

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"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." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Advent symbolizes the church's present situation in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2) as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to

consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God to once again act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration, while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people.

In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns the lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

While Israel would have sung this song in expectation of Christ's first coming, the church now sings the song to commemorate the first coming of Christ and also the expectation of the second coming. My sincere wishes for a blessed Advent season for all of you. Join us as we prepare for the coming.

Grace and Peace,
Gene†

Lumberton, North Carolina November 2023 Edition
Worship Schedule: Sunday in the Sanctuary 10:00 am, & Online

Senior Wardens Report

Several projects which have been in motion for a couple of months are ending. Your vestry members have been hard at work, and I thank them all for their diligence.

- Cat Gaines and her Garden Committee have been working with Greenstate to rework the Bridges/Pruitt Garden. The irrigation system is working well, a garden plan is in place (please see this posted in the Parish Hall), the Trinity Church sign on Chestnut Street has been repainted and the garden lighting is being evaluated for upgrades.
- The Endowment Committee, led by Annette Burke, made a recommendation for distribution of funds in the amount of \$7,500 which is 4% of a 36-month rolling average from the Endowment account held by the Diocese. Funding went to the Christian Care Center which lost a substantial amount of funds from United Way and a day care match at First Presbyterian for our smallest Ukrainian friend.
- Vestry encourages our members to participate in two Christmas Outreach activities spearheaded by Cherry Beasley. Adult hats, gloves, and socks for those coming to the Lumberton Christian Care Center and supplies for 4-year-old special needs classrooms of the Public Schools of Robeson County. The drop off boxes are in the Parish Hall.
- And finally, our rental property is now occupied. A lovely couple who has recently moved here from Italy. Please say hello when you see them coming and going in the parking lot.

Dencie Lambdin, Senior Warden

Musically Speaking

As we get closer to the Advent Season, we are happy to announce our guest artists for our Advent Concert series on the first three Wednesdays in Advent:

December 6th we welcome the **Choir of Lumberton Senior High School**, directed by **Teresa Davis**.

December 13th we welcome **Mark and Lynn Andersen, Organ/Piano and Handbells**.

December 20th we welcome **Mary Carol Warwick**, a world known composer, who has returned to Lumberton from many years as a **composer for the Houston Opera**.

Lunch will be served after each of these programs. Please help us to spread the word to our community at large. There will be a flyer coming soon that you can help us distribute.

As our choir prepares for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, we would welcome other singers to join with us for these important times in our worship life. If you know anyone who would like to sing with us, please let me know.

Mark Andersen ♪





Military

Nels Anderson / *Susan Anderson (Mother)* • **Zeb Beasley** / *Cherry Beasley (Mother)*
Adam Biggerstaff (*Parishioner*) • **Terri Biggerstaff** / *Chris Biggerstaff (Wife)*
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)*
Zachary Vickers (*Gidget Vickers' son*)

December Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8am - 11am,

Wednesday filming 5pm

**Please send all
e-mails to
trinityepiscopall202@gmail.com.**

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 & 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 23 and re-open on Wednesday, January 3



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, December 6 The Lumberton High School Chorus, directed by Teresa Davis.
Wednesday, December 13 Mark and Lynn Andersen, Organ/Piano and Handbells.
Wednesday, December 20 Mary Carol Warwick, Composer/Performer.

Each concert will begin at 12:00 noon, and will be followed by a free luncheon in our Parish Hall. We also have our Christmas Eve service in our Sanctuary on December 24, at 8:00 pm.





O Come All Ye Faithful

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

Saturday, December 2
Drop-in 8:00 - 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.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild's Flower and Ambry Candle Calendars are posted in the Parish Hall. The Sunday flowers are \$50, and the weekly Ambry candle is \$10. These are lovely ways to express your memorial recognition for a loved one, or celebrate a special occasion. Please fill out the form, which is provided, along with your check or cash, and leave it in the church office.

Sincerely, Lynn Noble, Director Dencie Lambdin Co-Director.

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tree Lighting downtown	2 JESE 8:00pm Cody Cruise
3 1st Sunday of Advent Church 10am Annual Meeting 11am Mariel Mendes	4	5	6 Advent Service 12 pm Filming 1 pm Choir 7pm	7	8	9
10 2nd Sunday of Advent Church Service 10am	11	12	13 Advent Service 12 pm Filming 1 pm Choir 7pm Bob Borbet	14 Farleigh Rozier	15	16
17 3rd Sunday of Advent Church Service 10am Potluck	18	19	20 Advent Service 12 pm Filming 1 pm Choir 7pm	21	22	23 Libba Odom
24 4th Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer 10am Christmas Eve 8pm	25	26 Marilyn Teague	27 Gary Noble	28	29 Rosemary Gibson	30 Shirley Kozej
31 1st Sunday after Christmas Lessons & Carols						



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*)
Brooke Humphrey (*Donovan*) • **Stan Knick** (*parishioner*)
Melba McCorkle (*Jan Gane mother*) • **Leggette Odom** (*parishioner*)
Elisabeth Oxendine (*parishioner*) • **Sally Sellers Pennington** (*Odom friend*)
Jennifer Waddell (*Sister of Anne Todd*) • **George Nobles** (*parishioner*)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

- Levi Buxman** (*Kathy cousin once removed*)
David Beck (*Lenore Taylor brother*)

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

Vestry

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Lisa Bedell Fellowship	Candy Borbet Comms & Publicity	Cherry Beasley, Outreach
Annette Burke Pastoral Care, Christ Ed	Cat Gaines Finance	Tammi Biggerstaff Stewardship
Rosemary Gibson Pastoral Care, Clerk	Kathy Hansen Fellowship	Lisa Donovan Worship
Floyd Locklear Junior Warden	David Cox Endowment/Memorial	Dencie Lambdin, Senior Warden

Server Schedule for December 2023:
 If you cannot serve as shown here, please arrange
 for someone to replace you.



