 26

Mail Pick-up, Pop-Top Bags, Bag Lunch, 9-12 (?)

Triune Mercy Center

Greenville, South Carolina



A Dream Confirmed, by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Luke 1:26-45, Digital Painting

Did it feel like a dream when the angel approached? “Greetings, favored one!” Did her mind spin as she pondered the impossibility of it all? “You will bear a son . . . and he will be great.” Did she lose her balance when she realized the gravity of her call? “The child will be holy . . . the Son of God.” Did her legs get weak after the words left her lips? “Here I am . . . let it be.” In the quiet that followed, did she question everything? And so, in a haze, she runs away—seeking refuge in the hill country, retreating to family who would keep her safe and help her make sense of her world turned upside down. As soon as she falls into Elizabeth’s arms, Elizabeth knows and feels it to be true. Yes, I feel it too. We are pregnant with promise. We carry this together. This is not a dream deferred. It is a dream confirmed, a dream shared. A dream that will birth love. ~ Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, *A Sanctified Art*

Pastor: Jennifer Fouse Sheorn
Music Director: Andy Welchel
Guitar: Charles Hedgepath
Organ: David Hanna
Sound: Ben Sheorn

Associate Pastor: Tandy Taylor
Bass: Sam Kruer
Percussion: Ike Maddox
Video: Justin Garrison

ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Away in a Manger" (arr. Charles Hedgepath) Band

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Let us worship God!

Meditation "Silent Night" (arr. Carrie Underwood) Carrie Howard

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Les Gardner, Donna Rogers

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

God of Good News,

You say to me, "You are highly favored,"

But I struggle to see how that could be.

You say to me, "Do not be afraid,"

But I am afraid all the time.

You say to me, "Even the impossible is possible"

But the impossible still feels impossible.

So today, we pray,

Teach us to sing like Mary.

Teach us to laugh like Elizabeth.

Teach us to trust like the angels.

Forgive us when we can only do one at a time, or none at all. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God, who is just and gracious, has sent Jesus Christ into the world to redeem us from sin. In Christ, your sins are forgiven. Blessed be the God of our salvation, whose mercy is everlasting.

Moment of Silence/Prayers of the People Elaine Nocks

Special Music "Mary, Did You Know?" (Buddy Greene) Tim Turner

Written Word Luke 1:26-45

Spoken Word

Benediction

Postlude "Joy to the World" (arr. Charles Hedgepath) Band

Due to the high Covid numbers and due to trying to keep everyone safe, especially Triune's staff, we will be worshiping online until further notice. We will reevaluate after the holidays (sometime in mid-January).

Please plan to join us for a special outdoor Christmas Eve service on Thursday, Dec. 24th at 5 pm, in the parking lot off Stone Avenue. Please park in the lot at Tommy's Ham House; there will be limited handicapped parking in our own lot. Please dress warmly and wear a mask. Bring a blanket and an outdoor chair, if you have them. We will provide a limited number of chairs. In case of rain, worship will be online only.

On Sunday, Dec. 27th we will provide a link on our web site (under Sermons page) and on our Facebook page for a prerecorded worship service. This is a gift to our worship staff who will have a Sunday off.