

## ADVENT WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Eleven O'Clock

December 7, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Edwin H. Olson, Jr.

*God Calls Us to Give Him Praise*

Luke 1:68,76-79

Pastor: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come and has redeemed his people.

People: **And you, my child, will be called a prophet  
of the Most High; for you will go on before  
the Lord to prepare the way for him,**

Pastor: To give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,

People: **Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which  
the rising sun will come to us from heaven.**

Pastor: To shine on those living in darkness and in the  
shadow of death,

All: **To guide our feet into the path of peace."**

Hymn of Advent\*    "It Came upon a Midnight Clear"    No. 200

*God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin (in unison)*

Our gracious Father, forgive us for making this season all about lists and activities. Forgive us when our outlook is so shallow and our preparation so frantic. Deliver us from the distractions that are ever before us. We praise you for sending your Son to the world at just the right time. As we continue to prepare for his coming, may we keep your promise: "He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."

**My Private Confession of Sin**

**The Words of Assurance**

*Ephesians 2:17-18*

He came and preached peace to you who were far away  
and peace to those who were near.  
For through him we both have access to the Father.

*God Calls Us to Give to His Kingdom Work*

**The Offertory**

Karin Lyle

**Doxology\*** [Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King] No. 733

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Advent Readers**

**"The Prince of Peace"**  
Ross, Karin, Ed & Connie

Selected

*The Lighting of the Candle of Peace*

*Isaiah 53:5*

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for  
our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds, we are healed." – Isaiah 53:5

**Our Response**    *Angels We Have Heard on High*

No. 214

*God Calls Us to Pray to Him concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

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 debts; as we forgive our debtors.  
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.

**Anthem**

*God Calls Us to Receive His Word*

*Luke 2:8-14*

**The Sermon**    **"The Good News of the Carols"**    **Pastor Ed Olson**

**2. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

Hymn of Praise\*

*Go, Tell It on a Mountain*

No. 224

Benediction\*

Postlude\*

\*Congregation standing

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**Remember in Prayers:**

**Ed and Connie Olson:** Continued travel mercies for them, and for a time of healing with the family this Christmas season.

**Joe and Jayna Johnson (and Daughters, Verity and Eve):** As Joe continues his examination process by Highlands Presbytery, and prepares for relocation to our state and county.

Missionaries of the Week:

**Andrew and Trish Shank:** Western Carolina University. RUF

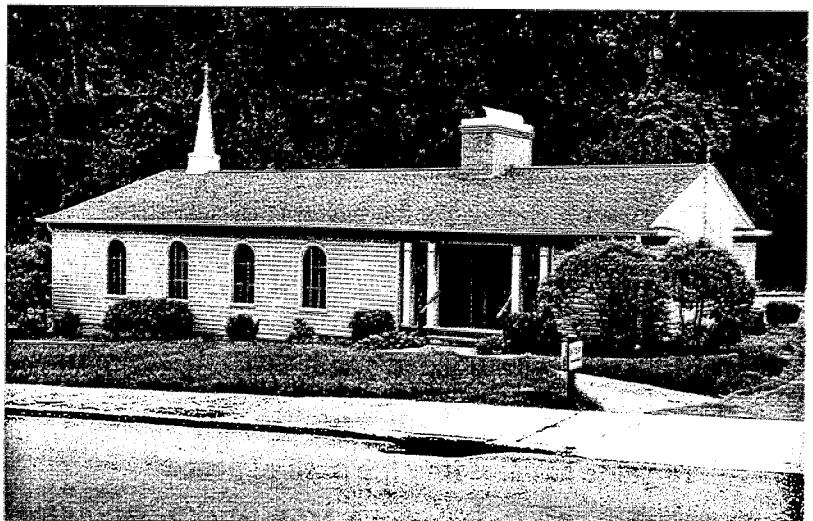
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**Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.** We continue the Advent Season with the lighting of the Peace candle.

**Upcoming Events of Note:**

Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, December 24, 3pm.

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