Servers Schedule



Sun 8am	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher/ B & W	Vestry Person of the Week
December 3	X	X	X	X	X	X
December 10	X	X	X	X	X	X
December 17	X	X	X	X	X	X
December 24	X	X	X	X	X	X
December 31	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sun 10am						
December 3	Charles A	Sam Currin	Rosemary G Anne T	Tammi B Levi M	Charles A Floyd L	Tammi B
December 10	Kathy H	Kitty C	Kathy H Dencie L	Cody C	Candy B Sue D	Candy B
December 17	Susan W	Lisa D	Cherry B Lisa D	Kathy H	Sharon L Jef L	Lisa B
Dec 24 10am	Dencie L	Jef L			Lenore T Floyd L	
Dec 24 8pm	Katherine N	Kathy H	Tammi B Lisa B	Cherry B	Jef L Mike B	Annette B
December 31 Lessons Carols					Mike B Floyd L	David C
Wed 12:00						
December 6	X	X	Concert	X	X	
December 13	X	X	Concert	X	X	
December 20	X	X	Concert	X	X	

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Members serving in November are: Dencie Lambdin, Lenore Taylor, Cherry Beasley, Anne Todd.

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 3	Greenery		
December 10	Eva Skuka		
December 17	Biggerstaff		
December 24	Susan Anderson		
December 31			

Candle Offerings for *December*

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
December 3	Lambdin	in honor of	Our faithful Church Choir and Organist
December 10	Lambdin	for the glory of	God
December 17	Biggerstaff		
December 24	Vickers		
December 31	Eva Skuka		

Flower Offerings for *January*

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
January 7	Lenore Taylor	in memory of	Dick Taylor
January 14	Biggerstaff		
January 21			
January 28			

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

Looking to enhance your Advent Walk? The Adult Education Class meets weekly starting at 9:00 am. Each week we focus on the gospel reading using a process of reading the scripture aloud three times. After each reading, we focus on a question. After the first reading, the question is "What words or phrases speak to you?" After the second reading, we reflect, "What in this current world does this passage address?" After the third reading, we discuss, "What is the passage calling us to as individuals and to the groups we belong?" There are no right or wrong answers. It isn't essential to prepare it in advance. If you need to leave early, it is okay. We usually have coffee! Please plan to join us. If you are wondering if this is for you, contact Mike Brown, Floyd Locklear, or either of the Burkes.

We look forward to seeing you.

Cherry M. Beasley

OUTREACH for Christmas. Each year, we have chosen a special activity to show the community our joy at Christmas. Some years, the youth have visited nursing homes to share gifts and songs with residents. In the past, we have participated in Angel Trees or Shoe Box for Children. This year, we have selected two different projects: 1) The McKinney-Vento Program of the Public Schools of Robeson County, coordinated by Shaneitha Lee Nance, serves homeless children in grades pre-K - 12, and 2) Persons who the Lumberton Christian Care is serving (right now more than 100 persons per day.) The supplies for schools will be delivered after the schools reopen for the new year. The items for the LCC will be delivered by December 20th to be part of their Christmas gifts. Both agencies are requesting hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. We need these for all ages.

There will be two wrapped boxes for you to place your contributions. If you prefer to give money, please add it to the collection indicating your wishes.

Cherry M. Beasley

Please continue to bring non perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned foods , etc each Sunday & leave in the parish hall for Robeson County Church & Community Center Food Pantry. Our church family participation in this outreach program is greatly appreciated.

Notes from Pastoral Care Committee:

We hope everyone is doing well, if you need anything, or have any concerns, please let us know. Contact us at trinityepiscopal1202@gmail.com, or call Church Secretary at 910-225-2888, and he will relay any messages. Thank you, Annette Burke & Rosemary Gibson



Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias 2023

Hanging of the Greens December 24, 2023

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 the following 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 no later than Wednesday, December 20.

- (18) Poinsettias \$15.00 No. _____
- (1) Tree TBA \$100.00
- (2) Front Door Wreaths \$50.00
- (6) Wall Wreaths \$30.00

MEMORIAL FOR: (please print)

THANKSGIVING FOR: (please print)

GIVEN BY: (please print)

Trinity Episcopal Church Information

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The City of Lumberton's

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

A MAIN STREET LUMBERTON EVENT

Friday, December 1st

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dick Taylor Plaza

Downtown Lumberton

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

POCKET PARK & PLAZA

Take a picture with

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&
COOKIES**

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&
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