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## Announcements for the Week of December 3, 2017

### *First Sunday of Advent*

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor • Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music  
Josh Wullenweber, Seminary Field Ed. Student

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** We are delighted you are here and have been praying for you. If this is your first visit, we are honored you chose to worship with us. If you are returning, welcome back! We invite you to leave contact information on the guest cards inside the friendship pads, or at the welcome center. All are welcome at Holy Communion, and instructions regarding our meal are in our worship folder. Children are welcome in worship, and we seek to find ways to include them, such as our Children's time and our "pray-ground," where those under 4 have a place where they can see and hear, yet be quietly active with quiet toys and books. We have a nursery downstairs, where Ms. Carla provides loving care for those up to age 5 who need a different environment; as well as quiet bags, books, and children's bulletins near the entry way for older children. Restrooms are located in the sanctuary through the door directly opposite the entryway. We pray this worship will renew and prepare you to go out into God's world to love and serve.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Steve and Janet Axtman, in memory of our fathers, Kenneth Axtman and Nolan Halvorson.

**TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:** Those making public affirmation of their baptism today are: Collin Bucci, Nate Forster and Collin Quinlan. Please congratulate them and their families on their diligent attention to learning the things of the faith. Our thanks to Ryan Huber for teaching them.

**PURPOSEFUL LIVING: DISCOVERING GRACE, PEACE, AND LOVE:** If you have not returned your Purposeful Living - 2018 Stewardship Intent card, yet, you may put your intent card in the offering plate today during worship or mail it to the church office, attention Jim Huddle, Financial Secretary.

**TODAY IS SUPER SUNDAY! Come and enjoy fellowship, a meal, and an Advent Fair! Today - Youth at 3:00 p.m., everyone else at 4:00 p.m. Learning, 5:00 p.m. meal.** We'll learn more about Advent traditions and how to celebrate it at home. The Advent fair is for all ages! Football will be on! Fellowship is providing the main course—roisserie chicken. Bring a side dish to share and join us.

### **FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (9:30 a.m.)**

**G.I.F.T.** (multi-generation/age, interactive educational experience for all ages), Russell Hinson, leader, meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Activity Room, next to the Choir Room. All ages are welcome! **There will be no GIFT on December 24 or 31. Class will resume on January 7.**

**Middle School (Confirmation) Class** (grades 6-8) Ryan Huber, leader, meets in the Education Wing. **High School Conversation Class** (grades 9-12) Beth Hawley and Chuck Malinowski, leaders, meets in the Education Wing.

**Faith Forums:** Class for adults meets in the Education Wing - Marty Jenkins, leader.

**JOY CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will practice today at 10:15, following G.I.F.T.

**CHRISTMAS CARE-A-THON:** Today is the last day to return filled Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army. Thank you for your generosity and participation in this year's ministry.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROOM IN THE INN:** This evening, Living Saviour will welcome our first overnight guests for Room In The Inn, a shelter program coordinated by the Urban Ministries Center with churches all across Charlotte. We have participated for many years, and many of our members have volunteered their time and resources to help provide a place to sleep, a hot shower and hot, nourishing food for our homeless neighbors. The program takes place every Sunday night through March, and our coordinators -- Dawn Gibson, Alice Jenkins, Chuck Moore, Nancy Nein and Jeanette and Tom Shick -- are scheduling volunteers. You can find sign-up sheets for a variety of tasks on the bulletin board near the coffee area of the fellowship hall. You will find that you are truly blessed.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT December 10, 3:00 p.m.:** Living Saviour's Choirs, Orchestra, and Organ - All are welcome! The offering received will go to Lutheran World Relief to support disaster victims. Please plan to come and enjoy the beautiful Christmas and Advent music.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT RECEPTION:** Following the Christmas Concert, we will celebrate with a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the fun and enjoy the fellowship of our community! Please consider helping with decorating and/or preparing treats, or serving the refreshments. If you are available to come help set up for the reception on Saturday morning, December 9, or to set out food/beverages before the concert, or clean up following the reception, please sign up in the fellowship hall. We need your helping hands.

### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

December 10, 17 - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Service

December 24, Advent 4 - 10:30 a.m. only one service

December 24, Christmas Eve Worship Services - 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Holy Communion and Candlelighting at both services.

December 31 - 10:00 a.m., only one service

Children's Program - 10:30 a.m., December 17

A Nursery will be provided at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

**NO G.I.F.T., MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES on December 24 and 31. Faith Forum Adult Class will meet on December 24 at 9:30 a.m.**



**PASTOR ANGELA IS SEEKING 5 INDIVIDUALS** who are willing to pray, read scripture, and listen for God's voice in discerning our future as a congregation. Books will be provided for these 40 days of prayer. A commitment of reading/prayer each day, and meeting 3 times as a group is asked. Evening or weekend meetings are planned. If interested in discerning God's future for Living Saviour, contact Pastor Angela ([pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org](mailto:pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org) or 704-408-9534).

