



# *The Bay View*

*The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola, Florida  
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# December 2011

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yoga @ 8:30 Natural Spirituality @10	2 Office Closed	3 9-1 work day at 5th St. house
4 <i>HE Rite II 8am</i> Christian Ed. 9 am <i>HE Rite II 10:30 am</i> coffee hr following TOH tea 4-6 pm Orman House	5 office moving day Natural Spirituality @ 2	6 <b>Drawing class to resume in Feb.</b>	7 Tai Chi @ 9 <i>Healing service @ 11</i> Centering Prayer @ 4:30 Choir @ 5:30	8 Yoga @ 8:30 Natural Spirituality@10 <b>bake Christmas scones @1 pm in kitchen</b>	9 Office Closed	10
11 <i>HE Rite I 8am</i> Christian Ed. 9 am <i>HE Rite II 10:30 am</i> <b>Cookie Decorating Ise Newell @ 4</b>	12 <b>ECW @ 4</b> Natural Spirituality @ 2	13 Natural Spirituality @ 6	14 Tai Chi @ 9 <i>Healing service @ 11</i> Centering Prayer @ 4:30 Choir @ 5:30	15 <b>Yoga will resume in Jan.</b> Natural Spirituality @10 <b>Dinner &amp; Film @ 6 Benedict Hall</b>	16 Office Closed	17 Your Penny's Worth closes @ 3 & will reopen on Jan. 3, 2012
18 <i>HE Rite I 8 am</i> Christian Ed. 9 am <i>HE Rite II 10:30 am</i> <b>Christmas wreaths/ wrap gifts/coffee</b> Food Sunday	19 Natural Spirituality @ 2 <b>Vestry at 5:30</b>	20 Natural Spirituality @ 6	21 <i>Healing service @ 11</i> <b>St. Margaret's Guild @ 3</b> Centering Prayer @ 4:30 Choir @ 5:30 <i>"Blue Christmas" 7pm</i>	22 Natural Spirituality @ 10	23 Office Closed	24 <b>Christmas Eve Services at 5 pm</b> reception follows in Benedict Hall
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>HE Rite II 10:30 am</i> <i>birthday party follows at rectory</i>	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Make end of year deposit	31

Dear Trinity folks and friends,

As I write, the day before Thanksgiving, the community of Apalachicola is getting ready for the Christmas season. Our streetlights are festooned with twinkling Christmas bells, stockings, and snowflakes. Santa comes sailing in Friday afternoon on a shrimp boat, to children lined up, waiting to "place their orders." The historic Orman and Raney houses are open, serving punch and cookies, and downtown businesses keep late hours.

The Advent season at Trinity tells a different story. "Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee," we sing on Sunday, Advent 1. We spend the season of Advent in anticipation, waiting and watching and preparing, for one who comes among us quietly, his only light a star.

During the season of Advent, we're asking you to keep a journal and/or read daily Advent devotions (both available in back of church), buy mashed potatoes for the food bank holiday baskets, and collect items for our local nursing home residents. In addition, several events are on the calendar. Our season begins with a tea (sponsored by the Friends of the Historic Apalachicola Home and Garden Tour) at the Orman House, 2-4 pm on Sunday, December 4. Tickets are \$10; it's a great way to start the season, mingle with friends, and enjoy the ambience of this beautifully decorated historic residence.

The education committee has designed a smorgasbord of Advent opportunities beginning Thursday, December 8 at 1 pm in Benedict Hall's kitchen. Come bake scones with us, then share with friends, neighbors, and family. On Sunday, December 11, after the 10:30 service we will replace our usual coffee hour with cookie decorating. We'll have the cookies ready, and the sprinkles, icing, etc.; you bring your enthusiasm, creativity and childlike spirit, and yes, you can have a cup of coffee while you're at it. Don't eat too many cookies; save your energy to go to the Ilse Newell Holiday concert, "Praise and Glory," featuring the Bay Area Choral Society with Paul Marxsen conducting, at 4 at Trinity Church. A donation of \$5 is requested.

On Thursday, December 15 come back to Trinity at 6 pm for dinner and a film. Merrill Livingston will be showing us her documentary of Red Bay Grocery, titled "A Different Way of Doing Business," and the Franklin County culinary students will cook and serve chicken and dumplings, greens, cornbread and a delicious dessert. Cost of meal is \$8; bring extra to tip these hard-working students. On Sunday, December 18 after the ten thirty service we'll be wrapping the gifts for nursing home residents (look for more information in weekly bulletin) and making wreaths for the front doors of Trinity.

