



The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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From the Rector

From the Rev. Timothy H. Graham, Rector

Dear Friends,

I am continuing my series of asking and answering a question about what it means to be an Episcopalian. This time let's discover the answer to a popular question asked a lot during this time of year...

"Why doesn't the Episcopal Church sing Christmas songs until Christmas Eve?"

While it is true that we do not sing Christmas songs in the days leading up to Christmas, there are plenty of sights and sounds of the season found in our church. The season, however, is Advent, which is a season *before* Christmas that the secular world does not recognize.

It seems like there is a driving force in the universe to bring the celebration of the Christmas to us earlier and earlier each year. That driving force is greed. The commercialization of Christmas means that we see Christmas decorations appear in retail stores earlier each year. The merchants want us to spend as much as we can on Christmas décor and presents, and if they start selling it earlier, we will buy more.

The church recognizes that the birth of Christ is most significant, and the meaning of this feast goes beyond all the singing and decorations and parties and gift giving. An event like the birth of Christ, the incarnation of the Word of God, deserves a season of preparation.

We refrain from singing songs of the savior's birth in the weeks leading up to Christmas because we are in a season of anticipation. The word Advent means "coming." In this season we prepare for the birth of Christ before we celebrate it on the evening of December 24. The season of Advent lasts for four weeks. In our worship we hear scripture about the coming of the messiah, and we also hear about his second coming at the end of the age when he will come again – not in a lowly birth in a manger, but in power and great glory. In the weeks leading up to Christmas we decorate the church with mostly greenery in simplicity. We are preparing our hearts for the big celebration that comes on the eve of the Feast of the Nativity when the church will be lavishly decorated. The colors that we use in church during Advent are not Christmas red, but blue or purple which remind us of the themes of repentance, fasting, royalty, and the sovereignty of Christ. Our advent wreath holds four candles, one for each of the Sundays in the season of Advent. We light an additional candle each week to help us understand that the light of Christ is coming into the darkness of the world. As we await the birth of Christ, we are reminded of the messages of hope for God's people, salvation, and the promise of a coming messiah.

The birth of Christ is marked on the calendar as December 25. This day begins the 12 days of Christmas, which marks the time between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi at the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. We sing Christmas songs all throughout the 12 days of Christmas, when most of the world has already undecorated and moved past any notion of Christmas.

While most of the world starts decorating and celebrating Christmas earlier each year, the church maintains the ancient tradition of waiting during Advent and a celebrating a full season of Christmas between the dates of December 25 and January 6. Christmas means more to us when we prepare for it. We celebrate the coming of the Messiah, the Savior of the world!

It might be helpful for us to take notice of the text of our Advent hymns. One of my favorites is Charles Wesley's beau-



Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.

"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;" Psalm 88:2

We pray God's protection for those serving in battle.

In Our Prayers:

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| • Jacquie Rawls | • George Trussell, Sr. |
| • Aldine Pound | • George Trussell, Jr. |
| • Bill Batastini | • Bob Upchurch |
| • Charlie Morgan | • Aiden Elias |
| • Fleur Stearns | • Mackenzie Etheridge |
| • Margaret Quintard | • Gladys Sherwood |
| • Dr. Lloyd Hudson | • Craig Jones |
| • Lucius Morton | • Ginger Calhoun |
| • Don & Nancy Bloebaum | • Jessica Taylor |
| • George Wade | • Cammy Marchetti |
| • Ann Sturkie | • Bryan Wright |
| • Hadley Scott | • Rudi C. Pierson |
| • Joyce Curry | • Susan Brooks |
| • Tracy Mourer | • Les Pierpoint |
| • Paul Rickard | • Camilla Rich |
| • Joey Burke | • Lieutenant Stevens |
| • Dan Parker | • Family & friends of Hal Averett |
| • June Aderhold | • Family & friends of Bruce Wilkinson |
| • Dexter Jordan | • Family & friends of Mac Jenkins |
| • Fred Korzan | |
| • Lilly Myers | |
| • Malcolm Cooper | |

If you know of a Parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.

tiful Advent hymn, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus." For though we know that Christ goes with us and before us every day, we long for the day when we are with Him in all of the fullness and glory He will bring. We long for the day when we are with Jesus in a New Heaven and New Earth, when all things are made new. And just as a young child crawls into his father's arms after an extended absence, so too we long for the day when we will be at rest in Christ, enfolded in the embrace of our Savior.



