

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Holiday Greetings! Well, ready or not, it's time to start counting the shopping days left until Christmas. It's time to figure out how to spread sweetness and light among your loved ones by making all the right purchases. Deck the halls! Contemplate Rudolph! Be overwhelmed by the magic and joy of the season - at any cost! And for you college football fans, like me, we have only a few weeks left of the regular season

before the bowls and the playoffs. We have to crowd all this into our normal schedules and get it all done. In the midst of all this activity, it might be hard to pay much attention to Advent. In spite of the fact that Advent might not be as prominent in the minds of the public as Black Friday, or Cyber Monday, or the College Football Playoffs, it really does deserve our focused attention. Advent season prepares us for something much more important and wonderful than holiday cheer, presents, the Christmas tree, and getting stuffed with your favorite Christmas stuffing. Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, and also of preparation for the second coming of Christ. Back when Advent got started, Bishop Perpetuus of Tours (461 - 490) established a fast before Christmas that began on November 11. To go on a period of fasting before Christmas helped the faithful to become less involved in worldly concerns and more mindful of the profound meaning of the coming of Christ.

If any of you decide to go on a pre-Christmas fast, let me know. I'd like to hear how it goes. For those of you who prefer to eat, drink, and be merry, there is hope for you as well. Focus anew on your relationship with God. Come to our Advent services. Sing the Advent hymns and read the Advent scriptures. Pray to be transformed by the love of Christ and share that love with others. You will be blessed long after Christmas has passed. Remember the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come".

Grace and Peace,
Genet

Lumberton, North Carolina December 2022 Edition
Worship Schedule: Sunday in the Sanctuary 10:00 am, & [Online](#)

Christmas Eve After-Party

Trinity Christmas Eve will be a joyous celebration of our Savior's birth. Following the special music and service, we will hold a reception in the Parish Hall.

Each year we strive to "out do" ourselves by providing a sumptuous buffet which include our most special Christmas recipes. This year will be no different as we share this evening with family and friends. Please plan to bring an h'ordeuvre ready to serve or a bottle of wine to share. Kathy Hansen, Lisa Bedell and Dencie Lambdin will coordinate the reception. Please contact one of them to let them know what you will bring and how you can help that evening.



Trinity Episcopal Church 1202 N Chestnut St, Lumberton 

*We are pleased to be able to present our
Advent Noontime Concerts again this year.
The dates are as follows:*

Wednesday, November 30 Devorah Grunow, Soprano.
Wednesday, December 7 Mark and Lynn Andersen, Organ and Handbells.
Wednesday, December 14 The Lumberton High School Chorus, directed by Teresa Davis.

Each concert will begin at 12:00 noon, and will be followed by a luncheon in our Parish Hall. We will also have our long awaited Christmas Eve service back in our Sanctuary on December 24, at 7:00 pm.





Military

Zeb Beasley / Cherry Beasley (*Mother*)

Adam Biggerstaff (*Parishioner*) • Terri Biggerstaff / Chris Biggerstaff (*Wife*)

Scott Cherichella / Carol McDonald (*Friend*)

Christian Cummings / Stan Knick (*Friend*) • Kevin Dyda/ Stan Knick (*Friend*)

Antwone Gainey/ Shane Donovan (*Friend*) • Brian Gibson / Cherry Beasley (*Son-in-law*)

Jefferson Griffin / Annette Burk (*Nephew*) • Antonio Massol/ Nikki Hansen (*Friend*)

Helena Massol/ Nikki Hansen (*Friend*) • Charlie Noble/ Lynn Noble (*Son*)

Kelvin Oxendine / Stan Knick (*Friend*) • Kameron Redder (*Biggerstaff Friend*)

Samantha Saffery (*Friend*) • Chris Simmons / Shane Donovan (*Friend*)

Courtney Moore Lamb / Holt Moore (*sister*)

December Office Hours

Monday, Thursday, Friday

8am - 11am,

Tuesday, Wednesday

9am - 12pm (noon)

Wednesday filming/editing 12pm-5pm

Please send all

e-mails to

trinityepiscopall202@gmail.

December Birthdays

2 Cody Cruise

3 Mariel Mendes

13 Bob Borbet

23 Libba Odom

26 Marilyn Teague

27 Gary Noble

29 Rosemary Gibson

30 Shirley Kozej

REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

Merry Christmas from the staff, volunteers & the Board of Repeat Performance Thrift Shop!

If you have an hour or two to volunteer at the Thrift Shop-Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, just ask for Tina McLamb, our Shop Manager. Help is needed in the back room to process merchandise or in the shop helping cashier to bag merchandise! Any help would be appreciated!

Shop will be closed on Saturday, December 24, 2022, and re-open on Wednesday, January 4, 2023!

Senior Wardens Report

Dear Congregation,

I hope everyone's Christmas season is getting off to a great start. With our Advent Concert Series, the holiday gathering at the home of Floyd Locklear and Mike Brown, our Annual Meeting and meal, and the Christmas Eve Service and festivities, our church is certainly bringing us many Christmas blessings this year as always. Let us all keep in mind how we can give back here and elsewhere.

It has been a great year at Trinity, and thank you for the privilege of serving as Senior Warden. Warmly,
Holt Moore.



Christmas Potluck!

The December Potluck will take place after the Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 4th. Around 11:30am. Please bring a dish to share. Questions? See Lisa B or Kathy



Poinsettias & Christmas Wreaths

If you would like to purchase Poinsettias or Christmas Wreaths to be given in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one for Christmas, please fill out a form and include your check for the appropriate amount made payable to: Trinity ALTAR GUILD. Please bring or mail your form and check to the church office.