A "Blue Christmas" service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 7 pm. Our Christmas Eve service is 5 pm, with reception following. We will have one service on Christmas Day at 10:30. You're invited to the rectory afterwards for Jesus' birthday party. Advent blessings,

## TRINITY'S RECIPES

### Pumpkin Swirl

**1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese    3 lg. eggs    1 c. sugar**  
**1 c. powdered sugar, sifted    1/3 c. butter    2/3 c. Bisquick**  
**1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice    2/3 c. pumpkin    1 tsp. vanilla**  
**1 c. chopped pecans**

**Preheat to 375. Spray jelly roll pan (15x10x1) with cooking spray. Line with wax paper and grease the wax paper. Set aside. Beat eggs at high speed until thick. Add sugar; beat. Add pumpkin, Bisquick and spice. Mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Bake about 15 minutes. Prepare a towel with sifted powdered sugar. When cake is done, loosen sides and turn onto the powdered towel. Roll up and place on a cooling rack with seam side down. Cool completely. Beat cream cheese and butter until creamy. Add powdered sugar and vanilla. Unroll cake and spread cream cheese mixture over cooled cake. Sprinkle chopped pecans over top and re-roll without towel. Place on serving plate and chill for several hours. Slice into 1-inch pieces. Makes 5-6 servings.**

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### Pralines

**1 stick butter    2 c. sugar    1 c. buttermilk    1 tsp. soda    1 c. pecans**

**Combine ingredients. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until a small drop forms a soft ball in cold water (around 229 on a candy thermometer). Remove from heat. Beat until thick and glossy. Add nuts. Drop from spoon onto waxed paper.**

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### Fudge Pie

**1/2 stick butter,    2 eggs,    1 1/2 c. sugar,    1/2 c. evaporated milk**  
**1/3 c. flour,    1 tsp. vanilla,    1/2 c. cocoa,    unbaked 9" pie shell**

**Preheat to 400. Melt butter, stir in sugar, flour and cocoa. Add eggs and stir; don't beat. Add milk and vanilla. Pour into pie shell. Bake about 10 min. May be baked at 350 for 20-25 minutes.**

**Episcopal Church membership shows some regional growth, overall decline**

*Episcopal News Service, November 4, 2011*

While membership in 16 of the Episcopal Church's domestic dioceses and eight of its non-domestic ones grew in 2010, recently released data shows that overall membership has declined. The decrease is part of a trend that has seen membership decline by just more than 16% since 2000.

The 16 U.S. dioceses that grew in the past year were Alabama, Arkansas, Atlanta, Central Gulf Coast, East Carolina, Iowa, Kentucky, Montana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Navajoland, North Dakota, Northwest Texas, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh and Wyoming.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston had the largest number of active congregants with 8,406. The average pledge for Episcopal Churches was \$2,346 in 2010, compared with \$1,948 five years ago. Overall plate and pledge income declined 1.2% in 2010, going to \$1,273,709,000 from \$1,289,458,871 in 2009.

The research shows that the average Sunday attendance (ASA) across the church in 2010 was 657,831 in the U.S. Sixty-eight percent of Episcopal Church congregations have an average Sunday attendance of 100 or less, while 287 of the church's 6,794 parishes and missions have an ASA of 10 or less. The median ASA is 65.

"These statistics reveal something very important about the challenges we face as a church," Bishop Stacy Sauls, the church's chief operating officer, said in a press release. "One of those is that we cannot allow statistics like these to make us anxious about our survival. Earthly survival is not much a value of the Gospel. Striving for the kingdom and righteousness of God is. Concentrating on the latter is likely to yield more abundant life than the former (Mt. 6:31-33)."

Sauls said that the statistics also show that "we cannot continue to pretend we are the church of the establishment entitled to the power, prestige and privilege that comes with that. Right now, I think the cross calls us to die to those trappings of our old establishment life, and that means turning our attention single-mindedly to God's mission and our participation in it, which means that we are going to have to restructure and reform ourselves accordingly," he said. "Churches that turn inward will die. Churches that turn outward will not only live, but thrive. The numbers call us to strengthen our commitment to turn outward." Just more than 16% of American adults are not affiliated with any particular religious group, the survey found.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has declined every year since 1988. The Presbyterian Church, USA reports a loss as well. The United Methodist Church said earlier this year that its U.S. membership had declined while the number of Methodists in Africa, Europe and Asia grew. Overall UMC membership is the third largest denomination in the U.S. behind the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Convention.

