



# COMING UP AT HOLY TRINITY

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY! WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

**We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us and hope you will return.** You will find more information about worshipping with us on the white laminated card found hanging on the back of the pew. We also invite you to complete the visitor card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so that we may further welcome you. **If you would like to communicate a prayer request or pastoral need, please let us know on the back of these cards.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for **the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan**

**In our local cycle of prayer we pray for Interactive Resource Center.** This center assists people who are homeless or facing homelessness reconnect with their own lives and with the community at large.

**The flowers on the high altar** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many and abundant blessings by Janie and John Pope.

**The flowers on the chapel altar** are given to the glory of God in memory of my dear sweet sister, Ann by Janie Pope.

**The greens on the church high altar** during the week are given by Caroline Faison to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gaston Dortch Faison.

The rose on the credence table is in celebration of the birth of **Henry Le Edmunds**, son of Linh and John Edmunds, grandson of Linda and Bob Edmunds.

We pray for the souls of **Edward Baxter**, brother of Margaret Baxter, uncle of Zach Baker

**Nurseries for children four and under are open each Sunday.** Nursery assignments are:

Infant & Toddler — Room 105

Preschool — Room 104

**Filming** — The 9 and 11:15 a.m. services are filmed on a rotating basis and posted on YouTube. Learn more on our website. We give thanks for electronic media that helps members near and far!

**Music** — At the 8 a.m. service, members of Hodie will play music of Bach and Telemann. The Prelude at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services include settings of Advent organ music. The Offertory is a contemporary setting of *Come, O Precious Ransom*, by Mark Shepperd. Our Taize continues with a new piece composed in memory of longterm HT member Florence Young, an avid supporter of the arts in the area throughout her life. The new Taize incorporates of the Advent poem *Come and Walk Upon the World* by Garrison Doles, suggested by Sarah Chowning. The postlude is an improvisation on the hymn tune *St. Joan*.

**Thank you Thanksgiving's In The Bag supporters!** Many thanks to all those who donated to this year's Thanksgiving's In The Bag project. With these donations, you have helped provide nourishment and Thanksgiving cheer to many needy families.

# *We Invite You to a Holy Advent*

**Help Deliver Poinsettias, today, December 8.** Please help deliver poinsettias to Holy Trinity parishioners who have difficulty getting to church, been ill or suffered loss. Each year the Congregational Care Commission purchases and prepares poinsettias to bring holiday warmth to folks. This morning, following each of the three services, poinsettias may be picked up in the Office/Reception area. Someone will be there to help you select the poinsettias and determine the individuals to whom you will be making the delivery.

**In anticipation of the joyful season of Christmas, you are invited to honor or remember someone you love** by giving a gift of money for flowers for the Christmas altar or the engagement of guest musicians. Christmas offering cards have been mailed to all parishioners. Simply fill out the card, tuck your contribution inside, and place it in the offering plate or make your gift online. Your gift will be recognized in a special insert in the Christmas bulletins. In order to be included, please make your gift by **today, December 8.**

**The Angel Tree** is filled with tags for families in need next to Haywood Duke. Please take one or more tags to help parents and children in need with Christmas gifts! Return all gifts, wrapped with angel tag securely attached by **December 15.**

**Christmas honor cards** for charitable organizations are now available at the Sacred Garden Bookstore. Honor cards are a wonderful way to remember friends and family during the Christmas season and to make a contribution to organizations who serve those in need.

**Las Posadas** — This is the eighth Advent that we will embrace the tradition of Las Posadas. Each night of Advent, a doll-sized holy family will travel from parish family to parish family recreating Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay as they traveled to Bethlehem. The requirements are simple: be willing to open your home to the holy family, care for them for 24 hours, and deliver them to the next household. Mary, Joseph and the donkey travel in a basket with the book *The Night of Las Posadas*, a CD of Christmas music, and a journal to record the holy family's activities. Parents and children can plan where they will house the holy family, talk about what they might need, and reflect on the meaning of the season of Advent. This is an opportunity to practice hospitality and anticipate Christ's birth. Please follow the link in this week's ePistle to sign up.