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet tomorrow (Monday) at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference room. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting or would like to learn, please come and join us.

**COFFEE GIVEAWAY:** On Tuesday, December 5, 6:30-9:00 a.m., we will be sharing free coffee and muffins with our neighbors and those who drive by the church and would like to stop for conversation and refreshment. Help is always needed, if you would like to participate. For information, please contact Jim Crawford or Frank DeLoache.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. We will continue our study of "Together by Grace." All are welcome to join us. There will be no class on December 20 or 27.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Thursday, December 7, 7:00 a.m. in conference room. All men are invited!

**PRIMETIMERS** will meet for lunch on **December 13, 11:30 a.m.** (the second Wednesday, instead of the third) at LongHorn Steakhouse, 10605 Centrum Pkwy., Pineville, N.C. 28134. Ages 50 and above are welcome. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

**LSLC BLOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, December 17, 9:00—12:00, The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas bloodmobile will visit our church. We can provide blood at a critical time by planning to give the gift of life on that day. You can reserve a time online or on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please see **Frank DeLoache**.



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on Sunday, December 17, 10:30 service. Ages 3 and up are invited to participate in this interactive Christmas story telling. All are invited to enjoy the story of God's love come to life.

**THE CARING AND SHARING GROUP** will not meet in December, but will resume meeting on the last Friday of each month, 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning in January. All are welcome to join us, if you are interested in knowing more about caregiving and having conversations and sharing experiences with others as we support one another in our congregation.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK:** Don Ferriss at CMC Main; Bill Larsen at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center (outpatient surgery). Please keep them in your prayers.

## This Week's Activities

<p><b><u>Sunday, December 3</u></b>                  Non-Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m.                  G.I.F.T /Faith Forum 9:30 a.m.                  Joy Children's Choir 10:15 a.m.                  Traditional Worship Service 10:30 a.m.                  Super Sunday Youth at 3:00 p.m. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.                  Room In The Inn 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Monday, December 4</u></b>                  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m.                  Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, December 5</u></b>                  Coffee Giveaway 6:30 a.m.                  Cub Scouts Den Meeting 6:45 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, December 6</u></b>                  Bible Study 10:00 a.m.                  Alleluia Ringers 6:00 p.m.                  Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, December 7</u></b>                  Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.                  Bridge Group 10:00 a.m.                  Pastor at FABO's 2:45 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Friday, December 8</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Saturday, December 9</u></b>                  Musical rehearsals in the Sanctuary 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.                  Set up for Reception following Concert 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, December 10</u></b>                  Non-Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m.                  G.I.F.T. /Faith Forum 9:30 a.m.                  Traditional Worship Service 10:30 a.m.                  Christmas Concert 3:00 p.m.                  Reception following Christmas Concert                  Room In The Inn                  AA Women's Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p>
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*Thank you for remembering to silence your cell phone!*

### Today's Worship Assistants

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Greeter	Rich and Caren Ballantine	Gregg and Anita Mitchell
Ushers		Kathy DeLoache, Brian Powell, Chuck Moore, Bruce Melosh
Assisting Minister	Josh Wullenweber	Josh Wullenweber
Communion Servers		Chalice: Larry Wagstaff, Moss Hathcock Tray: Janet Wagstaff, Steve Vick
Acolyte		Tanner Axtman
Child Care Attendants	Carla Gearheart, Amanda Thom	Carla Gearheart, Mackenzie Miller
Altar Guild	Robin LaFollette, Larry and Janet Wagstaff, Janet Mayer, Linda Honeycutt, Pam Williams	
Carmel Place (9:30 a.m.)	Cathy Lyall and Steve Vick	

#### Serving Next Week — December 10, 2017

**8:30 Service:** Ryan and Jennifer Huber; Josh Wullenweber; Carla Gearheart, TBA

**10:30 Service:** Jerry and Tissie Littlejohn; Kathy DeLoache, Brian Powell, Chuck Moore, Bruce Melosh; Josh Wullenweber; Jeff Connor, Lynn Stephens, Sherry Wooldridge, Jim Crawford; Kenneth Cochran; Carla Gearheart, Lori Kolasch; Robin LaFollette, Larry and Janet Wagstaff, Janet Mayer, Linda Honeycutt, Pam Williams.

**Carmel Place (9:30)** Josh Wullenweber and Anna Pearce

Please forward any announcements to [sherry@livingsaviourlc.org](mailto:sherry@livingsaviourlc.org) by Thursday at 9:00 AM for inclusion in next week's bulletin.

#### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Pastor Angela can be reached on her day off or on weekends, at 704-408-9534. She will return your call as soon as possible.

#### Please visit our website for live streaming of our worship services.

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Last Week's Attendance: 157