**A Wellness Message from the Bishop**

**CATARACTS**

A cataract is a painless, cloudy area in the lens of the eye that blocks the passage of light to the retina. The retina is the nerve layer at the back of the eye. The nerve cells in the retina detect light entering the eye and send nerve signals to the brain about what the eye sees. Because cataracts block this light, they can cause vision problems.

Doctors believe you may be able to reduce the risk if you:

- \* **Have regular eye exams.** Eye exams can help detect cataracts and other eye problems at their earliest stages. Ask your doctor how often you should have an eye exam.
- \* **Quit smoking.** Ask your doctor for help to stop smoking. Medications, counseling and other strategies are available to help you.
- \* **Wear sunglasses.** Ultraviolet light from the sun may contribute to the development of cataracts. Wear sunglasses that block ultraviolet B (UVB) rays when you're outdoors.
- \* **Take care of other health problems.** Follow your treatment plan if you have diabetes or other medical conditions that can increase your risk of cataracts.
- \* **Maintain a healthy weight.** If your current weight is a healthy one, work to maintain it by exercising most days of the week. If you're overweight or obese, work to lose weight slowly by reducing your caloric intake and increasing exercise you get each day.
- \* **Choose a healthy diet that includes plenty of fruits and vegetables.** Adding a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables to your diet ensures that you're getting a lot of vitamins and nutrients. Fruits and vegetables are full of antioxidants, which may prevent damage to your eye's lens.

TRY IT--YOU'LL LIKE IT  
(Spiritual Practices)

This is the season of Advent. This is the season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas and takes its name from the Latin word which means "coming" and refers to the coming of Christ. Church tradition has assigned two themes to this coming: the first coming, when Jesus Christ was born, and the second coming at the end of the world when he will return in judgment. Thus the season mixes joy in the redemption that has already come with the sober awe of the judgment which confronts us. Modern interpretation makes Advent a time of spiritual preparation for both joy and sorrow.

Joy and sorrow are on opposite ends of the emotional spectrum as are birth and death. With the birth of Jesus, how can we experience the true joy of the occasion knowing that he will die? For that matter how can we celebrate the joy of any birth, knowing that death is inevitable? I suspect that, that question is best answered in each of our hearts.

A spiritual inventory of how we look at life is a beginning. Is your glass half full or half empty? During the season of Advent or if I am perfectly honest beginning just after epiphany, I begin filling my glass to overflowing by doing things that make me especially happy. I anticipate the season. It is not just a day, it is a season and my season does not end until epiphany.

During the year when I come across something that is just right for someone I buy it and put it in a drawer. It is really good when I find it on sale or at Penny's Worth. I usually forget what I have bought until around the first of November when I get everything out on the dining room table and put sticky notes with people's names on the items and make "the list". I also begin re-listening to my Christmas tapes and rereading my Christmas books. I watch every Life Time seasonal show on TV.

I try to hold off wearing my holiday pajamas until Thanksgiving but some years I can't wait. I make gifts. I decorate cookies. I make candy. I buy for people I don't even know because it makes me happy. I send Christmas cards. I decorate for the season but not overly. I have holiday wear that I wear at least once a week after Thanksgiving until Jan 1. Usually, not after because sadly most do not share my enthusiasm for the season.

Advent and Christmas are not easy. It is so much easier to feel the anticipation of depression than it is to feel the anticipation of joy. It takes work to make yourself feel the joy. The spiritual practice is in the attempt to find ways to celebrate the joy rather than to stick in the mire of death and depression. It does not work everytime but if there is to be a let down it is certainly better than not doing anything and then even sinking deeper. --Evelyn Ogilvie

DID YOU KNOW?

TRINITY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN FOUNTAIN

Trinity's Memorial Garden Fountain was unveiled on All Saint's Sunday, November 6, 2011. This fountain is the focal point for the garden. It was made in the style of mosaic called pique assiette which comes from a French phrase meaning "stolen from plate". It was popularized by a Frenchman at the turn of the last century. He worked in southern France and in his daily walk to work he passed a large mound of discarded china which he began taking home. After much effort, he managed to decorate his entire house and garden in beautiful mosaic murals.

Mosaics is taking broken things and creating beauty from them. I think of Christ's work in the individual as pique assiette.