*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.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

*Our King and Savior now draws near:
Come let us adore him.*

Timothy A. Graham
Fr. Tim Graham



Holiday Services at Trinity

Sunday, December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

***Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 am in the Chapel *Nursery.**

***Regular Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 am. Regular 9:00 am Parish Breakfast. NO Sunday School. Children's Chapel will be held. Trinity Choir practice at 9:30 am & 6:00 pm. Flower Guild prepping Nave from 12:00 - 5:00 pm.**

***Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 am in the Chapel *Nursery.**

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

***Brass, organ, and timpani rehearsal in Nave at 11:00 am.**

Family Eucharist with Nativity Pageant at 4:00 pm in the Nave *Nursery.

Musical Prelude at 10:30 pm followed by Midnight Mass at 11:00 pm in the Nave *NO nursery. Security on site.

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am in the Chapel

***No nursery. Parish Office **CLOSED** December 25 & 26. No Wed. morning Eucharist or evening events. There will be a Thurs. morning Eucharist on the 27th at 8:30 am.**

Sunday, December 30 - 1st Sun. aft. Christmas

Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 am in the Chapel *Nursery.

***Regular Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 am. Regular Parish Breakfast at 9:00 am. Trinity Choir practice at 9:30 am. NO Sunday School.**

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 am in the Nave *Nursery. Children's Chapel will be held.

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

***The Parish Office is **CLOSED**.**

Wednesday, January 2

Holy Eucharist Rite II with healing at 11:30 am in the Chapel. *NO Wed. evening activities or choir rehearsal.

Thursday, January 3

Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:30 am in the Chapel.

TRINITY SPOTLIGHT: Get to Know...

Olivia "Libby" Wells



Libby's family attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery for generations. Her parents were married there. She was christened at St. John's and attended Sunday School there until family members, along with the Rev. Dr. Vernon McMaster, began to form a new church, St. Michael and All Angels, in Millbrook, AL. She completed confirmation at the new mission and was confirmed by

Bishop Murray at the old Church of the Holy Comforter on Goldthwaite Street in Montgomery, since St. Michael's did not yet have a building. Her family later moved to Texarkana, TX, where they were members of another wonderful, old downtown church.

Libby first attended Trinity in 1967 when she moved to Columbus to teach, first in Phenix City at Central Elementary and then in Columbus at Rothschild Jr. High. She met and married an Army Lieutenant. As soon as he returned from Vietnam, they were transferred to Germany where daughter, Anne, was born.

After six more moves, they returned to Ft. Benning in 1979 and once again began attending Trinity. By then they had two daughters - Anne (8) and Mary (5).

Libby says that two special members stand out in their memories of those years at Trinity: Dr. Gus Dudley and Nell Hudson. They were both very friendly and made her family feel so welcome. Nell even asked Libby to teach the 4-year-olds in Sunday School during the last year they were here. Anne was confirmed at Trinity in 1982 just before they were again assigned to Germany.

They returned to Columbus in 1986 in time for Anne to attend Pacelli High School her senior year. Libby assumed they would return to Trinity, but Mary had visited St. Thomas and wanted to join there. She enjoyed many years at St. Thomas, but the lure of the "old downtown church" was too strong, and she eventually returned to Trinity.

Libby never taught full-time again because of their many moves, caring for young children, and Army wife duties. She did, however, substitute at Department of Defense schools in Germany, in Highland Falls, New York, and while they were stationed at West Point. In 1981-82 she taught in the Basic Skills and high school completion program for soldiers at Ft. Benning. From 1987-1996 she worked as Department Secretary in Language and Literature at Columbus College. She resigned to be a full-time grandmother to her granddaughter, Morgan, when her daughter Mary returned to classes at CSU to obtain her B.A. and M.A. degrees.

FAMILY: Mary and her three children live in Phenix City, and Anne, her husband, and two sons live in Tuscaloosa.