Poinsettias \$18.00

1 Tree \$ 175.00

2 Front Door Wreaths \$50.00 (Already given by Becky Lewis Alsup)

7 Wall Wreaths \$30.00



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Film Video 12pm	2 Cody Cruise	3 JESE 7-10pm Mariel Mendes
4 2nd Sunday of Advent Church Service 10am, Video Annual Church Meeting Potluck	5	6 St. Nicholas Day	7 Advent Concert 12:00 Noon Choir Practice 7pm	8 Film Video 12pm	9	10 Jim Odom
11 3rd Sunday of Advent Church Service 10am, Video	12	13 Vestry Meeting 7pm Bob Borbet	14 Advent Concert 12:00 Noon Choir Practice 7pm	15 Film Video 12pm	16	17 Choir rehearsal 10am
18 4th Sunday of Advent Church Service 10am, Video	19 Adam Mendes	20 Jan Gane Clyde McKee	21 Choir Practice 7pm	22 Film Video 12pm	23 Libba Odom	24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
25 Christmas Day Morning Prayer 10am, Video 	26 Marilyn Teague	27 Gary Noble	28 Film Video Advent Concert 12pm Choir 7pm	29 Rosemary Gibson	30 Shirley Kozej	31 New Year's Eve

Server Schedule for December 2022:
 If you cannot serve as shown here, please arrange
 for someone to replace you.



Servers Schedule



Sunday 8am	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Ushers	Vestry Person of the Day
December 4	X	X	X	X	X	X
December 11	X	X	X	X	X	X
December 18	X	X	X	X	X	X
December 25	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sunday 10am						
December 4	Katherine N	Rosemary G	Rosemary G	Tammi B	Floyd & Mike	Charles
December 11	Cherry B	Lisa D	Cherry B	Kathy H	Name	Lisa B
December 18	Jef L	Tammi B	Dencie L	Levi & Tammi	Name	Annette B
December 24	Ally Bl	Kathy H also Thurefer	Lisa B	Ally B	Name	Annette B
December 25	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Rosemary G
Wed 5:30						
December 7	X	X	Advent	X	X	X
December 14	X	X	Advent	X	X	X
December 21	X	X	Holt Moore	X	X	X
December 28	X	X	X	X	X	X



Our prayer List is divided into two parts. Those we pray for during Prayers of the People are placed on the list for immediate need and stay on for four weeks. Those with long term needs are placed on the Daily Prayer Intercessions. Each person listed is followed by the relationship they have to the church. Please call the office to update.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

- Mark Andersen** (*parishioner*) • **Jonna Baker** (*Rosemary Gibson friend*)
Martha Bedell (*Lisa Bedell mother-in-law*) • **Don Billington** (*Stan Knick Father*)
Ann Chaney (*parishioner*) • **Cody Cruise** (*parishioner*)
Eleanor Ebert (*parishioner*) • **Brooke Humphrey** (*Donovan*)
Stan Knick (*parishioner*) • **Melba McCorkle** (*Jan Gane mother*)
Leggette Odom (*parishioner*) • **Sally Sellers Pennington** (*Odom friend*)
Ann Shiber (*Milissa Cox*)
Jennifer Waddell (*Sister of Ann Todd*) • **George Nobles** (*parishioner*)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

- Jamie McLaurin** (*Lenore friend*)
Stephanie Peterka (*Sue Sister*)
Becky Alsup (*Grant Lewis Sister*)
Jeanette Bryant (*Grant Lewis Sister*)
Lennox Johnson (*Ava Johnson Granddaughter*)

Forward Movement Daily Prayer Link: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org>

Vestry		
2022	2023	2024
Holt Moore Senior Warden	Lisa Bedell Fellowship	Kathy Hansen Fellowship
Charles Anene Stewardship	Annette Burke Pastoral Care, Ch Ed	Finance
Comms & Publicity	Outreach	Worship
Floyd Locklear Junior Warden	Rosemary Gibson Pastoral Care, Clerk	Christian Education

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Members serving in December are: Candy Borbet, Farleigh Rozier, Mary Lou Herring, Mark Andersen.

An offering of 50.00 is needed for  and 10.00 is needed for 

Flower Offerings for December

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
December 4	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery
December 11	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery
December 18	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery	Advent Greenery
December 25	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias and Christmas Greenery

Candle Offerings for December

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
December 4			
December 11			
December 18	Biggerstaffs	Thanksgiving for	Our Church Family
December 25	Becky Lewis Alsup	In Memory of	Lila Lewis

Flower Offerings for January

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
January 4	Needed		
January 11	Needed		
January 18	Needed		
January 25	Needed		

Candle Offerings for January

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
January 4	Needed		
January 11	Needed		
January 18	Needed		
January 25	Needed		

PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL AND TURN IN FORM AND CHECK IN THE DESK ORGANIZER.



O Come All Ye Faithful

All are invited to attend a
special Christmas
Jim Ebert Social Event

Saturday, December 3
Drop-in 7:00 - 10:00 PM
1502 N. Elm Street
Lumberton, NC

Hosted by
Mike Brown & Floyd Locklear

Please help us celebrate during this Christmas season. Everyone is asked to bring a donation of pet food for the Robeson County Humane Society.

Trinity Episcopal Church Information

Rector: Gene Wayman

Choirmaster & Organist: Dr. Mark Andersen

Secretary: Lynn Andersen

Treasurer: Mike Brown

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