The fountain began in June 2010 with a 650 lb. + concrete form. The fountain is symbolic in many ways. The fish are symbolic of our area, as well as being a Christian symbol. The bright school of fish with raised fins and scales radiate life to the bottom pool while representing the twelve apostles in their number. The collection of stones and shells from the coast of Scotland represent the obstacles we encounter in the world as Christians and must learn to maneuver around and through.

The quotations on the front and back of the fountain are from both testaments: "for Love is strong as death" (Song of Sol. 8:6) on one side, "and I will give you rest"(Mtt. 11:28) on the other.

Among the Christian symbols in the fountain are crosses which imitate the crosses in the stenciling of our church, the alpha and omega, the chi rho christogram, and the ivy vine. Ivy is cited in the bible, such as in John 15:5: *I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*

The trinity design is the focal point of the top pool. This design emanates from a trefoil and continues to turn back into itself in an infinite progression. This design is in many shades of gold leaf so that the tiles will reflect as much light as possible.

In a sermon recently Martha said, "whatever we do in the church is done in the context of family." We are not alone in our endeavors. There is always supporting cast; there is always help, encouragement and a way to make things happen when it doesn't seem possible."

-excerpted from Candace Springer's remarks at Trinity on 11-6-2011

## Healing Service

### December 7: Nicholas

Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant, we pray, that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### December 14: Ambrose

O God, you gave your servant Ambrose grace eloquently to proclaim thy righteousness in the congregation, and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honor of thy Name: Mercifully grant to all bishops and pastors such excellency in preaching, and fidelity in ministering thy Word, that thy people may be partakers with them of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### December 21: St. Thomas the Apostle

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### December 28: The Holy Innocents

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## News from the Watkins

**Thank you so much for sending us the 2011-2012 Ilse Newell concert schedule. They look as good as ever and I'm very proud of the job the committee is doing.**

**We enjoy being here with our family but we miss the warm weather - it's already winter here! - and the Episcopal Church! Tom is our minister, of course, at the Baptist Church, but the service doesn't have the same worship dignity as the Episcopal Church. Please pass on our greetings to the congregation.**

**With all good wishes,  
Eugenia (Genie) and Bedford  
1912 W. Northgate Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46228**

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ADVENT ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

**Dec. 4: TOH Tea at Orman House  
Tickets are \$10--Time 2-4**

**Dec. 8: Bake Holiday Scones  
Time 1pm**

**Dec. 11: Decorate Christmas  
Cookies  
Ilse Newell Christmas Concert at 4**

**Dec. 15: Dinner and a film  
Tickets are \$8--Time 6pm**

**Dec. 18: Make wreaths for Trinity doors  
Wrap gifts for nursing home**

**Dec. 21: "Blue Christmas" service 7 pm**

**Dec. 24: Service at 5 pm with  
reception following**

**Dec. 25: Service at 10:30 with  
reception following**

## A Partridge in a Pear Tree

*Saint James' Episcopal Church, Livingston, Alabama*

**There are many theories about the meaning of the ancient song "Twelve Days of Christmas," but the consensus of most of the writings accepts the following symbolism.**

**The partridge represents Jesus, the original Christmas gift, and the pear tree is the cross (often referred to as a "tree" in spiritual literature).**

**Two turtledoves were the sacrifice demanded in the Jewish Law in thanksgiving for the birth of a son.**

**Three French hens represent the gifts of the magi, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

**Four calling birds are the voices of the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.**

**Five gold rings are the book of the Torah. A ring, having no beginning or end, represents eternity; gold is precious, and nothing is more precious to a faithful Jew than the Torah, which he believes is eternal.**

**Six geese a-laying are the six days of creation. A laying fowl is a mediaeval symbol of the Creation.**

**Seven swans a-swimming are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, godly counsel, spiritual strength, knowledge, true godliness, and holy fear).**

**Eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes, which nurture and strengthen our souls as milk nourishes and strengthens our bodies.**

**Nine ladies dancing are the Nine Fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control --Galatians 5:22-23.**

**Ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments (lords demand obedience).**

**Eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful Apostles, who proclaimed the gospel to the world.**

**Twelve drummers drumming represent the twelve dogmas of the Apostles' Creed**

## **This Too Shall Pass**

(by Margo Danger Smith Christmas 2009)

*Don't make a mountain out of a molehill.*

*If you run with the wolves, you gotta howl with 'em.*

*The chickens will come home to roost.*

*Water seeks its own level.*

*And the ever-popular and profound, "Anything could happen," closely followed by, "Nothing would surprise me."*