HOBBIES: Now that she is single and retired, Libby enjoys participating in various activities with her friends: bridge, canasta, dominoes, and three book clubs. She also enjoys movies, attending plays at the Springer and the Horizon Theater in Atlanta, CSU concerts, and an occasional

trip. She is an active member in the Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home Auxiliary, Colonial Dames 17th Century, and George Walton Chapter DAR. She looks forward to attending Chuck Bradshaw's Bible study on Tuesday mornings at Trinity. Libby attends the 10:30 service and is often accompanied by her handsome grandson, Nick. She also enjoys the annual Lenten Luncheons.

Libby has returned to Trinity three different times in her life, and says her reason for coming back is "My love for old, traditional downtown Episcopal churches like the ones I attended as a child." Now that she is retired and settled, we hope that she'll continue to worship in this great church. We are glad she returned, and we welcome her!



Have We Got News for YOU!

Joseph Golden & Dr. Aesook Moon – The new and much anticipated Trinity Choir Christmas CDs have arrived at the church and are available for purchase! They are just \$20 each. We have collected reservations for approximately 380 CDs with 120 remaining for purchase.

This recording represents months of planning, rehearsing, and recording by everyone in the music area at Trinity. The product is of high quality and would make an excellent and highly unique gift for Christmas, and a purchase will greatly assist our Choral Scholar Program.

The front cover of our new Christmas CDs features a beautiful work of art and an original painting by Trinity Choir's own artist, Dr. Garry Pound. He is giving the painting to the choir in order to conduct a silent auction. Many people have expressed a desire to purchase this painting, so, if you are interested in owning it, please participate and check the progress of the auction following the 10:30 services on December 9, 16, & 23. We will announce the winning bid on Christmas Eve.

Two individuals have been chosen for the coveted Named Choral Scholars in the Trinity Choir:

- ♪ Erica Humbert is named as the Jo W. Golden Scholar.
- ♪ Blake Hordé is named as the John & Sally Walden Scholar.

By supporting an entire year of scholarship for these two outstanding young musicians, the donors have expressed their desire to provide inspiration and encouragement to deserving budding musical artists at a crucial time in their professional development.

Soli Deo Gloria.



It's (Almost) Showtime!

Deana Graham – Have you heard the news? It's time to plan for this year's Christmas Pageant! We hope to make this year's pageant the most meaningful, less stressful pageant possible. *ALL* kids – from age “tiny” to those in 7th grade – are invited to participate.

Please read the following and get in touch with me as soon as possible:

1. If your child(ren) would like to be one of the **NARRATORS** (a speaking part), please let me know. I will practice with narrators on **Wednesday, December 19, at 6:00 pm**. (We can make it work to have as many narrators as needed and can have smaller selections for young readers.)
2. If your child(ren) or grandchild(ren) would like to be in the awesome **parade of those who visited the stable** on that special night, please let me know. They will need to come to **Sunday School at 9:30 am on either December 16 or 23** to be fitted for their costume. (There is technically *no* Sunday School for *any* age group on December 23rd, this time will simply be dedicated to costume fitting and pageant prep.)
3. All participants will need to be dropped off in the Parish Hall (fed, watered, and bathroomed) **BY 3:00 pm** on the afternoon of the pageant, **Monday, December 24**.
4. If you'd like to help with the pageant let me know! I also plan to ask folks who don't have young children to help.
5. We'll have pew space for parents and grandparents near the front of the church, so you can see your actors and they can see you!



I'm looking forward to the ***BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!*** Please do your part by encouraging your children to participate, getting back to me ASAP, and praying for this to be a special and meaningful night for our church family. Please reach me on my cell at (678) 231-6369 or via email at graham.deana@gmail.com.

