

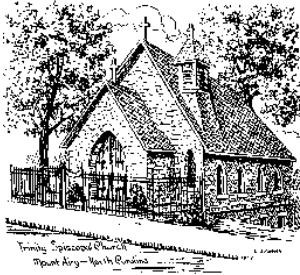
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The First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

Hymn in Procession # 616 *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: *Kyrie*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #96

First system of the musical score for 'Kyrie'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bass line begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Second system of the musical score for 'Kyrie'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bass line begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, — Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy.

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The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-
nasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.
- 3 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be **saved**.
- 4 O LORD God of **hosts**, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your **people**?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of **tears**; *
you have given them bowls of tears to **drink**.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our **neighbors**, *
and our enemies laugh us to **scorn**.

7 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *

show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be **saved**.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right
hand, *

the son of man you have made so strong for
your-**self**.

17 And so will we never turn away from **you**; *

give us life, that we may call upon your **Name**.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of **hosts**; *

show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be **saved**.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn # 53 *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Once he came in blessing,
all our ills redressing;
came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
bore the cross to save us,
hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Still he comes within us,
still his voice would win us
from the sins that hurt us,
would to Truth convert us:
not in torment hold us,
but in love enfold us.
- 3 Thus, if thou canst name him,
not ashamed to claim him,
but wilt trust him boldly
nor dost love him coldly,
he will then receive thee,
heal thee, and forgive thee.
- 4 One who thus endureth
bright reward secureth.
Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
from our sins release us;
let us here confess thee
till in heaven we bless thee.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 (*stand as you are able*)

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris

The Nicene Creed *(standing as you are able)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own
prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the
world; for our Bishops Sam and Jennifer; for this
gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Gerhard Marx.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____ .

I ask your thanksgiving for _____ .

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your
sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you
in eternal life. *Amen.*

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Announcements

(8:30 service only)

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given
 Thee.

(10:30 service only)

Offertory and Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

People The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Celebrant and People

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption
Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right
hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you,
from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,
we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

**The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #164 The Holy Eucharist,
Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei***

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

A period of silence is kept.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the small chalice or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.)

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)

Music at Communion LEVAS # 9

- 1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
 and cast a wishful eye
 to Canaan's fair and happy land,
 where my possessions lie.

Refrain:

*I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.*

- 2 O'er all those wide extended plains
 shines one eternal day;
 there God the Son forever reigns,
 and scatters night away. [Refrain]
- 3 No chilling winds or poisonous breath
 can reach that healthful shore;
 sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
 are felt and feared no more. [Refrain]

4 When I shall reach that happy place,
I'll be forever blest,
for I shall see my Father's face,
and in his bosom rest. [Refrain]

Communion Meditation *Bless the Lord my soul*

Wonder Love and Praise, #825

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon
you and scatter the darkness from before your
path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

People **Amen.**

Hymn in Procession # 57 *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Dismissal

Go in peace,
to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs:

Emily	Gus Lewis	Kat Cook
Mary	Judy Liner	Mary Couture
Charlie Allen	Kay MacAllen	Melissa Roth Culver
Martha Allen	Kitty Martin	Roger Danley
Erin Apperson	Linda McMillian	Paul Derrick
Cindy Blackwell	Arba Montgomery	Ron Doerschug
Bobbie Bledsoe	Craig New	Linda Doerschug
Bert Bond, Jr.	Wade Nichols	Mark Donnell
Tina Brown	Bill R. Pendleton	Barbara Embry
Marie Carl	Clara Powell	Donna Fargo
Mazie Chilton	Kerry Reagan	Johnnie Gunter
Ann Cochrane	Stephanie Serika	Betty Hoooven
Ripley Cottrell	Emily Jarvis Simmons	Kelly Jarvis
Anne Cox	Angela Shur	Carrie Krahn
Bishop Michael Curry	Eva Smith	David Kroupa
Sarah Springthorpe-Denmark	Wade Smith	Angelia Lawrence
Liz Dilley	Rose Mary Smoot	Rebecca McNabb
Debbie Dockery	Richard Snyder	John Moore
Sonia Donnell	Tammy Springthorpe	Michael Morgan
Carmen Eldridge	Sharon Sutphin	Angie Nolfo
Carol Ford	Celeste Tsaklis	Bill Pendleton
Marcus Ford	Mike Vengin	Beverly Putynkowski
Gus Galloway	Carroll Vick	Victoria Rogelin
Angie Golding	Henrietta Williams	Candace Sammons
Polly Hall	Betty Wright	Evedene Schafer
Steve Hines	Pat Zebrowski	Susan Slate
Melissa Hopkins	Long Term Needs:	Sid Spencer, Jr.
Max Hunter	Jean Amburn	Betty Town
Sandy Hutchens	*Anonymous	Vicky Town
Fred Johnson	Beatrice Attuah &	John Townsend
Joy King	Lailaity	Jack Woltz
	Tina Brown	
	Jane Carper	

TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Thomas', Sanford
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck
St. Mary Magdalene, Seven Lakes

BIRTHDAYS

December 2nd Collin Grier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Parish Annual Meeting** will follow the 10:30 service today in the church sanctuary. A potluck lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Jim Tatman and Margie Martin will be going off this year and we have five candidates who are running to fill those positions. They are: Benny Combs, Janet Herman, Sandy Hutchens, Jessica Simandle & Wendy Tatman

Trinity Book Group- We will continue discussing our new book, *The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea*, on Wednesday, December 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Caregiver/Grief Support Group will meet on December 7th at 4:00 p.m.

The next **Theology Group** meeting will be on December 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Trinity's 2024 **Stewardship Campaign** is off to a great start. To date we have received 23 pledges totaling \$86,300. If you have not pledged yet, please return your pledge card or call Tobi in the office and she will complete a card for you with your permission. **Thank you for continuing to support Trinity Church.**

On December 17 at 1:30 PM our choir will join First Presbyterian Church of Pilot Mountain to sing Part 1 of **Handel's Messiah**. The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary. Please come show your support for Trinity's choir and enjoy this beautiful music.

Las Posadas-Three years ago, we started a new tradition by participating in *Las Posadas*. Las Posadas is a novena (a nine-day devotional prayer). The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (*Posadas* is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.") Parishioners created 3-foot wooden figures of Mary, Joseph, and a donkey. Each night, one family agrees to house the pilgrims. You can sign up to host Mary & Joseph in your yard for a day as a way to remember and prepare for the Christ Child. On the night you host Mary & Joseph, you decide how to offer them hospitality. You may light a candle and enjoy quiet scripture and prayer time or invite family and friends to sing carols and talk about the meaning of Christmas. *By signing up, you are agreeing to transport the figures to the next stop or making arrangements to have it moved. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30 a.m. service. Let us know if you are interested in participating.

There will be one service on Sunday, December 24th Advent IV at 10:30 a.m.

Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve services** will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend!

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Vicky Town	LECTOR	Jessica Simandle
Mike Wilson	CHALICE BEARER	Jim Couture
Ted Ashby	GREETER	Ted Ashby
Mike Wilson	ACOLYTE	Jim Couture

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Brenda Goings	LECTOR	Denny Jennings
Jesse Slate	CHALICE BEARER	Karen Nealis
Gloria & Larry	GREETERS	Wendy & Jim
Pam & Wendy	ALTAR GUILD	Pat Sanderson
Ann Vaughn	VESTRY	Lee Wilsonwithers
Aleigha Wilsonwithers	ACOLYTE	Nehemiah King
Janiah Mills		Jeremiah Mills

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	12:00 noon	Parish Annual Meeting
		Potluck Luncheon
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	4:00 p.m.	Caregiver/Grief Support
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Next	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

TRINITY VESTRY

Ross Borders, Margie Martin, Roxann Moore,
James Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers

*No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...
Who wants to have a relationship with you*