

# North Spray Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
Rev. Angie Pooley, Minister

## Hangin' of the Greens Service

December 1, 2024

\*Congregation Sings

**Prelude and Chimes** (Please stand as the chimes begin to play.)

\*"All the World Has Joy"

**Advent Call to Worship** Annette White

Leader: The darkness has long been upon us. We long for the light-- the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**People: The light has not yet come. We wait and watch for the dawning of God's glory. A candle casts its light into the darkness. It reminds us to stay awake and watchful, for the Promised One will come to us at an unexpected hour!**

### Invocation

Leader: Let us pray. How we long for the Light of Your presence, Holy God! Guide us from the night of our hopelessness and lead us with joy toward the dawning of Your New Day. Amen.

\*The Gloria Chorus #152

### Fellowship and Greetings

*Please Sign Attendance Sheets at Ends of Pews*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Today we light the first Advent candle to remind us of the **hope** Jesus brings to the world.

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #140

### Morning Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. O God, we thank You for the great gift of Christ our Lord. Truly, His coming causes our minds to swirl in wonder. Accept our deepest thanks for all that You have done for us in the sending of Jesus, our Savior. In His name, we pray. Amen.

### Introduction

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of God's Royal Son?

**People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

**People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death, and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

**People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

**People: But that the world through Him might be saved.**

\*"I Wonder as I Wander" (Verse 1 with Coda) #165

### God Will Send a Righteous King:

**Jeremiah 23:5-6** Joe Shively

*5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up from David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*

*6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."*

\*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verses 1 & 5) #133

### The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Jay Cruz

*2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined.*

*6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.*

Leader: Because the needles of pine and fir trees remain green from season to season, the ancients saw them as signs of things that last forever. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. Therefore, we hang these wreaths of evergreens shaped in a circle, which itself has no end, to signify the eternal reign of Jesus, the Christ.

\*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #173  
(Wreaths are placed on pulpit, lectern, and windows.)

**A Servant Song: Isaiah 53:1-6**

Mary Barrett

*1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

*2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

*3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised and we held him of no account.*

*4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.*

*5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.*

*6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Leader: For Christians, this passage from Isaiah reflects the sufferings of Jesus, who saved us from our sins by His death on the cross, and by His resurrection from the dead. In ancient times, holly and ivy were considered signs of Christ's passion. Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns, the red berries the blood of the Savior, and the bitter bark the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. As we hang the holly and ivy, let us rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

\*"The Holly and the Ivy" Congregation  
(Greens are placed in windows.)

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the woods,  
The holly bears the crown:

*Refrain:* The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flow'r,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our sweet Savior: *Refrain*

The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To do poor sinners good: *Refrain*

The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas day in the morn: *Refrain*  
CCLI# 2905138 Traditional English Carol

**The Lord's Supper**

Paul White

**Hanging of the Chrismons**

(As "What Child Is This?" is played, please come forward and place a Chrismon on the tree.)

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus and remember that He is the Light of the World, we light the Christmas tree and the candles in the windows. (The tree and candles are lighted.)

\*"Away in a Manger" #147

**The Mystery of the Incarnation: John 1:1-5, 9-14** Cecil Stewart

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*2 He was in the beginning with God.*

*3-4 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

*5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

*10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.*

11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of human will, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Special Music** "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Jean Light Kinyon

**The Reading of the Christmas Story** Paul White  
**Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)**

\*"The First Noel, the Angel Did Say" (Verses 1-4) #162

Leader: This Christmas season, let us remember the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive Him. Let us celebrate that joy!