December Ministry & Service Schedule

Altar Guild – Team III

Linen Guild – Team III

Ministry	December 2 – First Sunday of Advent	December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent	December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent	December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 30 – First Sunday after Christmas Day
Prayer B'fast	CVEM/Martha Robert	John Holt	David Young	Scouts	Trinity Youth
Prayer Intercessors	8:00 am Barbara Rivers, Hugh Rodgers 10:30 am Barbara Korzan, Bill Stahl	8:00 am Jean & Bob Miller 10:30 am Kevin & Marcie Topping	8:00 am Mona Thorington, Barbara Rivers 10:30 am Bill Scrantom, Christina Stahl	8:00 am Barbara Rivers, Bonnie Topping 10:30 am Autumn Grimes, Nell Hudson	8:00 am Barbara Rivers, Bonnie Topping 10:30 am Autumn Grimes, Nell Hudson <i>*Final 5th Sunday rot. for year!</i>
Eucharistic Ministers P – Prayers † - High Altar * - Lower Altar	8:00 am Bill Perkins 10:30 am Kristen Hedden/P, Dr. Philip Schley/†, Wayne Hadden/* Trip Parker/*II	8:00 am Gary Cason 10:30 am Bill Stahl/P, Joe Smith/†, David Fox/* Jo Myers/*II	8:00 am Malcolm Cooper 10:30 am Harlan Price/P, Mary Johnson/†, Muffy Schladensky/* Barbara Korzan/*II	8:00 am Bob Miller 10:30 am Jo Myers/P, Trip Parker/†, Joe Smith/* David Fox/*II	8:00 am Bill Perkins 10:30 am Mary Johnson/P, Muriel Fish/†, Dr. Philip Schley/* Muffy Schladensky/*II
Lectors	Wayne Hadden	Kristen Hedden	Molly Graham	Parker Swift	Carl Fedde
Greeters	Muffy Schladensky, Debby Kemp	George & Judy Wilkinson	Connie Armstrong, Kathleen Bishop	Jonathon, Emily, Lilly, & Williams Myers	George & Judy Wilkinson
Verger	Carlo Thorington	Muriel Fish	Sydney Smith	Glenn Fish	Glenn Fish
Ushers	Team I – John Holt & Bill Scrantom	Team II – Brooks Yancey	Team III – Chuck Staples	Team IV – Carlo Thorington	Team IV – Carlo Thorington
Clothes Closet	CVEM/Martha Robert	John Holt	David Young	Scouts	Trinity Youth

December Birthdays



2 Dr. Billy Kendall
4 Alma Winn
6 Chas Lavery
8 Joe Passailaigue
Garry Pound
Sarah Prather
McKee Clark
Avery Mullin

8 Frances Schley
9 John Cargill, V.
10 Dr. Philip Schley
Lucy Simkins
Harry Graham
11 Sally Walden
Ric Lanciault
12 Christina Stahl
13 Joe Smith, Jr.
Molly Simkins
Jude Borom
14 Catherine Passailaigue
Johnny Cargill, IV.
Keith Slaney
Molly Graham
15 The Rev. Tim Graham
16 Margaret Barber

17 Carlo Thorington
Cissy Van Ingen
Robert Doll, II
18 Wayne Hadden
Dr. Edwin Page
Jerry Watts, II.
Natalie Mullen
20 Jackie Henson
Kenny Henson
Gabe Goldsmith
22 George Wilkinson
Rania Haque
23 Lilly Myers
24 Miller Page
25 Hazel Rust
Katherine Waddell
Lara Allan Lasseter

26 Gantt Shadburn
Kate Waddell
27 Joe Manderson
Rembert Houser, Jr.
28 Jan Buracker
Harris Fox
Owen Korytoski
29 John Walden, Jr.
John Holt, Jr.
Laney Poydasheff
30 Judith Rothschild
David Cummings, Jr.

