

# The Trinity Light

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Our Mission: *Trust in the Lord and Do Good.*

**Our Vision:** *become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good  
by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.*



Advent is the first season of the church's liturgical year, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (Advent Sunday) and running until the first Eucharist of Christmas. Advent is a season of preparation for remembering Christ's incarnation at Christmas and for the fulfillment of his promise to return in power and great glory. This accounts for the

emphasis in many of this season's biblical readings on the end time and on God's promises for the people of Israel and the church of Christ. Advent has received renewed emphasis in recent years as the church has sought ways to counter the secularization of Christmas as a cultural holiday characterized by conspicuous consumption.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting will be held **Sunday, December 5** immediately following the morning worship service. The meeting will be brief and will be followed by a potluck dinner. One of the agenda items will be to request approval of Trinity's proposed first bylaws. The bylaws have been distributed electronically for your review, but a hard copy will also be provided to anyone requesting it. If you would like a hard copy of the bylaws, please contact the church office. The bylaws won't be reviewed item by item. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the bylaws, please notify the church office no later than **Tuesday, November 30** so they can be addressed prior to the meeting. The Vestry encourages all parishioners to attend both the annual meeting and the potluck following the meeting. Parishioners should bring their favorite side dishes or desserts for the potluck. Trinity will provide the meat entrée. Please make your plans to attend the annual meeting and the potluck. Your participation is valuable and is very important to the life of the church.

## Wreaths



Sunday, November 28, The First Sunday of Advent, we will be making Advent Wreaths in Dunn Hall during the Sunday School session. Everyone, adults and children are invited to join us to make the wreaths, then, take them home and use them throughout Advent. Advent Calendars for the children will also be available.



“If we want a garden, we’re gonna have to sow the seed.

Plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep.

If it’s love that we give, then it’s love that we reap.

If we want a garden, we’re gonna have to sow the seed.”

## Handbell Choir

Sue Beumer states that all are welcome to participate in our Handbell Choir. There will be a practice session each Sunday morning from 9:45 – 10:20 in the Nave.



## Remember in Prayer

**We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:**

Trey Lackey, Emily Phyfer & Quinn Chappelle who celebrate their Birthday this week;

**We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:**

**Immediate Concerns:** Hazel Jones, Christian Larsen, J.V. McLain, Catherine Hart, Lydia Till, Lloyd Kett, Robin Chadderdon, Johan Beumer

**Shut-Ins:** Mary Smith, Voncille Lankford, Louise Lambert, Maxine Compton

**Continuing Concerns:** Carol Wright, Crawford Kennedy, Harriet Landrum, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Kelley Wright, Rilla Keith, Linda Summey, Ellen Williams and Steve Bingham

## Vestry Nominees

Three individuals have been nominated to fill the vestry vacancies created by outgoing vestry members Tim Bailey, Richard Pinckard and Elizabeth Recchio. The nominees for the three-year term 2022 – 2024 are Sarah Cater, Andy Hayes and Melanie Ruppert. The Nominating Committee has confirmed that the nominees are qualified to serve on the vestry, meet the experience needs, and are willing and capable of serving as a vestry member. The slate of nominees will be presented for approval at the December 5, 2021 Annual Parish Meeting. The Nominating Committee submits the following biographical sketches of these individual nominees for your consideration.

## **SARAH CATER**

Sarah Crisman Cater grew up in Selma, Alabama, where her family life revolved around church and music. She “sang” her way through elementary school before people recognized her keyboard skills. She began playing for church when she was ten years old and continued until now. She attended Judson College and El Camino Junior College (Los Angeles) before graduating from Huntingdon with a degree in psychology. She has taught music lessons for 50-plus years and served as Organist-Director of Music at Selma’s First Presbyterian (now, Cornerstone) Presbyterian Church for 35 years before “retiring” December 31, 2016. Sarah is the grateful mother of Elizabeth Kilpatrick and proud grandmother to Cater, Evie, and Sigler, who live in the Auburn area. She moved to Auburn in June, 2017, to be closer to them. In Auburn she continues to teach piano and serves as accompanist at St. Michael’s Catholic Church on Saturdays. She is involved in a Bible Study at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. At the urging of Ebba Dunn and Bob Henderson, Sarah first visited Trinity on January 1, 2017. She was drawn to the loving fellowship and liturgical worship service. In February 2017 she became Organist-Choir Master at Trinity. She had originally not intended to join Trinity, but more and more she began to identify with its message of God’s love and its service to the community. She was confirmed in December 2019. Now, in addition to her duties as a staff member, she is serving alongside Andy Hayes as a Sunday School teacher. She prays that her church experience, faith, and vision will help her serve this parish as a vestry member.