\***Hymn of Dedication** "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come" #146

### **Benediction**

Leader: Dear God, We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Help us prepare a place for Christ to be born anew in our hearts. Fill us with Your unending joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

\***Congregational Response** "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" #126

### **Postlude**

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#### *SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE*

***Good morning and welcome to North Spray Christian Church.***

*We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning, and we invite you to join with us as we celebrate the difference God's grace has made in our lives. Visitors, please stop by the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary to receive some special information.*

# *Hanging of the Greens Service*

*Sunday, December 1, 2024*



***North Spray Christian Church***

*(Disciples of Christ)*

**521 Washburn Avenue**

**Eden, North Carolina 27288**

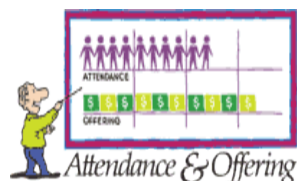
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**FOR THE RECORD:**

**Worship Attendance for 11/24/24**

In Person	47
Online	<u>6</u>
Total Attendance	53
Sunday School Attendance	11



**Offering for 11/24/24**

General Fund Offering	\$601.00
Online Giving	<u>155.00</u>
Total Offering	\$756.00

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There are now five ways to join us each Sunday. In person, online, on the ZOOM app, by phone and on Facebook. Go to the link below to connect with us. We look forward to seeing everyone for our worship experience at church or online!

[northspraychristianchurch.com/onlineworship](https://northspraychristianchurch.com/onlineworship)



**Our Hanging of the Greens service will be this Sunday, December 1. This begins the season of Advent.**

Our annual congregational meeting will also be this Sunday, December 1. At this time deacon and elder candidates for 2025-2027 and the 2025 proposed budget will be presented. Also, there will be changes to our Constitution and By-Laws presented. Mark your calendar and be present for this important meeting.

We will be collecting money for **staff Christmas gifts** through Sunday, December 15. See Rhonda Knight to donate. Join us in helping to thank our staff for all they do to support our church throughout the year.



The CWF Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 9, at 12:00 noon, at the home of Michelle Walker. Bring finger foods and a Christmas gift costing around \$10.

Our youth will be going to **Kersey Valley Christmas** in Archdale on Friday, December 13. We will leave the church at 4:00 p.m. Youth under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Please see Sylvia if you would like to join us!

The **Youth Christmas Program. "Oh Glorious Night"** will be on Sunday, December 22. After the service we will have a **churchwide hotdog lunch**. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us.



The youth will have a rehearsal on Sunday, December 8 after service. Our youth Christmas Party for all of our youth will be on December 15.



**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on Tuesday, December 24 at 8:00 p.m. Join us for the special time as we celebrate the newborn King!**

We will be placing luminaries along the church walkways for our Christmas Eve Communion Service as our next General Fund Faithraiser. If you would like to give a luminary in honor or memory of a loved one, please give \$5.00 per luminary to Sylvia Brown or Thomas Knight, along with a sheet listing who you are giving for. Sheets are available on the foyer table. **The deadline to submit is Sunday, December 15.**



*This year, you will again have the opportunity to bring your Christmas cards to fellow church members/attenders and place them in the box on the table in the hallway. **This is just for cards that can be delivered at church. If your cards are to homebound members or folks who are not attending, please do not bring those.** Please have your cards in by **Thursday, December 12 at noon.** Cards will be distributed on Sunday, December 15.*

Your weekly/monthly tithe is important to maintain our facility and staff. If you are not attending in person, you may mail your offering to the church at 521 Washburn Avenue. **Please Note: When you send your tithe by mail please include your numbered offering envelope with it, so that we will have a tangible record to keep after the money is deposited. Deposits are now made on Sundays, so if your tithe is received after that, it will be deposited the following week.** Also, **please remember to write the amount of your offering on your offering envelope.** This is the only way we have to record your contributions after the counters take the money out of the envelope on Sundays.



Also, remember our **online giving** option. Gifts can be made to our General Fund and Memorial Fund, as well as for special offerings. You can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving if you wish to give every week or month. Options are available to give either by credit/debit

card or bank draft.

Visit [northspraychristianchurch.com/giving](http://northspraychristianchurch.com/giving) to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas at [tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com](mailto:tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com).

You may also scan this QR code to give online:



Check out the new Tithe.ly app in the Apple app store for iOS users. The website experience will not change, but the addition of an app is pretty cool. Coming to Android this fall!

