



# TRINITY E-NEWS

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*From the Rector's Desk*

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### Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to restore people to unity with God and each other (2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

### Our Vision

*Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples*

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*In days to come*

*The mountain of the Lords house  
Shall be established as the highest of the  
mountains,*

*And shall be raised above the hills;  
All the nations shall stream to it.*

*Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the  
Lord,*

*To the house of the God of Jacob;  
That he may teach us his ways  
And that we may walk in his paths.*

*O house of Jacob,*

*come, let us walk*

*in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:1-3,5)*

Light is an overwhelming image throughout the prophecies of Isaiah. We are invited by Isaiah to see beyond a cultural vision – whether that be consumerism, politics, etc. – into a lightened landscape of unity, of justice, of peace, and openness to the divine way that ushers peace and expectation to our most profound hopes.

Likewise in Advent, light is a vital theme. Advent arrives in our life overflowing with anticipation, asking us to “Arise, shine, for our light has come” (Isa 60.1). The light of the world is coming in Jesus Christ, and so is the transformation of our world.

We light candles on Advent wreaths symbolizing a foretaste of the light that is to come in the Christ child. A joy so prevailing that, in time, we became so moved to not only light candles on wreaths but also hang lights on our rooftops, place them in our windows, and adorn our trees with them. Moreover, we rejoice because the Advent means that community will replace conflict. Therefore the visible light we share is a symbol to our neighbors that they are welcome to come and celebrate with us our joy in the coming reign of God.

Yet on the flip side of the Advent coin, from the season of expectation that it is, is the season of preparation that it is. The light of God will come, and those who would oppose the light will find its judgment.

*He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2.4).*

We believe that God will come again, and we are asked in the “between time,” to be more like God. Advent invites us not just to expect God, but that we should “prepare the way of the Lord.” To that, by preparing ourselves not to deny the light of God, allowing ourselves to receive its teaching, so that we may walk in the path of the Lord. For when we allow “the coming” to come to us we venture into the depths of God’s heart, becoming God’s peace in the world.

Thus, Advent rehearses as a season filled with the thankfulness of the promises of the gift of Christ. Contrariwise, a season that also threatens us and the earthly distractions that keep us from preparing more fully for the judgment of God. A season that still beseeches us to, with contrite hearts be more like the light of God. It begs us to consider, how will we walk in the face of the coming God?

Therefore, my brothers and sisters may this Advent season fill you with joy and expectation, wonderment and bewilderment. Moreover, as you prepare for the birth of the Christ child may you be filled with a sense of humility that God so loved the world, and you, and me, that he came among us to sanctify us with his light.

Father Stephen+





Adult Christian Education meets Tuesday, December 3 at 6 pm.



Trinity's Vestry will meet Sunday, December 15 following the Eucharist.



There will not be a Pot Luck Luncheon on January 5 or February 2 (Super Bowl Sunday). We will have a luncheon following the Annual Meeting on January 19.



Trinity's ECW is going out to lunch on Thursday, December 12 at the Atchafalaya Café at 11:30. Please bring your gift cards for St. Mary Outreach to the lunch.



The congregation is invited to a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14 from 6-8 pm. It is hosted by Judy Weber, 588 Fairview Drive, Berwick. If you wish, please bring your favorite appetizer for the party.



Trinity's Christmas service is Tuesday night, December 24 at 6 pm. There is no service on Christmas Day.



St. John's Episcopal Church, 718 Jackson St., Thibodaux is hosting "The Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas" on Friday, December 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.



09 Mike Raymond, Sr.  
10 Dean White  
15 Veeder Bell  
16 Melynda Webster  
19 Owen Daniel Block



07 Kristyn and Matt Hughes



**Please Pray For:** for the soul of Lisa, sister of Albert, Ellen, Nancy, Cathy and Barry, Kay and Mike, Roy, Norma, Lonnie, Sharon and Steve, Carolyn, Emilie, Sandy, Judy, Dean, Kate, Tiffani, our partner in ministry: St. John's, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for all First Responders in our area, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.



As we have done in previous years, please bring wrapped plates of cookies to be given to those who work Christmas Eve. The cookies are taken to MC Police, St. Mary Sheriff, Oschner St. Mary, the 911 office, Acadian Ambulance, Fire Departments and others. The cookies are very much appreciated and the recipients have a huge smile when receiving the gift.



# December 2019

HE Holy Eucharist

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent I Fr. Stephen HE and Baptism, Pot Luck Luncheon	2 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	3 Fr. Shortess 12-7 5 pm Choir Practice	4	5	6 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	7
8 Advent II Fr. Travers, HE	9	10 5 pm Choir Practice	11 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	12 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 ECW Luncheon 11:30, Archafalaya Cafe	13 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous St. John's Sights and Sounds, 5:30-7:30 pm	14 Congregation Party, Judy Weber's, 6-8 pm 588 Fairview Dr. in Berwick
15 Advent III Fr. Stephen HE Vestry Meeting	16 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	17 Fr. Shortess 12-7 5 pm Choir Practice	18 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	19	20 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	21
22 Advent IV Fr. Travers HE	23	24 Fr. Stephen HE 6 pm	25 Christmas Day 	26 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	27 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	28
29 Christmas I Fr. Stephen HE	30 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	31				No Pot Luck Jan 5

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 2019

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 24	December 29	January 5
<b>Celebrant/ Officiant</b>	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Travers	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Travers	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Stephen	
<b>Preacher</b>	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
<b>Server</b>	Joshua J	Robbie W	Tim C	Robbie W	Tim C	Robbie W	Joshua J
<b>Chalice</b>	Judy W	Robbie W	Lisa P	Robbie W	Tim C Mary H	Robbie W	Tammy C
<b>Lector</b>	Mary H	Elizabeth B	Charles P	Jane W	Judy W	Tammy C	Elizabeth B
<b>Intercessor</b>	Mary H	Elizabeth B	Lisa P	Jane W	Judy W	Tammy C	Elizabeth B
<b>Greeters</b>	Clare C Peggy C	Ben M Drew M	Clare C Peggy C	Ben M Drew M	Clare C Peggy C	Ben M Drew M	Clare C Peggy C
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary H	Cathy B	Judy W Jennie R	Jane W		Mary H	Mary H
<b>Vestry on Duty</b>	Ed W	Peggy C	Charles P	David W	Peggy C	Sam	Mary H