



Season of Advent- December, 2019
Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity
Christ-centered, biblically grounded, worshipping in the Anglican Tradition



Holy Trinity Core Values

Present with our Lord and with each other every Lord's Day.
Committed to growing in our knowledge and love of the Lord.
Serving each other and the world around us in His Name

Wednesday Evening in Advent

We will be taking a break from Wednesday night Bible study during the month of December. The Advent and Christmas seasons are busy times for families, and I'd like to give families time with each other for rest and worship in each home. Look for Advent Family Devotional Liturgy each Sunday. These can be used to observe Advent each week as a family in your home. Invite those who are single or widowed to join your family as you worship our Lord Jesus throughout the Advent season.

"30 Days of Daily Prayer"

Each year, we make New Year's resolutions in an attempt to cultivate good habits. They say that if you can do something for 30 days, it will more likely become a habit. So, I invite you to 30 Days of Daily Prayer beginning Wednesday, Jan. 8. Let's begin to pray Morning and Evening Prayers as a Christian community.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, we will meet for Evening Prayer and instruction in our ACNA BCP. Each Wednesday, we will practice Evening Prayer and then have Q&A as we learn these prayer habits together. We will also offer Morning Prayer each Thursday morning at 9am. May the Lord bless our prayers and worship together through the coming months.

Rose†

Prayer Corner - December 2019 ~~~ Jackie Fekula

The Angel Gabriel, the one who stands in the very presence of God, was sent first to the elderly priest Zachariah, to announce that God was answering long-awaited petitions for his wife Elizabeth to bear a child - his response was one of unbelief, and the consequence was the inability to speak until the Word of God was fulfilled in the miraculous birth of John the Baptist.

Six months later, Gabriel is sent to the virgin Mary in Nazareth with the love message that her life was highly favored by God and that she would be "blessed before all other women" by giving birth to a Son who shall be called Jesus, who would be called the Son of the Most High, and whose kingdom reign would never end. This was not an answer to Mary's persistent prayers (as in the case of Zachariah) - that she would be chosen to bear the Messiah - but Mary's obedient response was humble and submissive: "Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your Word." Mary's heart bowed in humble obeisance to the authority of the Word of God, and the Word became incarnate within her by the power of the Holy Spirit!

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If the highest form of worship is obedience, then Mary's reverent heart is our model of humble and obedient submission to the will of God, regardless of the cost to our self-life. She said "Yes, Lord" as an act of worship unto the Most High - and opened her womb and her life to the greatest honor of motherhood ever conceived! She raptured God's heart, and so can we, by our loving obedience to whatever He calls us to do while we are His followers on this earth. Most of us will not be confronted with a divine assignment from the Angel Gabriel himself, but the indwelling Holy Spirit reveals truth to our hearts from His Word that we are expected to obey in loving worship and with passionate devotion to Him.

Gabriel's words of assurance to Mary are truth for our hungry hearts too: "For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment" (Luke 1:37). What a promise that finds its magnificent "Yes" in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Do you think she knew the prophecy in Isaiah 7:14? "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel." God had chosen her long before she was ever born to be the holy mother of His Beloved Son. He saw her heart and godly character and knew this was the virgin womb prepared from the beginning of time.

Did you know as believers: "He chose to give birth to us through the Word of Truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all He created."? (James 1:18). We too have been graced to be chosen and counted in the lineage of our Lord Jesus Christ! It was all planned long ago by our Loving Creator - *be it unto us according to His Word! Yes, Lord!*

Cookies & Caroling



Each Advent season the choir and musicians invite other church members and friends to join them in caroling to some of our shut-ins. On Sunday, December 22, you are encouraged to come and make a joyful noise as we again look forward to the celebration of the first coming of our Savior. Meet at the church at 3 PM. Bring guitars, horns, tambourines, and willing voices. After we caravan to several homes, we will return to the fellowship hall for something hot and some sweet things to reward ourselves! All are welcome.



Poinsettias for the church at Christmas look for a flyer in this week's bulletin!

Christmas Pageant Practice

***Sun, Dec 1st immediately after the worship service
there will be no Sunday school on this day.***

Our first planning session was held Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 2 pm. Lelan and Hunter Crewey were in attendance and eager to participate!!

Several cast spots are open . . . some with minimal speaking lines and some with none.

Please join us as we prepare to retell this Christmas story of wonder and love!

Sincerely, ***Dianne***



2019 Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 15, at 5:30 pm



ADVENT 2019 ~ YEAR A

We will have a Noon Eucharist
each Wednesday throughout the season of Advent.

December 4, 11, & 18.