## **ANDY HAYES**

I was born in 1961 in Tuscaloosa Alabama to Alan Page Hayes and Paula Sue Burnham Hayes, the second of three sons, Paul, me and John, with our little sister Susanna born several years later. A lifelong Episcopalian, I was christened at Canterbury Church, attended several other churches in our moves around the south including Saint Dunstan's in Auburn and was confirmed at Saint Matthias where I was an acolyte. After meeting Susan at a homecoming Bama pep rally, we were married at All Saints, Montgomery. We have attended Cursillo and served on a couple of Cursillo staffs. I have served on a Kiros, (prison ministry), as music leader and have been through Happening as an adult youth leader. We've attended Trinity for about 35 years. I truly believe that we are not just a church, we are a family. There is a spirit here that is rare and precious. We must nurture that spirit and share it with the world. My interests at church include promoting lifelong Christian education, music, outreach, and whatever needs doing to help our church thrive!

## **MELANIE RUPPERT**

Melanie Ruppert changed her membership to Trinity almost eight years ago when they moved to Wetumpka. Her two children, Jack and Anna, have grown up in this church and the congregation has become our family. Melanie has assisted with Christian formation in teaching Sunday school and assisting with Summer Bible School. She is an active member of the Cursillo community and was on staff right before Corona. Melanie has also served on the ECW Scholarship Committee for the past 2 years. Medical Outreach Ministries is dear to her heart and was a board member for 6 years. Melanie works with the ecumenical ministry Epiphany with imprisoned youth for a walk weekend and ongoing follow up visits and is currently assisting with the search committee for Trinity’s next priest. It's an exciting time for our parish and she is looking forward to next step and what God has planned for us at Trinity.

# This Week at Trinity

## Nov 28: **The First Sunday of Advent**

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School – Make Advent Wreaths

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Facebook Live Stream

11:30 a.m. – Meet & Greet, Dunn Hall

Nov 30: 6:30 p.m. – Scouts

## Dec 05: **The Second Sunday of Advent**

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Facebook Live Stream

11:30 a.m. – **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Potluck Lunch immediately following in Dunn Hall.**

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## Sunday Ministers

### Advent I                      November 28, 2021

LEM – Tim Bailey

Acolytes – Phillip & Tyler Baughman

Lector – Jenny Bailey

Epistoler – Rhonda Baughman

Intercessor – Beverly Roberts

Altar Guild – Susan Hayes, Beverly Roberts

Flower Guild – Carrie Pinckard

Vestry of the Week – Charlotte Lackey

Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark

Flowers – GREENERY

Meet & Greet – Charlotte Lackey

Women Who Care – Carol Wright

A/V – Calvin Chappelle, Nana Waldrip

### Advent II                      December 5, 2021

LEM – Tonia Ayers

Acolytes – Richie & Anna Bailey

Lector – Sue Beumer

Epistoler – Tonia Ayers

Intercessor – Tim Bailey

Altar Guild – Carol Wright, Sue Beumer

Flower Guild – Erin Rogers

Vestry of the Week – Erin Rogers

Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark

Flowers – GREENERY

Meet & Greet – Potluck Lunch

Women Who Care – Cyndi Townley

A/V – Calvin Chappelle, Nana Waldrip

## Priest Schedule

November 28 – The Rev. John Bagby

December 5 – The Rev. Donna Gerold

December 12 – The Rev. John Bagby

December 19 – The Rev. Donna Gerold

Christmas Eve – The Rev. Donna Gerold

December 26 – No Service

January 2 – The Rev. Donna Gerold

January 9 – The Rev. John Bagby

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## Prayer for New Priest

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*