*These were just a sprinkling of the adages offered up to my brother, sister and me, during our growing-up years, or put another way, the tip of the iceberg expressing our Mother's individual wisdom through vignette.*

*In difficult times, we were encouraged by "This too shall pass." Obviously! The following 'story,' closer in origin, is meant to further explain.*

*One day Solomon decided to humble Benaiah Ben Yehoyada, his most trusted minister. He said to him, "Benaiah, there is a certain ring that I want you to bring to me. I wish to wear it for Sukkot, which gives you six months to find it."*

*"If it exists anywhere on earth, your majesty," replied Benaiah, "I will find it and bring it to you, but what makes the ring so special?"*

*"It has magic powers," answered the king. If a happy man looks at it, he becomes sad, and if a sad man looks at it, he becomes happy."*

*Solomon knew that no such ring existed in the world, but he wished to give his minister a little taste of humility.*

*Spring and summer passed, and still Benaiah had no idea where he might find the ring. On the night before Sukkot, he decided to take a walk in one of the poorest quarters of Jerusalem. He passed by an old merchant who had begun to set out the day's wares on a shabby carpet.*

*"Have you by chance heard of a magic ring that makes the happy wearer forget his joy, and the broken-hearted wearer forgets his troubles?"*

*He watched the grandfather take a plain gold ring from his carpet and engrave something on it. When Benaiah read the words on the ring, his face broke out in a wide smile.*

*On Sukkot, Solomon asked with a smile, "have you found the magic ring?" And to his surprise, Benaiah held up a small gold ring.*

*As soon as Solomon read the inscription, the smile vanished. The jeweler had written three Hebrew letters on the gold band: gimel, zavin, yud, which began the words "Gam zeh ya'avov"- "This too shall pass."*

*Solomon realized that all his wisdom, fabulous wealth, and tremendous power were but fleeting things.*

*Today, my siblings and I - whenever we have a difficulty in our lives - say to one another - "This too shall pass." And we smile.*

*And somewhere in the vast cosmos, our Mother smiles with us.*

## **TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITY IS COLLECTING BOXES OF MASHED POTATOES FOR THE FRANKLIN CO. FOOD PANTRY'S CHRISTMAS BASKETS. BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH OR BENEDICT HALL.**

TUESDAYS: Drawing class will resume in February.

WEDNESDAYS: Tai Chi at 9 am taught by Tom Adams

Healing Service at 11am.

Choir Practice at 5:30 am.

**Dec. 1 & 8th:** Yoga at 8:30 taught by Carrie Kienzle

**Dec. 3:** work day at 76 5th Street offices. **Dec. 5** is targeted for moving day!

**December 4:** TOH Christmas Tea at the Orman House. Tickets \$10.

**December 8:** Bake Christmas scones at 1pm in the kitchen.

**December 11:** Cookie decorating in BH. Cookies to share or to give as gifts.

**Ilse Newell Concert** featuring The Bay Area Choral Society

Holiday Concert at 4 in the afternoon. Donation of \$5 at the door.

Refreshments following.

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**December 12:** ECW meets at 4 pm in Benedict Hall.

**December 15:** Dinner and a film, "A Different Way of Doing Business," in Benedict Hall. Country dinner provided by Franklin County's Culinary Arts students. The cost is \$8 for the meal. All tips go to the students.

**December 18:** Package gifts for the Carrabelle NH, make wreaths for Trinity doors.

**December 19:** Vestry meets at rectory.

**December 20-January 3:** Your Penny's Worth closed.

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**December 21:** *St. Margaret's Guild's* Christmas party at 3 p.m. at Shirley Taylor's home in Eastpoint. Call 670-8776 for directions. "Blue Christmas" service at 7pm in the church.

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**December 24:** Christmas Eve services at 5:00 pm. Reception follows in Benedict Hall.

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**December 25:** Merry Christmas! One service today at 10:30 followed by birthday cake at the rectory.