**The CCM food pantry is located at the Leaksville Moravian Church.** The food pantry is open 9:30-12:00 on Thursday mornings only. Those in need should go to the church during this time and they will be assisted once a month. We are asked to bring food on the **first Sunday of each month** and place it in the box in the hallway. There is always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, Jiffy muffin mix, spaghetti sauce, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits.** They request that cans with pull tab openings be given as some clients do not have access to a can opener! **CCM is more than a food pantry.** You may also give monetary donations to help clients with utilities and for purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931. All your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.



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**REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

(\*NSCC members)



**IMMEDIATE NEEDS:**

- \***Beth Bailey** – Having some medical issues – Tests are being done.  
**Alice Hooker** - RCC Employee – Damaged lumbar spine - having therapy- spinal surgery is likely  
**Stella Hopper** – Fell and broke arm – at Eden Rehab, room 512, for rehab - arm is in sling  
**Willie Jumper** – Employee of Thomas’ at RCC – Acute leukemia; Doing daily chemo treatments; may need bone marrow transplant.  
**Matt Scott** – Faye Wood’s son-in-law – Recuperating from lung cancer surgery – 3411 Fern Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408  
**Angela Simpson** – Former teacher of Brayden Wade – Pancreatic cancer - having chemo treatments  
\***Faye Wood** – Brookdale NW, Apt. 26, 5801 Old Oak Ridge Road, Greensboro, NC 27410 Cell number: 336-932-5649  
**Trooper Wright** – Morehead High School Student – Injured in ATV accident -Left arm had to be amputated.

**ONGOING NEEDS:**

- Gayle Hand** - Chris’ mother – Eden Rehab  
**Thomas Jarrell** – Friend of the Knights – Cancer has spread; prognosis is not good; doing liquid radiation treatments – 1724 Woodrow Ave.  
**Vincent Kinyon** – Lenzie’s brother – is currently with sister - having radiation  
\***Connie Koontz** – 408 Highland Drive  
\***Barbara Spurlin** - 182 Sparrow Road  
\***Louise Washburn** - 201 Saturn Drive, Ridgeway, VA 24148

**HOMEBOUND**

- Joe Brown** – Sylvia’s brother – Room 401, Brookdale, Reidsville  
**Laura Brown** – Sylvia’s sister – Room 410, Brookdale, Reidsville  
**Luanne Joyce** – Sylvia Brown’s sister – Room 308 - Eden Rehab (formerly Brian Center)  
\***Norma Mabes** – c/o Felicia Heyward, 9108 Wellsley Way, Raleigh, NC 27613 – Norma’s cell phone number is 336-280-8082.  
**Martie Stephens** – In the Alzheimer’s unit at Meadows Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL – send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704  
(Members are marked by an asterisk. \*)



If you would like to make a prayer request visit [northspraychristianchurch.com/prayer](http://northspraychristianchurch.com/prayer) to submit your request.

Please contact Sylvia in the office at 336-623-2371 or [sbrown@northspraychristianchurch.com](mailto:sbrown@northspraychristianchurch.com) if you have an update or someone needs to be removed from our prayer list. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated for our publications. Thank you!

**Nursing Center Addresses:**

- UNC Rockingham** – 205 E. Kings Highway  
**UNC Chapel Hill** – 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
**Bayberry** – 511 Carolyn Court  
**Brookdale** – 314 W. Kings Highway  
**Brookdale, Reidsville** – 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville, 27320  
**Eden Rehabilitation and Healthcare (formerly Brian Center)** - 226 N. Oakland Avenue  
**Highgrove** – 2135 S. Scales Street, Reidsville, 27320  
**Jacob’s Creek** – 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, 27025  
**Penn** – 618-A Main Street, Reidsville, NC 27320  
**Ancora Compassionate Care (formerly Hospice of Rockingham County)** – 2150 NC Highway 65, Wentworth 27375

