



# Greene Street United Methodist Church



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*The mission of Greene Street United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in the University community and beyond spreading the joy of Christianity and the love of Jesus by worship, example, study and fellowship for the transformation of the world.*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2016**

**Liturgical Color: Blue**

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements (10 Minutes before the hour)

Chimes (on the Hour)

Hymn of Fellowship "O Little Town of Bethlehem" v. 1&3 UMH 230  
After Singing Greet Those around You

Centering Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise "Angels from the Realms of Glory" v. 1&4 UMH 220

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us Pray.

### Congregational Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

During our prayer time, the worship leader will allow a few moments so that names may be lifted from the congregation. After the name is lifted, the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," and you are invited to respond by saying, "Hear our prayer".

### Congregational Prayer Chorus

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

**Anthem** Chancel Choir

## Serving God By Our Service, Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, And Our Witness.

<b>OUR SERVICE</b>		<b>OUR PRESENCE</b>	
Ministers:	All the Congregation	<b>Attendance on 12/11/16</b>	
Pastor:	Rev. David Anderson	<b>Sunday school...8</b>	
Secretary:	Detra Pennington	<b>Worship....28</b>	
Director of Music:	Almond Ponge	<b>OUR GIFTS</b>	
Trustee:	Don Sullivan	<b>From 12/11/16</b>	
Greeter:	Melissa McNeill & Sheila McCormick	<b>Budget receipts last week</b>	
PPRC Rep:	Elizabeth Turnipseed	<b>\$ 1,826.00</b>	
Nursery:	Allison Rice		
Reader:	Ervin West		

<b>BY OUR PRAYERS</b>				
Craig Norton	Mallory Lucas	Mac McLendon	Kim Gordon	Wade Wiles
Dylan Wood	Allyson Wittich	Katie Rhodes	Flora Price	Benjamin Schooler
Kimberly Price	Sara Duncan	Marilyn Biernaski	Bradley Hughes	Lyndsey West
Kay Strickland	Diane McDougall	Christi S. Corley	Temmy McLendon	Mark Connell
Merita S. Koening	Bobby Price, Sr	Bobby Price, Jr.	Glenn Higgins	Daniel Briquet
Irina Briquet	Susie Funchess	Percy McNeill	Jill Slapnik	
<b>The Nursing Home &amp; Rehab &amp; Hospital</b>				
Flo Price -NHC, West Cola., SC		Mac McLendon—LMC-South Tower—Room 514		
Jerry Kittrell—Robin's Residential Care-1216 Hyatt Avenue, Cola., SC 29203				
John Hayes—NHC 7601 Parklane Road, Room 204, Cola., SC 29223				

<b>OUR WITNESS</b>
<b>This Week at Greene Street</b>
<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sunday, December 18, 2016</b>
9:15 am—Gathering
9:30 am—Choir Practice
9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
<b>Tuesday, December 20, 2016</b>
6:30 am—Bible Study@ Lizard's on Forest Dr.
<b>Wednesday, December 21, 2016</b>
No Bible Study
No Bible Study @Lizard's on Bush River
<b>Saturday, December 24, 2016</b>
4:00 pm —Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

<b>OUR WITNESS</b>
<b>Next Week at Greene Street</b>
<b>Christmas Day!</b>
<b>Sunday, December 25, 2016</b>
10:00 am—Worship Service
<b>Tuesday, December 27, 2016</b>
No Bible Study@ Lizard's on Forest Dr.
<b>Wednesday, December 28, 2016</b>
No Bible Study
No Bible Study @Lizard's on Bush River

<b>OFFICE INFORMATION</b>	
1106 Greene Street	Pastor's Cell 960-3882
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Closed on Fridays	



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

Time with the Children		Rev. Anderson
Prayer of Illumination	“Sanctuary”	TFWS 2164
Old Testament Lesson		Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalter Lesson	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	UMH 801
Epistle Lesson:		Romans 1:1-7
*Hymn of Preparation	“Jesus, Name above All Names”	TFWS 2071
Gospel Lesson:		Matthew 1:18-25
Morning Message	“Say Yes to God’s Love”	Rev. Anderson
Affirmation of Faith	“Apostles’ Creed”	No. 881
Offering God’s tithes, Ourselves and our Gifts		
*The Doxology		No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, <i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts!</i> <i>Praise Jesus Christ Whose Power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!</i> <i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>		
*Hymn of Dedication	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	UMH 240
Benediction		
Musical Benediction Response:	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH 204
*Postlude		
*You are invited to stand if you are able.		
**(The altar is always available for you to come and to spend some time in prayer with God during the closing song.)		

### From David’s Desk:

Some Advent reflections:

At the beginning of a new yearly cycle, the liturgy invites the Church to renew her proclamation to all the peoples and sums it up in two words ‘God comes.’ These words, so concise, contain an ever new evocative power.

Let us pause a moment to reflect: it is not used in the past tense—God has come, nor in the future—God will come, but in the present—‘God comes.’ At a closer look, this is a continuous present, that is, an ever-continuous action: it happened, it is happening now and it will happen again. In whichever moment, ‘God comes.’ The verb ‘to come’ appears here as a theological verb, indeed theological, since it says something about God’s very nature. Proclaiming that ‘God comes’ is equivalent, therefore, to simply announcing God himself, through one of his essential and qualifying features: his being the God-who-comes.

Advent calls believers to become aware of this truth and to act accordingly. It rings out as a salutary appeal in the days, weeks and months that repeat: Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now!

The Fathers of the Church observe that the ‘coming’ of God—continuous and, as it were, co-natural with his very being—is centered in the two principal comings of Christ: his Incarnation and his glorious return at the end of time. The Advent Season lives the whole of both ends of this spectrum.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are a first time visitor please see one of our greeters or usher to receive a gift from us. Also, please fill out a visitors form located in the back of the pew.

*Welcome*

Please join us for Bible study on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. We will start studying “Revival” by Adam Hamilton. No Bible Study on 12-21-16



December 19—Courtney Price  
December 20—David Baker

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The January –February 2017  
Upper Rooms are in the narthex ready for pickup.

Our Sympathy and prayers are extended to Mrs. Tessie Neeley in the death of Mr. Jack Neeley who died on December 11, 2016. Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”



*John 14:1-2*