

***Second Sunday after Pentecost
December 9, 2018
Holy Eucharist, Rite II***

Processional	<i>Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending</i>	Hymn #58
Opening Acclamation	<i>The Book of Common Prayer</i> (BCP)-355	
Collect for Purity		BCP-355
<i>Kyrie</i>		S-91
The Collect of the Day		insert
First Reading	Malachi 3:1-4	insert
Canticle	Canticle 16	insert
Second Reading	Philippians 1:3-11	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	Hymn #67
The Gospel	Luke 3:1-6	insert
The Sermon	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold	
The Nicene Creed		BCP-358
Prayers of the People		Pew Card
Confession and Absolution		BCP-360
The Peace		BCP-360
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>Light One Candle</i>	<i>by Natalie Sleeth</i>
At the Presentation	Doxology	Hymn #380 (v.3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP-361
<i>Sanctus</i>		S-114
The Lord's Prayer		BCP-364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP-364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i>	WLP #866
Communion Hymns		
	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	Hymn #341
	<i>Savior, Again to thy Dear Name We Raise</i>	Hymn #345
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-366
Recessional	<i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>	Hymn #65
Dismissal		BCP-366

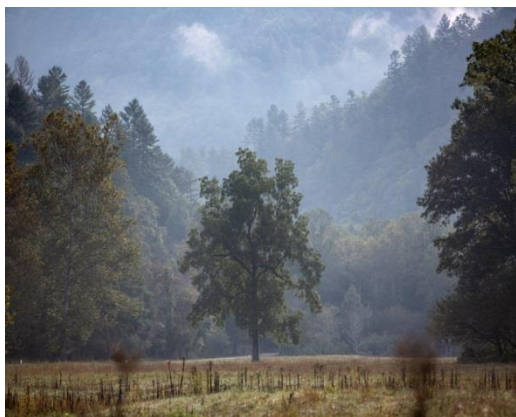
Ministers for the Day

Celebrant	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Acolyte	Paul McAbee
Lectors	Tom Edwards & Randy Mims
Prayers	Dee Crusoe
Greeters	Steve Watkins & Karen Brown
Chalice	John & Dee Crusoe
Healing	Kristin Anderson
Music	Ina Meyer & Choir
Flowers	Dee Crusoe
Altar Guild	T. McLain & Nancy Totman
Hospitality	EfM

Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour

THE FORERUNNER

Our gospel passage for today tells us that John, son of Zechariah, was in the wilderness when the word of God came to him calling him to begin his public ministry. Can you picture him at that time? I imagine him alone in a barren landscape, struggling with a quandary, wondering just what God had in mind for him. He knew all the stories about his unusual birth. (Lk.1:5-25, 57-80) What did they mean? Take time to read his birth story and consider what impact that had on his life. I suspect he had spent his life studying the scriptures, learning from the prophets, preparing himself for God's call. As he waited for the fullness of time, he could have gone to the wilderness near Qumran to see the Essenes for help in discerning his call. Finally it



came to him, revealed in the words of the prophet Isaiah (40:3-5).

We know the rest of the story, how “he went to all the region around the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” and how his questions about God's will didn't leave him, for example, he sent his

disciples to ask Jesus “Are you the one. . . or are we to wait for another?” (Lk.7:19) John continued his prophetic ministry of “comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable” until his death at the hand of Herod and his wife Herodias.

John is known as the Forerunner of Christ Jesus, preparing the world for his incarnation. We too are forerunners of Christ's second coming. What does that mean for us? I doubt that many of us are called into a wilderness to copy John's ministry, though some may be. I suspect, however, that we, each and all, are being called somehow into the dark wildernesses of our world to share the good news of God's everlasting love that we have experienced in our own lives. As St. Francis said, “use words if you must.”

Pat Horn, Author

Audrey Horn, Photographer



John the Baptist in the Wilderness (Geertgen tot Sint Jans (c. 1465 – c. 1495), also known as Geertgen van Haarlem)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Prayer List: Please help us keep the prayer list up to date by calling or sending an email to the church office to let us know if a name needs to be added or removed. If you add someone to the list, if possible, please let us know their mailing address so that a card can be mailed to them.

Members: Alice Jean Gibbs, Ruth Young, Arlene Wingate, Glenn Totman, Myra Ponder, Jo Heslin, Candace Watson, Amanda Wagoner, Landy & Nancy Luther, Gary Niblack & Martha Snowden, Jack Rink & Carol Wood, and First Presbyterian Church of Wewahitchka.

Family & Friends: Lisa Waddell, Casey Simmons, Sharron Anthony, Richard & Helen Quackenbush, Damaris Porter, Mary Bloodworth, Mary Flanagan, Russell Ponder, Sue Bisiq, Susan Richardson, Carl Carlson, Eugenia Butler, Carmel Dodson, James Hess, Orlis Burton, Sandy Howze, Mary Ann Holder, Lee Hassell, Lloyd Hodge, Brenda Herrick Jill Feeser, Paul Sears, Pat Burchfield and Family, and Bryan Tune.

Monday School will be having their Christmas Brunch at the home of the Seaborns on Monday December 10th. The Seaborns home is located at 110 Dr. Fredrick Humphries St, Apalachicola. Hope to see you all there.

The **Vestry** will be meeting at the home of the Rev. Donna Gerold at 5:00 pm on Monday December 10th.

The **Worship Committee** will be having a meeting on Tuesday December 11th at 10 am in the conference room.

The holiday season may be difficult for some trying to recover from Hurricane Michael. In light of this, the Rev. Donna Gerold and Sarah Madson, Psy.D will host another “*Beginning to Heal*” at 5:30 pm on Wednesday December 12th in Benedict Hall.

TOH Committee will be meeting on Thursday December 13th at 2:00 pm in the conference room.

It is with sadness we acknowledge the death of Isabelle Eleutheria Mescure Nichols. Isabelle was a well-loved and active member of Trinity for many years. She was very involved in the music program, playing the organ and directing the Junior Choir. Services will be held at Trinity with visitation on Friday December 14th from 5 to 7 pm, with Trisagion prayers at 7 pm. The funeral service will on Saturday December 15th at 11 am, followed by interment at Magnolia Cemetery and Makaria (meal of blessing).