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Our Vision: *We are God's Servants impacting, changing and growing lives spiritually in Church and Community.*

Sunday, December 4, 2016 **9:30 A.M.**

Second Sunday in Advent

Gathering of the People of God

PRELUDE

***CAROL:** "Angels From the Realms of Glory", #22, PH
(Verse 1, only)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed be the Sovereign One of the Lord

PEOPLE: who comes to us and sets us free.

Leader: God has raised up for us a mighty Savior.

PEOPLE: born of the house of God's servant David.

Leader: Bless the Lord.

PEOPLE: The Lord's name be praised!

OPENING PRAYER **Rev. Deas**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Do you remember why we are taking time to be together in this circle around our Advent wreath? **(Relight first candle.)**

People: Last Sunday we lit the first candle, to remember that Advent is a time of preparation.

During these days we are getting our hearts ready for the coming of the Christ Child.

Leader: This Sunday we are remembering that Jesus came to earth to tell us of God's love.

People: Our family knows that love is coming. Love is Christmas. God has become involved with us. Love asks us to be open, to be honest, and especially to trust.

Leader: I light this candle on the second Sunday in Advent to remind us that Jesus came to earth to “show and tell” us of God’s love.

A purple candle is lit

***ADVENT SONG “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #9 PH PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)**

O God, you judge your people with righteousness; we judge our neighbors either right or wrong. Your Servant defended the cause of the poor; it is because of our greed that many still want. You bring deliverance to the needy, but we stand in the way of its being received. You send us a Savior who will crush the oppressor, but we raise up idols in his stead. Make us mindful of your dominion, how you rule while sun and moon endure. May we bow down before you and pay you the tribute that you are due.

CHORAL RESPONSE “Your Grace And Mercy” #270,AAHH

Your grace and mercy brought me through.
I’m living this moment because of you;
I want to thank you and praise you too:
Your grace and mercy brought me through.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Know this: ... Through Christ’s intercession on our behalf we receive the assurance that through him we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Knowing that we are healed, that we are truly forgiven and gathered into the very peace of Christ, let us offer this peace to each other. The

peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Let us greet one another, saying: "Peace be with you!")
Please return to your seats as the we begin to sing,

“God Welcomes All”

God welcomes All, strangers and friends;
God’s love is strong and it never ends.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

WELCOME/ CHURCH CONCERNS

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

NOTE: The Branch From Jesse

- 1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
- 3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
- 6 The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling[a] together;
and a little child will lead them.
- 7 The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8 The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

9 They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the
peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting
place will be glorious. (NIV)

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Eddie Deas III

DO NOT DISTURB

* **AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL** *"Somebody's
Knocking at Your Door"* #382, PH&

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION,
AND SUPPLICATION**

TITHES & OFFERINGS INCLUDING

***DOXOLOGY** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings
Flow"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL *"Let us Break Bread
Together"* #513, PH

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The God of glory be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving.

PEOPLE: We lift them towards God.

LEADER: Let us offer our thanks to God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

LEADER: It is right that we give you our thanks and praise, ... And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he whose coming we await with joy.

Hosanna in the highest.

LEADER: Blessed are you O God, ... In Jesus name who taught us to pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN *"Song of Hope"* #432, PH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Indicates those who are able, may stand

**Worshippers May Enter and Exit

***PH – Presbyterian Hymnal; AAHH – African American Heritage Hymnal: SF – Sing The Faith

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WORDS OF WELCOME

A joyous and hearty welcome! We're especially happy to have visitors present. Welcome to our Creator's house of worship. We ask that you sign our Guest Book in the Narthex before leaving. Please come to worship with us again and if you do not have church home here in Gastonia; we invite you to join the THIRD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ One For Third Street. Every 5th Sunday we are asking you to remember to help provide supplies for our Church by picking up one additional item for the Church when you purchase one for yourself or household. Please look at the list on the bookmarks in your bulletin today. You can donate these items at any time, but certainly by the 5th Sunday in October. **WE NEED PAPER TOWELS!**

The Elders serving Communion today are Elders Jeffery Adams and Charles Whitesides. Serving the Bread, Deacons Lois Camp and Starla Littlejohn.

CHANGE FOR MISSION: Don't forget to drop off your pocket change in the container as you leave the Church

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

2nd Sunday in Advent

Sunday School, 8:45 am.

Worship Service with Communion, 9:30 am.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

Building a Healthier Highland Christmas meeting, 6pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

Stated Session Meeting, 10:00 am.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

3rd Sunday in Advent

Sunday School, 8:45 am.

Lessons & Carols, 9:30 a.m.

2016 ADVENT SCHEDULE

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016 -

Communion Service

**3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 11, 2016 - Service of
Carols and Lessons, 9:30am.**

**4th Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2016 –
11:30am Blue Christmas Worship Service and
Christmas Dinner after Church**

NO CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25, 2016-9:30am

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