## **The Advent Term of Christian Formation classes this Sunday at 10:15 a.m.:**

- **The Season of the Nativity for Families:** The full season of the Nativity includes Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. As the opening three acts of the liturgical year, this is the time that sets the stage for our spiritual journeys throughout the year. We will explore Advent as the season of Hope, Christmas as the season of Love, and Epiphany as the season of faith. In this class, you'll receive simple tools and practices for weary, distracted, busy people inviting you to a joyous Nativity season. *Led by the Rev. Greg Farrand and Marjorie Donnelly, Broome Hall*
- **Cultivating Hope and Patience in Advent:** These two lessons based on the lectionary passages for the day will look at how anticipation of the coming of Christ demands two qualities that many people interpret as passive, but in fact demand from us more than we might imagine. *Led by Dr. Sandie Gravett, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Appalachian State University, Haywood Duke Room*

## **COMING UP**

**English Speaking Union Meeting and Dinner — Tuesday, December 10,** Haywood Duke Room. See this week's ePistle for more information.

**The Bookstore will be closed this morning, December 8.**

**Welcome Events for New Members** — We are hosting two events for our new members: New Member Dinner hosted by Holy Trinity Vestry, **Thursday, December 12:** 6 p.m., and a New Member Welcome Liturgy **Sunday, December 15,** 11:15 a.m. as we formally welcome our new members with a special liturgy and reception for all following worship in Roe. Welcome to Holy Trinity. We're glad you are here! Please RSVP to Rev. Mark Lile-King at mark@holy-trinity.com or 272-6149 x272.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** — Walking in the footsteps of Abraham, King David, and Jesus. Join us for a life changing pilgrimage as we explore our Jewish spiritual heritage in Israel. Find out more details at holytrinitypilgrimage.com. Interested? Contact the Rev. Greg Farrand gregoryfarrand@gmail.com. This pilgrimage still has spots available. Pilgrimage dates are **March 25 — April 6, 2020.**

**Peace Pilgrimage** — The Peace Pilgrimage includes 6 seminars that culminates with a pilgrimage walk around Greensboro to the historic civil rights sights. The seminars will introduce and make familiar the history that forms the background to the activities in Greensboro that led to the opening of the city's public accommodations and to the end of "Jim Crow" in Greensboro in 1964. We want to be inspired by knowing more about the experience of those who have walked the path of seeking justice before us; we want to know how faith, hope and love can be taught by standing up for what is right and how peace can prevail within such a challenge. Thursday Seminar Dates: **February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, and 19. Pilgrimage Walk Date: Saturday, March 21.** Cost: \$65 (Register by paying online at the church website and write "Peace Pilgrimage" in the memo section).

## *Christmas and Epiphany at Holy Trinity*

**Tuesday, December 24**

**10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant**

Las Posadas Family returns. No Holy Eucharist (Prelude begins at 9:45 a.m.), *no nursery care.*

**2, 5 and 9 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**

(Prelude begins 35 minutes before service.) Nurseries provided at 2 and 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 25**

**10 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist** (No nursery care)

**Sunday, December 29** (No children's chapel or Sunday school)

**8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour**

**Sunday, January 5**

**8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist** (Nurseries and children's chapel resume)

**8:30 a.m. Festive Coffee Hour**

**5:30 p.m. Festival of Light** — Church

**6:15 p.m. Epiphany Feast** — Haywood Duke Room. *Please register by December 20 through the ePistle or [holytrinity.com/worship/christmasschedule/](http://holytrinity.com/worship/christmasschedule/). \*No reservations will be taken at the door.*

**Holiday Hours and Schedule Changes:**

**December 18:** Last Wednesday Night activities, including choir rehearsals for children and adults until January

**December 19:** Last Thursday lunch until January

**December 24–January 5:** Parish Office and Bookstore Closed



## Annual Giving Campaign - 2020

Give with Your Heart - Every Member Invested

Goal - \$2,000,000

Help Our Heart Grow!

Pledge Amount: \$1,570,970

Pledges: 425

Increased Pledges: 168

New Pledges: 45

Average Pledge: \$3696

*\*Totals are as of December 2, 2019*



Make your 2020 pledge today!