**December 30:** Checks received in the office by this date will be deposited and credited to your statement of giving for 2011.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Richard Jost, Lisa Waddel, Zane Fisher, Margo Neuman, Marilyn Edwards, Myra, Toonie, Melissa Sue McCarty, Mary Flanagan, Alan Smith, Hollie and Vonda, Larry, Lisa Dean, Chelsea Repola, Alex and Laura Moody, Julia Anthony, Juanita McKenna, Louise Joyner, Olga, David Wingate and family, Mary Bloodworth, Nancy Hicks, Betty Liles, Annie Mae, Laura Randolph, Sally Howell, Bob and Beverly Connors, Allan, Capt. Michael Dolan in Afghanistan, Alice Jean, Lynn Wilson, Ruby, Sherry Burdette, Nancy Hodgson, Gracie, Steve Madden, Lorna Seyler, Michael, Cathy, Katie, Trey, Ryan, Susan, Joel and Fred Ulrich.

## SCRIPTURES

### December 4 - The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

### December 11 - The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

### December 18 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

### December 24 - Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2: 1-20

### December 25 - Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:8-20

## **Lay Ministries Schedule--December**

*If you have a conflict, please get someone to fill in for you and alert the church office of the change*

### **December 4**

Acolyte: 8:00 - Frank Cook  
10:30 - Alan Pierce  
Lectors: Kristin Anderson and Lacey Robinson  
Prayers: Dave McLain  
Chalice: Jon Hooper  
Greeters: Debbie Flowers & Aglaia Dolan  
Healing Ministers: Kay Wheeler & Pat Horn  
Flower Guild: Dot Hill  
Altar Guild: Dot Hill & Aglaia Dolan

### **December 18**

Acolytes: 8:00 - Frank Cook  
10:30 - Hunter & Bill VanDerTulip  
Lectors: Susan Galloway & Dan Wheeler  
Prayers: Pat Horn  
Chalice: Dave McLain  
Greeters: Frank Stephens & Dot Hill  
Healing Ministers: Kay Wheeler and Pat Horn  
Flower Guild: Nancy Luther & Debbie Bachman  
Altar Guild: Dot Hill and Aglaia Dolan

### **December 24**

Acolyte: 5:00 - Richard Saucer & D. Flowers  
Lectors: Kristin Anderson & Kay Wheeler  
Prayers: Dave McLain  
Chalice: Dan Wheeler & Kay Wheeler  
Greeters: Debbie Bachman & Dick Jost  
Altar Guild: Dot Hill & Aglaia Dolan

### **December 11**

Acolyte: 8:00 - Frank Cook  
10:30 - Jon Hooper & Vailan Gibbs  
Lectors: Rennie Edwards and C. Springer  
Prayers: Kristin Anderson  
Chalice: Pat Horn  
Greeters: Gloria Austin and Tom Adams  
Healing Ministers: Kay Wheeler & Pat Horn  
Flower Guild: Arlene Wingate  
Altar Guild: Dot Hill & Aglaia Dolan

### **December 25**

Acolyte: 10:30 - Jon Hooper  
Lectors: Vailan Gibbs & Jim Anderson  
Prayers: Susan Galloway  
Chalice: Ina Margaret Meyer  
Greeters: Dick and Jane Pickering  
Healing Ministers: K. Wheeler & P. Horn  
Flower Guild: Beverly Coxwell & P. Moss  
Altar Guild: Aglaia Dolan & Dot Hill

## **Hospitality Hour**

### **December 4 -**

**December 11 - Cookie Decorating**

**December 18 - Coffee & Wreaths**

**December 25 - Jesus Birthday Party**

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I**

**9:00 am Christian Education**

**10:20 Prelude and Healing Ministry**

**10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**5 pm: Christmas Eve**

**10:30 am: Christmas Day**

## **WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

Healing Service - 11 am  
Centering Prayer - 4:30 pm

## **Trinity Office Hours**

Mon-Thursday 10-4  
Friday Closed

## **Library**

Mon-Thursday 10-4  
Sunday 9-12

## **Pennysworth (653-9405)**

Tuesday 10-4  
Wednesday 10-4  
Saturday 10-3

## **AA (653-2000)**

Monday 7:30 pm  
Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday 6 pm  
(women)  
7:30  
(men)  
Friday 5:30 pm

## **CLERGY, VESTRY & STAFF**

The Rev. Martha Harris, Rector

Evelyn Ogilvie, Rector's Asst.

Paul Marxsen, Choir

## **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Rennie Edwards,  
Sr. Warden (09)

Richard Saucer (10) &

Robert Daniels (09),

Jr. Wardens

Landy Luther (09)

Shirley Taylor (10)

Jon Hooper (10)

Patti McCartney (11)

Arlene Wingate (11)

Frank Cook (11)

Daniel Wheeler, Treasurer

Robert Stallings, Chancellor

Janie Burke, Clerk of the Vestry