

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**December 8th, 2024**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude *Gail Meeks*  
Chiming of the Trinity  
Welcome and Announcements *Pastor Weaver*  
Advent Candle Lighting – James, Alistair & Austynn Mckenzie  
\*Hymn of Praise **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** #249  
Opening Prayer  
Prayer of Petition (from Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 AD)

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

First Reading **Psalm 148 (Pew Bible OT Pg. 557)**  
Chancel Choir **“What Can I Give Him?”** *arr Tom Fettke*  
**Soloist: Marshall Sweat**

Children’s Message *Shannon Bullard*  
Second Reading **Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible NT Pg. 189)**  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“Getting Ready: Holy Clothes”**

Moment of Reflection  
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering  
\*Doxology #815

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Hymn of Sending **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** #250  
\*Blessing and Charge

Postlude *Gail Meeks*

Poinsettias for honoring or in memory of loved ones are available for Christmas. The cost is \$11.50 for the plant. Please fill out the slip and place it in the offering plate. You can also call the office to make a request.



**1886 CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2024**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

<u>Military</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>NEW</u>
Tony Cox	Ray & Connie Barber	<b>Elaina Aponte</b>
Heather Hess	Pearl Frye	Claudia Cole
Andrew Roberts	Jimmy & Carolyn Lea	Michael Connor
Kasey Spry	Robin McKenzie	Skyler Demery
Jaiden Washington	Dot Monroe	<b>Alicia Henson</b>
Henry Weaver	Jr. Moon	<b>Alison Whitesell Kluttz</b>
	Mike & Cathy Salargo	
	Rod Ward	

**Elder for month of December: Shannon Bullard 910-690-2021**

Our children have been practicing for the annual Culdee **Children's Christmas Program** which will be held this evening, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. The program will be in the sanctuary. Then everyone will move into the fellowship hall for light refreshments and a visit with Santa. We hope you will come and invite family and friends to join us for a time of Christmas cheer and fellowship.

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Investment Committee at 4:00 pm  
Finance Meeting at 5:00 pm  
Session Meeting at 6:00 pm

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Cantata by Chancel Choir  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service and communion at 5:00 pm  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - New Years Day Meal from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

On **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **Congregational Meeting** directly after the service to present the 2025 Budget and to dismiss the Officer Nominating Committee.

The **New Year’s Day Meal** is approaching fast. Anyone one who would like to help, please see Karon McKenzie. Signup sheets will be up next Sunday. The money received from this will be going to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance for Western NC Hurricane Relief and to the Carthage Food Pantry.