To pledge, visit <http://www.holy-trinity.com/give/annual-giving-campaign/>

### **Reserve your seat for the Epiphany Feast: Service of Light & Epiphany Feast, January 5 –**

At Epiphany, we celebrate the commemoration of the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. The celebration begins with a Service of Light in the Church, inviting you to set your intentions for the new year, followed by food, fellowship, and music by the Grimsley Madrigals in the Haywood Duke Room at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20. NEW THIS YEAR: Wine is provided. Scholarships are available. Contact Rev. Canon Pat Grace. Childcare provided. **Please register by December 20** through the ePistle or [holytrinity.com/worship/christmasschedule/](http://holytrinity.com/worship/christmasschedule/). **\*No reservations will be taken at the door.**

### OUTREACH

#### **The Need Box for December is designated for Angel Tree / Gift Card Fund.**

**Food collection for the month of December is for Faith Action.** Current needs can be found in the ePistle. Collection boxes are located in the narthex, receptionist lobby, and the elevator lobby. Healthy food items may be brought in bags to the church, but please do not bring empty bags, as they use up valuable space in the collection boxes. Food should be unopened, not expired, and not in glass containers. 50 lbs were collected for November- thank you!

**Prayers in the Park Ministry – Join us in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need.** All are invited to share food, fellowship and hope with our downtown neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness through this weekly, year-round ministry. Meet us on the Greenway beside the church at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons as we share a pilgrimage to Center City Park. You can also help by signing up to prepare food. Prayers in the Park is a rewarding experience for all ages, and an ideal way to unite families or groups of all types in service to others. To sign up as a lunch preparer, and to learn more about ways to support, visit [www.holy-trinity.com/serve/outside-the-parish](http://www.holy-trinity.com/serve/outside-the-parish). Follow us on Facebook at "Prayers in the Park." For more information, contact Ken Keeton at [keetonken00@gmail.com](mailto:keetonken00@gmail.com).

## PASTORAL CARE

**Pastoral Care Ministry Emergencies** — This ministry oversees visiting members of our Church family who may be in one of our hospitals. **Because of confidentiality laws, we no longer have access to information telling us who is in the hospital.** If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the hospitals, If you are in need of spiritual care during an emergency and want to reach out to clergy or a member of the pastoral staff here at Holy Trinity, please call **336-365-0750**.

**Community of Hope Training is coming to Holy Trinity!** Do you want to grow in your relationship to Christ? Do you want to learn skills to handle different life situations in your every day journey? Do you have a call to walk with people pastorally? Then Community of Hope is for you! Community of Hope International (COHI) serves to create Christian communities of lay volunteer pastoral caregivers united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine Spirituality, and equipped for and serving in pastoral care ministries. COHI's training helps to awaken trainees to God's call on each of our lives by helping individuals better understand their own spiritual gifts for ministry. **We will have an informational meeting this morning during the Sunday School hour in Roe Library.** Contact The Rev. Sarah Carver at sarah@holy-trinity.com or Mark Lile-King at marklileking@gmail.com with questions.

## PRAYERS

Bruce Adkins, Amanda, Sally Anderson, Tim Bailey, Kathleen Coates Bates, Bill, Jeff Bowen, Bob, Brown Family, Alex Brummer, Mike Cammack, James Campbell, Catherine, Linda Chapman, Tommy Clary, Mary Stanton Coltrane, Stephany Copeland, David, Meghan Davis, Bonnie Durham, Aubrey Garlington, Joe and the Gilbert Family, Maureen Greaney, Nanci Greene, Amelia Haile, Sue Harrison, Darci Ryan Hartford, Chris Hyler, Betsey Horth, Manny Huneiti, Muriel Inabnet, Dee Irwin, the James family, John, Michael Johnson, Kath and Rick, Tara Kanady, Sue Leonard, George and Maryann Marik, Sally Marsh, Candy Matthews, Nancy Mazza, Ruby Galen McCracken, Larry Merricks, Barbara Metz, Hilburn Michel, Liddy Mills, Bethany Myer, Theresa Oliver, Monica McCall Opoulos, Carlos Ortega, Robert Payne, Ken Phelps, Sherry Pinedo, Arlene Potter, Libby Pratt, Rowan Price, Martha Ransley, Fariba Reemes, Mae and Jim Rice, Ashely Riggs, Donald Robinson, Suz Robinson, Ron Rubenzer, Tracy Salisbury, Sattler family, Doug Sides, Dixon Smith, Luke Sorgius, Marilyn Stella, William Strickland, Bill Sumner, Taylor Thurman, Suzanne Uzzell, Anna Walter, Elizabeth Wojtek, Pat Wojtek.

***Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the Prayer List for two months. To add, delete or extend the time for a name, notify The Rev. Sarah Carver at sarah@holy-trinity.com.***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially Patrick Riley Causey, Rachael Colon, Brown DuBose, Shelby Gakeler, Erin Graham, William Groce, Richard Jarrell, Stephen Johnson, Frank Lucius, Dr. Tony Musarra, Charles Pierce, Judson Riordon, Noah Scribner, Sgt. Matthew Simms, Ryan Sparks, Lamar Stanley, and James Vinson. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SECOND BREATH

**Contemplative Prayer:** Wednesdays • 12-12:30 PM • Continues until December 18. We join together and begin our time taking three deep breaths before entering into silence together for twenty minutes, with Ruth D. Anderson, Ph.D. and others.

**Second Saturdays Holiday Restorative: Saturdays • 10-11:30 a.m. • December 14.** Advent and Christmas are upon us and with them come a slew of experiences and emotions. For some this season brings such joy and celebration; for others, the season can bring sadness, frustration, even panic. For all, it stirs our innate sense of longing and hope. We will devote our time together participating in practices that help soothe, calm and restore. There's plenty of room for all, with Ashley McCarthy, MA, NCC, LPC. No fee, but please register at [secondbreathcenter.com](http://secondbreathcenter.com).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT HOLY TRINITY

We offer a full program for those interested in deepening their faith through worship, fellowship and study during the week:

- **TWIGS (Those With Infinitely Greater Sense):** Open to all those 60 years of age and "moving forward," TWIGS meets for lively Bible study and discussion. 4–5 p.m. in Roe Library.
- **Holy Spirit Choir:** Open to children PreK through 1st grade, the Holy Spirit Choir provides an introduction to basic musicianship through fun songs and game. 4–4:25 p.m. in the Choir Rehearsal Room.
- **Good Shepherd Choir (Grades 2–3) and All Saints Choir (Grades 4 and above):** These choirs focus on age-appropriate skills of basic musicianship and preparation for services. 4:30–5:10 p.m. in the Choir Rehearsal Room.
- **Wednesday Night Supper:** These family-friendly meals are served at a cost of \$7 per person, with a family cap of \$20. Children 8–12 eat for \$3 and 7 and under are free. 5–7 p.m. in the Haywood Duke Room. Take out available.
- **Stillpoint Wednesday Night Worship: Stillpoint Healing Service —** The season of Advent is a time of anticipation as we wait for the coming of Christ. Yet, it is also a difficult time for many people. The holiday season can remind us of the loss of loved ones and reinforce a sense of isolation. Church community at its best is a space for connection, authentic relationship and healing. One way we foster this awareness of our connection with God and one another is through our Stillpoint service. During the season of Advent we will incorporate a theme of healing into our contemplative Stillpoint services, including healing prayers and anointing. We look forward to worshipping with you.
- **Kids of the Kingdom Childcare on Wednesday evenings,** 5–7 p.m., Parish House upstairs.

**Join us for Thursday Lunches** in Haywood Duke Room, 12–1:30

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 8

*Advent Term Begins, Poinsettia Deliveries, Commissioning of Search Committee at all three services*

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel

8:30 a.m. Festive Coffee Hour

8:45 a.m. Nursery Care, Infants through Preschool – Parish House

*Infants and Toddlers (up to 2) Room 105; Preschool (ages 2-4) Rooms 104*

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel – Parish House Room 211 (PreK – 2nd grade)

