



**November 27, 2022**  
***First Sunday of Advent***  
***11:00am Contemporary Worship***

“God can act in time because he is Lord of time.  
He uses it to display his glory.”  
- Wayne Grudem

***Be Glad — Cody Carnes***  
***Birth of Our Savior — Forgiven for Christmas***  
***How Many Kings — Marc Martell***  
***Rattle — Elevation***

**Romans 5:1-8 (NLT)**

Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.

<sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to endure. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this expectation will not disappoint us. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

<sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

<sup>7</sup> Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

**Isaiah 9:1-7 (NLT)**

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. <sup>3</sup> Israel will again be great, and its people will rejoice as people rejoice at harvest time. They will shout with joy like warriors dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup> For God will break the chains that bind his people and the whip that scourges them, just as he did when he destroyed the army of Midian with Gideon’s little band. <sup>5</sup> In that day of peace, battle gear will no longer be issued. Never again will uniforms be bloodstained by war. All such equipment will be burned.

<sup>6</sup> For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David. The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this!

**Happy Birthday!** Vladimir Khudyakov will be 97 on November 30.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:** Mackenzie Grise

## Coming Up at Corinth

For updates and more details, visit [CorinthToday.org/now](http://CorinthToday.org/now) and [Facebook.com/CorinthReformed](https://Facebook.com/CorinthReformed).

**Wed 11/30 — Wednesday Night Programs.** Dinner (pork roast, rice, broccoli casserole, rolls, & dessert) starts at 5:15pm followed by classes for adults, children, and youth. Learn more, [corinthtoday.org/Wednesday](http://corinthtoday.org/Wednesday).

**Sun 12/4 — Morning Worship.** Join us in person or online, [corinthtoday.org/live](http://corinthtoday.org/live).

- **Combined Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary.** Pastors Bob and Paul will preach.
- **Sunday School, 9:45am.**
- **Combined Worship, 11:00am, Sanctuary.** Pastors Bob and Paul will preach.
- **No CORE Kids.** We do not have CORE Kids on Combined Sundays but we encourage children to join us in worship.

**Sun 12/4 — Retirement Lunch, 12:30pm, Bost Memorial Hall.** Join us for a lunch to celebrate Linda Thompson's 25 years of service to Corinth. Lunch is free; RSVP by today, Nov 27: [bit.ly/LindaLunch](http://bit.ly/LindaLunch).

**Sun 12/4 — Jesus' Birthday Party, 4pm, Bost Memorial Hall.** Enjoy pizza and hot chocolate while decorating gingerbread houses. To RSVP or to volunteer visit, [bit.ly/corechristmas22](http://bit.ly/corechristmas22).

**Sun 12/4 — Tree Lighting, 6pm, Front Lawn.** Welcome Advent with Christmas lights. Come enjoy beautiful lights, music, and refreshments.

**Advent Devotionals.** Pick up a free copy in the Narthex, Bost Memorial Hall, Rowe Welcome Center, or church office. To receive the daily devotionals by email, contact Patter, [patter@corinthtoday.org](mailto:patter@corinthtoday.org).

## Ways to Connect and Serve

**Poinsettia Orders.** Every Christmas we use poinsettias to decorate our worship spaces. They are \$14 each and must be ordered by December 5. Contact the office, 828.328.6196 or [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org), to place your order.

**Active Military.** Every year in our Candlelighting bulletins we recognize all members of Corinth and their immediate family members who are serving active duty in the military. Please email the individual's name and branch of service to [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org) by December 12.

**Hickory Choral Society.** Corinth will host Christmas concerts on Dec 9 at 7:30pm, Dec 10 at 3pm and 7:30pm, and Dec 11 at 3pm. For questions, please contact the Hickory Choral Society, 828.322.2210.

**Christmas at Corinth.** Join us in worship during the Christmas season.

- **Sat 12/17 — Contemporary Candlelighting Service & Children's Christmas Pageant, 4:30pm, Bost Memorial Hall.**
- **Sun 12/18 — 83rd Annual Traditional Candlelighting Service, 4:30pm, Sanctuary.**
- **Sat 12/24 — Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Service, 5pm, Sanctuary.**
- **Sat 12/24 — Moravian Love Feast, 10pm, Sanctuary.**
- **Sun 12/25 — Christmas Day Combined Service, 10am, Sanctuary.**

## Ways to Give

- Offering boxes in the rear of the Sanctuary and the front of Bost Memorial Hall
- Text "Corinth" to 73256
- Visit [corinthtoday.org/give](http://corinthtoday.org/give)
- Scan the QR code to the right
- Mail check to 150 16th Ave NW, Hickory NC 28601

