

## **THIS WEEK AT TRIUNE**

(Triune is closed 1-2 PM Mon, Wed, Th, and 1-2:30 Tues.)

### **Today**

Bible Study, 9:30

Worship, 11

Bag Lunch, Noon (Pelham Rd Baptist, Mauldin UMC)

Art Room, 1-3

Round Table, 1:15-3

### **Monday**

Mail Pick-up, Other needs, 9-1

Staff Appointments, 2-5

### **Tuesday**

Mail Pick-up, Other needs, 9-1

Staff Appointments, 2:30-5

### **Wednesday**

Food Pantry, 9-11

Art Room, 9-Noon

Mail Pick-up, Pop-top Bags, Hygiene Kits, 9-11

Staff Appointments 2-5

### **Thursday**

Mail Pick-up, Other needs, 9-1

Staff Appointments, 2-5

NA, 7-8

### **Friday - Closed**

NA Meditation Group, 10:30

### **Saturday**

Mail Pick-up, Bag Lunch, Hygiene kits, 9-1 (John Knox Pres)

AA, 9-1

Memorial Service for Pete Kerns, 2

NA, 5-6

# **Triune Mercy Center**

Greenville, South Carolina

**December 12, 2021**

**You are God's child, and you are welcome in this place.**

*No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor.  
The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything,  
look down on others,  
those who have no need even of God—for them there will be no Christmas.  
Only the poor, the hungry, those who need someone to come on their behalf,  
will have that someone. That someone is God, Emmanuel, God-with-us.  
Without poverty of spirit  
there can be no abundance of God. When the poor have nowhere  
to rest their bodies,  
and their children fleeing from the cold find only hammocks strung up in the  
fields and coffee groves, we must recall that the Savior's good news is for all.  
The happiness of the Lord who created us to fulfill his salvation is everyone's.*

~Oscar Romero, *The Violence of Love*

222 Rutherford St.  
Greenville, SC 29609  
864-233-8020

Worship – 11:00 am  
[www.triunemercy.org](http://www.triunemercy.org)

Pastor: Jennifer Fouse Sheorn  
Music Director: Andy Welchel  
Sound: Sydney Anderson  
Keyboards: David Hanna  
Vocals: Phyllis Henderson & Khristin Stephens

Interim Associate Pastor: Jeff Brown  
Live-streaming: Tyler Robinson  
Bass: Sam Kruer  
Drums: Tez Sherard  
Violin: Kristen Miller

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**December 12, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

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Prelude David Hanna  
Welcome and Announcements  
Gathering Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1-3) UMH #234  
Call to Worship

God, who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the brokenhearted, frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn, loves justice!

**God calls us to act in compassionate ways toward others.**

Rejoice, God has placed God's trust in you to be those who will bring good news of peace and joy.

**With the healing love of God in our hearts, we journey through this season as we wait, watch, and wonder, getting ready to welcome the One who will turn the world upside-down, the Christ child.**

Come, let us worship and praise God whose love is showered over us.

Song of Thanksgiving Khristin Stephens  
"O Give Thanks" (Dr. Judith Christie McAllister & Keith O'Neal)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Prayer of Confession (in Unison)**

**Gracious God, it was with joy that you brought us into being. You created the world and called it good. And yet we have done so much to squash that goodness: we have fought with one another and failed to live in peace; we have shut out the stranger and disparaged the immigrant; we have ignored the needy and judged the poor; we have fallen short of your command to be the Beloved Community. Forgive us, Merciful God, and bring us back to the joy we find in you. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** This is the good news, dear friends: God does wonders for us. God forgives our sin; refreshes us with love; and sings glad songs of salvation to us. We lift up in praise the One who is our strength, our hope, and our joy. Thanks be to God!

Hymn "Mary Gladly Told Her Cousin" (see insert)  
Scripture Luke 1:46-56  
Sermon Jennifer Fouse Sheorn  
Anthem "Mary Did You Know?" (Lowry/Greene) Phyllis Henderson  
Affirmation of Faith (see insert)  
Offering "Magnificat" (Todd Agnew) Khristin Stephens  
Doxology  
Moment of Silence/Prayers of the People  
Benediction  
Postlude  
Band

**Please turn cell phones off, and keep masks on at all times, while maintaining a safe distance from other worshipers.**

## **“Mary Gladly Told Her Cousin”**

1. *Mary gladly told her cousin, "Praise the Lord! My spirit sings!"  
Young and humble, she'd been chosen! God was surely changing things!  
God of love, her words ring true As we sing her prayer to you:*
2. *"Now my soul is gladly singing at the greatness of the Lord.  
I rejoice, for God is bringing God's salvation to the world.  
All who live will say I'm blessed even in my lowliness."*
3. *"God is mighty, just and holy, and he's done great things for me.  
Those who fear him know the mercy that God gives us endlessly.  
Mighty ones are brought down low; lowly ones find blessings flow."*
4. *"God has filled the poor and hungry, and he's sent the rich away.  
God is active here in history, In a real and wondrous way.  
God has promised, and I'm blessed, For I know God's faithfulness."*

Biblical Reference: Luke 1:39-56

Tune: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849 ("Once in Royal David's City")

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### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior,  
for God looks with favor upon us and sees our unrealized potential. In the  
tradition of Mary, and all who have said “yes” to God, we stand here today,  
to add our assent to theirs. Like Mary, we feel overwhelmed; we wonder if  
we are worthy, or capable, of following the calling. Like Mary, we have our  
questions and we will not be afraid to ask them. Like Mary, we will hear and  
ponder the assurance that God will empower us. Like Mary we will strive to  
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