

The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Timothy Graham, Rector
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From the Rector

The Rev. Timothy H. Graham

Dear friends,

We have entered the season of Advent, the season of waiting. That's what Advent is all about. We are waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth on Christmas. The season is also about waiting for the second coming of Christ at the end of the ages. I confess that I never have been good at waiting. I'm impatient. I have always been that way. I can remember as a child getting in trouble because I would sneak and try to unwrap my presents under the tree because I felt like I just couldn't wait. But waiting is good for us to do at times because it can often help us draw closer to God, know ourselves better, and understand our need for God more clearly.

As I write this letter I have just returned from Rome, Italy with Deana after she finally had surgery. It has been a very long wait and the days have been long. But in the waiting I have felt God's presence in a powerful way. I've also felt your love and care for Deana and me as you have supported us with prayer. Hopefully this time of waiting and preparation in Advent will help us all be more joyful and more thankful at Christmas for our God who comes to dwell with us and saves us. I am excited to see you all again and look forward to a holy and meaningful Advent and Christmas. O come let us adore Him.

God bless you all.

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Father Tim (p.s. I took a thousand photos of Rome. Here are just a few.)







Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.

"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; "Psalm 88:2

In Our Prayers: Friends

Gordon Bradford **Parishioners** Margaret Brown Bill Batastini Jim Buntin Margaret Barber Julie Burrus Jenny Lind Berry

Alton & Susan Coleman **Barbara Cummings**

Nancy Bloebaum Jack Collins Lisa Dawson **Peggy Collins** Michael Dobson Joyce Curry Tom Driggers Ginger Driver Dan Dykes Ken Followill Francisco Gall **Becky Goldsmith** Angela Haskell Deana Graham Mills Hecht Dianne Henry Gary Helms Mary Johnson Joe Higdon Carol Johnston Darlene Hughes Fred Korzan Doug Irvine Hariot Lippmann Bob Kidd Karyn Marra Marty Lester Scott McGurk Devon Levy **Bob Miller** Sandi McClellan Lucius Morton Coles McKagen Jo Myers Phillip McKagen Bill Perdue Teresa Mecham Jacquie Rawls Kendra Neal Hazel Rust

Eunice Oates Fleur Stearns Michael Owen George Trussell, Jr. Paul Rickard Walter Trussell William Shirley Bob Upchurch Billy Steele Wright Waddell Clifford Swift George Wade David Twigg Judy Wilkinson Shirley Welch

If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.



Serve in Worship!

We need:

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild Members
- Flower Guild Members
 - Readers
- Volunteers to record the 10:30 service

For more information contact the church office at trinitycols@gmail.com or 706-322-5569



Confirmation

On December 5th, Trinity had the joy of hosting a regional confirmation service with Bishop Wright!

10 of Trinity's youth were confirmed, and more than 30 people from the Chattahoochee Valley Convocation were confirmed, received, or reaffirmed their faith. It was a beautiful service with music from Trinity and St. Thomas's choirs!





As Christmas approaches, consider a gift of flowers or music at Christmas Eve services in thanksgiving or memory of loved ones.

Music, Music, Music



Everyone in the Music Area is thrilled to be making music together again. Since August, the Trinity Choir has been functioning wearing masks and distanced, which has required the Tenors to sit in front of the Pulpit and move forward to sing choral music. It has worked surprisingly well.

A traditional Trinity Christmas is planned for 8:00 p.m., on Christmas Eve. Full choir, brass, timpani and organ will begin a special Prelude starting at approximately 7:40. A real Christmas treat is in store at that service, as our favorite Choir alum, Erica Humbert Dillon, will be singing with us!

This past Sunday, at 3:00 p.m., the Trinity Choir was joined by members of the St. Thomas Choir, to create a Festival Chorus to lead the sung parts of the liturgy and present an Offertory anthem for the service of Confirmation. Congrats to our confirmands from Trinity!

Instrumental and Vocal soloists continue to provide special music for our 9:00 a.m. Outdoor service each Sunday.

Lastly, we are all so very blessed by the presence, dedication and talent of our Associate Organist/Choirmaster, Dr. Aesook Moon, whose beautiful and inspiring music fills Trinity's spaces each week. She is a shining example for our young Choral Scholars!

Soli Deo Gloria, Joseph Golden Organist/Choirmaster





Birthdays

- 2– Billy Kendall
- 4– Alma Winn
- 5- Michelle Mack
- 6- McKee Clark, Garry Pound, Sarah Prather
- 8- Avery Mullin, Frances Schley
- 9– John Cargill V, Maggie Johnston
- 10- Harry Graham, Forrest Parker, Philip Schley, Lucy Simkins
- 11- Ric Lanciault, Sally Walden
- 12- Christina Stahl
- 13- Judith Borom, Ann Miller, Molly Simkins
- 14– Johnny Cargill, Molly Graham, Catherine Passailaigue, Keith Slaney, Virginia Suggs
- 15– The Rev. Timothy Graham
- 16- Margaret Barber, Bert Mullin
- 17- Cissy Clark, Robert Doll, Carlo Thorington
- 18- Wayne Hadden, Natalie Mullen, Ed Page, Jerry Watts
- **20** Gabe Goldsmith, Jackie Henson, Kenny Henson, Coleman Perrin, Kathryn Thompson
- 22- Rania Haque, Sue Howard
- 23– Lilly Myers
- 24– Miller Page
- 25- Lara Allen Lasseter, Hazel Rust, Katherine Waddell
- 26- Gantt Shadburn, Kate Waddell Rawal
- 27– Joe Manderson
- 28- Jan Buracker, Owen Korytoski, Harris Fox
- 29- John Holt, Delaney Poydasheff, John Walden Jr.
- 30- David Cummings Jr., Judith Rothschild

Anniversaries

- 3– Ginger & Jeff Ollman
- 11- Connie & Jack Friou
- **21** Elizabeth & Mark Graham
- **27** Susan & Tommy Adams
- 29- Mary & Terry Hurley
- 31- Katherine & Wright Waddell