**If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, please call the Parish Office at (706) 322-5569.*

DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 - 1st Sunday of Advent <i>*VIP guests family arrives!</i> 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School for All 9:30 am Trinity Choir rehearsal 10:30 am HE II (Nave)</p>	<p>3 - VIP here 10:30 am Staff</p>	<p>4 - VIP here 11:00 am Women's Christmas Bible Study w/C. Bradshaw (Parlor) 6:00 pm Scouts (-7:30 pm) (Parish Hall & Youth Suite)</p>	<p>5 - VIP here 11:00 am Prayer Gathering 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel) 6:00 pm Dinner/HOLIDAY KARAOKE & CAKEWALK (Parish Hall) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.</p>	<p>6 - VIP here 7:00 am Men's Christmas Bible Study w/C. Bradshaw (Parlor) 8:00 am Parish Breakfast (Parish Hall) 8:30 am *NO HE I (Chapel) 12:00 pm Parish Life Cmte.</p>	<p>7 - VIP here</p>	<p>8 - VIP here Brotherhood of St. Andrew (NEW Men's Ministry?) 4th mtg @ 9am in Parish Hall <i>*With Continental breakfast/coffee</i></p> 
<p>9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent <i>*VIP departs</i> 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School for All 9:30 am Trinity Choir rehearsal 10:30 am HE II (Nave) 12:00 pm YOUTH lunch/decor @ Trinity House 6:30 pm Christmas Party @ Grogan Home (-8:30 pm)</p>	<p>10 9:30 am Finance Committee 10:30 am Staff</p>	<p>11 6:00 pm Scouts (-7:30 pm) (Parish Hall & Youth Suite)</p>	<p>12 11:00 am Prayer Gathering 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel) 6:00 pm Dinner/WRAPPING PARTY & gifting prep. (Parish Hall) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.</p>	<p>13 8:30 am HE I (Chapel) 9:30 am DOK Scout Council mtg. (-9pm Parish Hall) 6:00 pm</p>	<p>14 5:00 pm PARENT'S NIGHT OUT (Drop off @ Trinity, pick up at 8pm)</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School for All 9:30 am Trinity Choir rehearsal 10:30 am HE II (Nave)</p>	<p>17 10:30 am Staff *Christmas lunch out of office 5:30 pm Vestry</p>	<p>18 6:00 pm Scouts (-7:30 pm) (Parish Hall & Youth Suite)</p>	<p>19 11:00 am Prayer Gathering 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 4:15 pm *NO Cov. Woods 5:30 pm *NO Evening Prayer (Chapel) 6:00 pm *NO Dinner/Prog. (Parish Hall) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.</p>	<p>20 8:30 am HE I (Chapel) Sinkins/Sturtz Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Sinkins/Sturtz Wedding 4:00 pm</p>
<p>23 - 4th Sun. Advent/30* 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am (*For 23rd or 30th) 9:30 am Trinity Choir rehearsal 10:30 am HE II (Nave) 12:00 pm Flower Guild preps Nave (-5pm) 6:00 pm Trinity Choir reh. (23rd)</p>	<p>24 - CHRISTMAS EVE/31* 10:30 am Staff 11:00 am Brass, Organ, Timpani reh. (Nave) 4:00 pm Family Eucharist & Children's Pageant <i>*Nursery available.</i> 10:30 pm Musical Prelude 11:00 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity <i>*Security on site. No nursery.</i></p>	<p>25 - CHRISTMAS DAY Christmas Day Eucharist 11:00 am (Chapel) PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 11:30 am *NO HE II w/Healing PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27 8:30 am HE I (Chapel)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>



Trinity Youth

SPREADING THE LOVING MESSAGE OF GOD'S WORD



Sharing is Caring

Lauren Blanchard – The holidays are a time for giving. It's inevitable. During Thanksgiving, we often collect food for local organizations giving families and individuals the chance to have a warm dinner regardless of their personal situations. We collect clothing for members of our Prayer Breakfast to ensure they can stay warm and properly clothed during the cold winter months. It's so important to remember those who are less fortunate and to offer them what we can to make their holidays just as special.

I have a new challenge for some! Giving back to members of the local fire station, police department, and hospitals is a great way to provide a boost in holiday spirit to those who selflessly serve us. Taking in baked goods or hot meals is such a wonderful way to show support, and something like that is super simple to do but means a lot to those on the receiving end!

Giving back to those who give their all (especially during the holidays) is a bigger blessing for the one who gives than the one who receives. Who will *you* be sharing with this holiday season?

THANK YOU!

...to our
doctors,
nurses,
and
hospital
staff!





TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Join us as we celebrate the reason for the season!

CHRISTMAS EVE | MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
4 PM & 10:30/11 PM

CHRISTMAS | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
11 AM (CHAPEL)

**Nursery is available at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Family Eucharist & Nativity Pageant.*

A musical prelude at 10:30 PM guides us into Midnight Mass at 11 PM. Security on site. No nursery.

***Christmas Morning Eucharist will be in the Chapel. No nursery. The Church Office will be CLOSED Dec. 25 & 26.*