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Church

- 10:15 a.m. The Season of the Nativity for Families – Broome Hall  
Cultivating Hope & Patience in Advent – Haywood Duke  
Community of Hope informational meeting – Roe Library
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 2:45 p.m. Prayers in the Park – Greenway/Fisher Ave side of church
- 1 p.m. Youth Pilgrimage hike – Meet at Youth House
- 5:30 p.m. EYC Christmas Celebration – Youth House

### **Monday, December 9**

- 12:30 p.m. Vestry Executive Committee Meeting – Lineweaver  
St. Catherine's ECW Chapter meeting – Roe Library
- 4 p.m. Physical Properties Committee Meeting – Roe Library
- 7 p.m. Mystery and Theology – Chapel Parlor

### **Tuesday, December 10**

- 9:30 a.m. EFM – Lineweaver
- 5:45 p.m. ESU Dinner – Haywood Duke

### **Wednesday, December 11**

- 12 p.m. SBC: Contemplative Prayer – Upper Room
- 4 p.m. Choir Child Care – Playground  
Holy Spirit Choir – Choir Room  
TWIGS – Off campus
- 4 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting – Lineweaver
- 4:30 p.m. Good Shepherd and All Saint Choirs – Broome Hall
- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper – Haywood Duke Room  
Kids of the Kingdom – Parish House upstairs
- 5:15 p.m. Taizé Choir Rehearsal – Church
- 5:30 p.m. Stillpoint – Chapel
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir – Broome Hall

### **Thursday, December 12**

- 12 p.m. Clericus – Roe Library
- 12 p.m. Thursday lunch – Haywood Duke
- 5 p.m. Cursillo Reunion – Lineweaver
- 5:30 p.m. Pilgrimage Weekly Walk – Meet in back parking lot
- 6 p.m. New Member Dinner – Haywood Duke

### **Saturday, December 14**

- 7:45 a.m. EYC Breakfast with Friends – Youth House

### **Sunday, December 15, Advent Term Ends**

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. Nursery Care, Infants through Preschool – Parish House  
*Infants and Toddlers (up to 2) Room 105; Preschool (ages 2-4) Rooms 104*
- 8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel – Parish House Room 211 (*PreK – 2nd grade*)
- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 10:15 a.m. The Season of the Nativity for Families – Broome Hall  
Cultivating Hope & Patience in Advent – Haywood Duke  
Holy Trinity 101 – Roe Library
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist + New Member Liturgy – Church
- 12:15 p.m. New Member Reception for whole parish – Roe
- 2:30 p.m. Annual Memorial Service – Chapel
- 2:45 p.m. Prayers in the Park – Greenway/Fisher Ave side of church
- 3 p.m. Annual Memorial Service Labyrinth Walk – Labyrinth

## BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your beloved children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **December 8**

Stuart Bullock  
Natalie Curry  
Steve Hofbauer  
Anderson Howe  
Suzy Leach  
Philip Nahser  
Clara O'Brien  
Philip Sheppard  
Andy Southwell  
Tripp West III  
Penny Whiteheart

### **December 9**

Cam Current  
Ava Dodge  
Jaime Hampton  
Ben Pearce  
Janie Pearce

### **December 10**

Chris Ellington  
Ann Marvin Griffiths  
Michelle Lawler  
Sally Marion  
Cora Young

### **December 11**

Elizabeth Adams  
Mary Martin  
Wanda Morrissey  
Lisa Vaden-Harris

### **December 12**

Richard Cox  
Grayci Hill  
Kathleen Kelley  
Leslie Sardzinski

### **December 13**

Hutter Black  
Henry Healy  
Maggie Neas  
David Parsons  
Jack Picarelli  
Tom Polczynski  
Elizabeth Rankin  
John Storrs

### **December 14**

Carole Brevorka  
Sawyer Burton  
Candice Horvath  
Charles King  
Dan Pierce  
Dave Pokela  
Steve Taylor  
Sue White

### **December 15**

Laura Arnold  
Stacey Brady  
Chris Crouch  
Beckett Finnin  
Susan Gresham  
Becky Healy  
Sarah Healy  
Frank Houston  
Lucius Pullen  
Jackie Rabinovitz  
Mary Ashton Rainosek  
Ellie Weatherly  
Linda Williams



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