Lectionary Readings December 2019

YEAR A

Dec. 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:29-44

Dec. 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-15; Romans 15:1-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-20; Matthew 11: 2-19

Dec. 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-17; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Dec 24 – Christmas Vigil

Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Dec. 29 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:5; Psalm 147:12-20; Galatians 3:23-4:7; John 1:1-18

December Lay Ministry Chart

*If you are unable to fulfil your ministry duties,
please find a replacement and let the Rector know.*

*December 3
Women's Bible Study
Christmas Worship
& Prayer*

*December 10
Women's Bible Study
& Christmas Luncheon*

*December 17
No Women's Bible Study*

*December 24
No Women's Bible Study*

*December 31
No Women's Bible Study*

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*A beacon drawing people to God and
into the fellowship of God's People.*

2019	DEC 1 Advent-1	DEC 8 Advent-2	DEC 15 Advent-3	DEC 22 Advent-4	DEC 24 Christmas Eve	DEC 29 Christmas-1	JAN 5 Christmas-2
Euch. Min.	Bill B	Joe G	Mike H	Sandra S	Paula W	Dan W	Bill B
Ushers / Greeters	Deborah K Wayne L Richard M	Jason N Monte S Margaret W	Char' Rae B Billy H Sandy H	Deborah K Wayne L Richard M	Monte S Margaret W Char' Rae B	Billy H Sandy H Deborah K	Wayne L Richard M Jason N
Presenting Bread/Wine	Lin & Debra M	Jerry & Terry N	Darren & Bonnie N	Tracy P Monte S	Dan & Leslie W	Margaret W Joseph A	Dea & Guy B
Prayer Team	Ginger H Monique T	Jackie F Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T	Jackie F Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T
Lect-1st lesson	Wayne L	Richard M	Annette M	Jason N	Jennifer P	Mike P	Sandra S
Lect-2nd lesson	Dianne H	Billy H	Wayne L	Richard M	Annette M	Jason N	Jennifer P
Altar Guild [week of]	Annette M Deborah K	Rosemarie JoEllen B	Virginia F Marguerite P	Monique T Leslie W	Annette M Deborah K	Rosemarie M JoEllen B	Virginia F Marguerite P
Acolyte Guild	Isaiah M	Lelan C	Andrew H	Jackie F	Jada T	Oke I	Isaiah M

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Vestry: Mike Fekula (Senior Warden), Bill Bargeloh (Junior Warden), Annabelle Shepherd, Jason Nault, Dianne Havird, Paula Wahl

December, 2019

Upcoming Events

Tues, Dec 3, *Women's Bible Study – Christmas Worship & Prayer*


Sun, Dec 15, *Christmas Pageant at 5:30 pm*

Wed, Dec 4, 11, & 18, *ADVENT - Noon Eucharist*

Sun, Dec 22, *“Cookies & Caroling!” at 3:00 pm*

Tues, Dec 10, *Women's Bible Study & Christmas Luncheon*

Tue, Dec 24, *Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1st Sun of Advent 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00 am “Women’s Bible Study- Christmas Worship & Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	ADVENT NOON EUCHARIST	9:00 am Morning Prayer		<i>1st Sat Daily Office of Morning Prayer 9:00 to 10:20am Men’s fellowship & Bible Study</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2nd Sun of Advent 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30 am Women’s Bible Study & Christmas Luncheon 6:00 pm Choir	ADVENT NOON EUCHARIST	9:00 am Morning Prayer		9:00 to 10:20am Men’s fellowship & Bible Study
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3rd Sun of Advent 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Vestry Luncheon Nursery available</i> 5:30 pm <i>Christmas Pageant</i>		NO Women’s Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	ADVENT NOON EUCHARIST	9:00 am Morning Prayer		<i>St Thomas, Apostle 9:00 to 10:20am Men’s fellowship & Bible Study</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4th Sun of Advent 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available “Cookies & Caroling! 3:00 pm”</i>		NO Women’s Bible Study NO Choir 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	Christmas Day 	<i>St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr</i> NO Morning Prayer		<i>Holy Innocents</i> NO Men’s fellowship & Bible Study
29	30	31	Wed, Jan 8, “30 Days of Daily Prayer” Evening Prayer & instruction in our ACNA BCP			
1st Sun after Christmas 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		NO Women’s Bible Study NO Choir				

The ways we communicate

Parish website

<http://www.achtna.org>

Monthly newsletters (web + mailed)

<http://www.achtna.org/newsletters>

Sunday bulletin announcement page

<http://www.achtna.org/events>

Access to Holy Trinity Mobile App.

http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_80ea18e8be5a4eb69541c319aa89a00f.pdf

Email distribution – news & messages

To be on the distribution, send email address to rector@achtna.org

Prayer List (Sunday bulletin & website)

<http://www.achtna.org/parish-prayer-list>

Rector’s Blog (North Augusta Anglican)

<http://holytrinityna.blogspot.com/>