

*Last Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
November 25, 2018*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
Gloria	BCP-324
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm	93
The Gospel	John 18:33-37
Homily	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
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Services

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:20 AM Ministry of Healing and Prelude
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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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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, 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.

Monday School will meet on Monday Nov. 26th at 10:00 am.

EfM will meet on Tuesday Nov. 27th at 3:30 pm in the conference room.

December 2nd there will be only one service of Lessons and Carols at 10:30 am and our Annual Meeting and luncheon will follow after the service.

Christmas Songs by the Children's Choir will be held on Sunday December 2nd @ 5:00 pm in Benedict Hall with a Spaghetti Dinner to follow.

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 copy 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 thanksgiving for Donna, Shannon and ALL who make Trinity the wonderful place it is, from Ralph & Susie Wagoner.

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Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” we hear God say in our epistle lesson today. Take time to sit with that phrase for a bit and think about what it means to you. Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet, and omega is the last letter, symbolic of the beginning and the end. God utters the creating word in the beginning of the expanding universe and looks forward to all creation returning in love. We come forth into the world from the heart of God, “in whom we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28), and as Nan Merrill puts it in her rendition of Ps.90 in *Psalms for Praying*, “When our days on earth have ended, You welcome us home to your Heart, to the City of Light, where time is eternal and days are not numbered.”



Nicholas of Cusa in the 15th century sees “God as the enfolder and unfold of all reality.” That is what quantum physicist, David Bohm, in his description of that same reality today calls “the implicate order” enfolding all creation and “the explicate order”

unfolding in particularity. How delightful to recognize God’s continuing revelation throughout the centuries! To describe the enfolding aspect of God, in the 12th century, Hildegard of Bingen says God embraces us, hugs us, while Julian of Norwich, also in the 15th century, expresses it as being clothed with Goodness. God is the Inspiring One, breathing life into us and all creation—the Great Instigator working deep within to “unfold” our potentialities. We might experience that as a calling, a yearning, an urge to do something that seems to come out of the blue, or perhaps the deepest desire of our hearts. The Creator has provided a cycle of life in all creation to show us the natural order of unfolding: the phases of the moon, the seasons of the year, the growth cycle of plants from seed to fruition, the birth, growth and maturation, aging and death of all animals. So too, we and all our creative activity follow the same cycle, coming full circle as we surrender one phase to make room for the birth of the next.

God is in all our beginnings and in all our endings, whether large beyond our imagining as in the cosmos or small as in the quantum world, unfolding our lives as lovingly as the Creator unfurls the rose, the Alpha and the Omega.

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The Lord is in His Holy Temple

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