

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Apalachicola, Florida**

December 2, 2018
The First Sunday in Advent

Welcome visitors! We're glad to have you worship with us today and hope you will want to return. Please fill out the information card in your pew and place it in the offering plate. Following our 10:30 am service, there is a hospitality time in the parish hall next door. Please join us. Trinity is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Chartered in 1836, Trinity is Apalachicola's historic "first church." Services have been held on this site for almost 180 years. It is with great joy that we thank God for our blessings and for the beauty of this place.

Services

10:20 AM	Prelude
10:30 AM	Christmas Lessons and Carols

Ministries for the Day

Celebrant	The Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Crucifer	Cathy Buell
Lectors	Chris Clark, Kristin Anderson, Patti McCartney, George Rudo & Ralph Wagoner
Chalice	Gloria Austin & Candace Springer
Music	Ina Margaret Meyer
Greeters	Ralph Wagoner & Tom Edwards
Altar Guild	Aglaiia Dolan & Peggy Hawkins

Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry

Priest in Charge	The Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Vestry	Rennie Edwards, Senior Warden; Gary Ulrich, Junior Warden; Nancy Luther, Paul McAbee, Patti McCartney, Ralph Wagoner & Randy Mims
Clerk of the Vestry	Landy Luther
Treasurer	Lee Bettis
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AWAKE

There's –awake, and there's –awake. We know what awake—that is, not being asleep—is. We spend most of our life in that condition, generally aware of what is going on around us and responding as appropriate. But when, in today's gospel, Jesus urges us to –Keep awake, it seems he has something deeper in mind. Take a moment and listen to Jesus speaking to you today.

Can you hear the call to be more expectant of and more attentive to the divine Presence in the world around us, to be alert to the myriad and surprising ways that Presence is manifested throughout creation?

How do we respond to Jesus' injunction to –Keep awake? The season of Advent provides the opportunity for us to realize our need to pay attention to our relationship with Christ Jesus, to rebalance our priorities to include the –unseen as well as the –seen that tends to occupy most of our daily existence. As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Incarnation, all the while anticipating his coming again, can we focus on what that means for us today?

In his earthly ministry, Jesus asked his followers, –Who do you say that I am? (Mt.16:15) Christ Jesus continues to ask that of each of us. If the answer easily rolls off our tongue, we likely have not delved very deeply into the mystery of God's love. If it's the same answer we've had for twenty years or more, it may mean that we aren't growing in our relationship with Christ Jesus that we remain half-asleep in the comfortable rut of the status quo of our spiritual life. If that's true for us, Advent is the time to wake up, to allow God to stretch us, to make room in the inn of our hearts for Divine Love to shine forth through us into the darkness of our cold, winter world.

Pat Horn, Author

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Mary greets Elizabeth (artist unknown)

Christmas Lessons & Carols
with Eucharist
Sunday, December 2, 2018
10:30 am

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, Willis Kennedy, Myra Ponder, Ed Springer, 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, Orli Burton, Sandy Howze, Mary Ann Holder, Lee Hassell, Lloyd Hodge, Brenda Herrick Jill Feeser, Carrie Wheatley, Robin Stevenson, Paul Sears, Pat Burchfield and Family, and Bryan Tune.

Please join us today after the service for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon in Benedict Hall.

Children's Christmas Songs will be held in Benedict Hall today at 5:00 pm with a dinner to follow. Come hear these wonderful children sing for the Holiday.

Monday School will meet on Monday December 3rd at 10:00 am.

EfM will meet on Tuesday December 4th at 3:30 pm in the conference room.

Faith Sharing will be meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

The readers list for Prayers of the People and the lessons is being updated for the first 6 months of 2019. If you would like to read during this time period, please email Jim Anderson at Hawk62@Mac.com or call 227-3302. This is an important way to serve and both full time and part time people at Trinity are encouraged to join.

The Parish Profile is now available on Trinity's web site under the "about" section for your viewing. There is a hard copies in the office for reading as well.

Join us on Sunday December 23rd at 1 pm for the Greening of the Church. We need ladders and people! Light refreshments afterwards.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Brenton Hitchcock & Katherine Breuning.

Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

Prelude

Processional Hymn *O Come O Come Emmanuel* Hymnal #56

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in Apalachicola and our surrounding cities.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

Lesson I Genesis 3:1-5
“Adam & Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.”

Carol # 450 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

Lesson II Isaiah 40:1-11
“God comforts all God’s people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.”

Carol # 75 There Is a Voice in the Wilderness

Lesson III Isaiah 7:10-15
“God promises a child will be conceived and will be known as “God with us.”

Carol # 66 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Lesson IV Isaiah 11:1-9
“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon the Holy One.”

Carol # 68 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Lesson V Luke 1:26-38
“The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

Carol # 265 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The Peace (standing)

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory Hymn # 380 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (standing) *The Book of Common Prayer*-361

Sanctus S-114

The Lord’s Prayer BCP-364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP-364

Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover* WLP#866

Communion Music *On the Jordan’s Bank* Hymn #76

Hark! the Glad Sound! Hymn #72

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP-365

Blessing

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light,
enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Blest Be the King Who’s Coming* Hymn #74

Advent Prayers of the People

Written by Lynne Mallonee Schlimm

Celebrant God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Leader God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our minds on things eternal.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all in government and authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in the light and your peace is experienced by all.

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