



# The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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## From the Rector

*The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham*

Dear friends,

We are entering a season of the year when most people seem to be busier than normal. The holidays require preparation. We need to prepare our homes for guests, decorate, shop, etc. There are usually other things on our calendars like parties, concerts, special times with family and friends. And our work life can get more stressful and hectic with end of year expectations.

The season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, is the church's attempt to get us to slow down and be quiet- if even for just an hour. The truth is that we all need more quiet in our lives in order to pay attention to our lives. The church season invites us to get rid of the clutter in our thoughts and lives to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ into the world at Christmas. These days of quiet should help us realize how much we need a savior. When Christmas arrives, hopefully we are not stressed out and exhausted, but fully prepared and joyful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



I also encourage you to use the time before worship each Sunday as a time to sit still in church and be quiet. It has always been a custom in the Episcopal tradition to maintain silence before our worship begins. This is not a social time- rather, a time to be quiet, reverent, and respectful of the private prayer time of others as you enter the church. Sit quietly in your pew, say your own prayers, let the prelude music guide your heart to the Lord.

In one of our favorite Advent hymns written by Charles Wesley we hear these words:

“Israel’s strength and consolation

Hope of all the earth thou art:

Dear desire of every nation,

Joy of every longing heart.”

I invite you to be quiet some during Advent. Worry less about the demands of the world and pay attention to the longing of your own heart.

Come, Lord Jesus!

God bless you all.

Father Tim

***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:**

#### **Parishioners**

Claire Berry  
Bruce & Gabe Clouser  
Jack & Peggy Collins  
Joyce Curry  
Eliza Ewing  
Sydney Flournoy  
Allan Goldsmith  
Glenn Haskell  
The Jennings Family  
Eve Marcus  
Karyn Marra  
Meta Rickard  
Judith Rothschild  
Dorothy Faye Smith  
Kevin Topping  
George Wade  
Sally Walden & Family

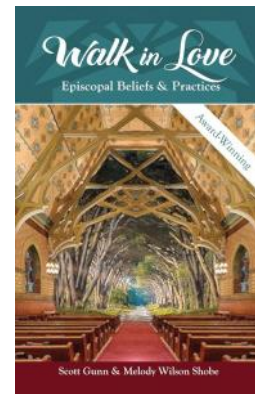
**If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.**

#### **Friends**

The Barria Escobar Family  
Bill Berry  
Nan & Rick Boyett  
Nathan Brown  
Sarah Brown  
Amanda Bryan  
Jim Buntin  
Leandra Burke  
Brent Cartledge & Family  
Dana Cason  
James Cochran  
Fenton Dixon  
Stephanie East  
Jimmy Farr  
Connie Forrest  
Sherry Green  
Billy Harper  
Angie Hart  
Milton Jones  
Kim Kimbrough  
Buford King  
Chuck Lewis  
Carol Martin  
Martha Bone Meeks  
Steve Melton  
Sam Nesbit  
Tatum Norris  
Ruth Pattison  
Jay Pease  
Andrew Pillar  
Paul Rickard  
Becky Rumer  
Hadley Scott  
Pete Scott  
Ruthie Searle  
Grady Simpson  
Bryan Waters  
Sam Wells  
Howard Willis



### **Inquirer's Class** *Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*



It's not too late to come to the parlor during the Sunday School hour and join a six-week introduction to the Episcopal Church. The class happening now is focused on Episcopal practices: the sacraments, the liturgical calendar, and the daily office. Our in-class discussions will be supplemented by readings from the first half of **Walk in Love**, the best-selling book by the Rev. Scott Gunn. Adults who complete this class will be eligible for confirmation and/or formal reception into the Episcopal church.

Can't make it to Sunday School this month? In the new year, beginning on January 11th we will pick up with a new six-week class covering the latter half of **Walk in Love**, focused on Episcopal beliefs. Adult Sunday School begins every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Hope to see you there!

### **Cold Weather Blanket Drive**

*Daughters of the King*



This year, the Trinity chapter of the Daughters of the King is leading a blanket drive to provide homeless persons in Columbus with protection from the cold weather. Starting in November and continuing through the winter months, the DoK is asking Trinity parishioners to donate **new or used blankets, hats, gloves, and scarves**. These donations will be taken by the DoK to the Columbus Police Department to be used by the Homeless tactical unit for distribution in the community. Please bring your donations to the church office.

## December Wednesday Night Supper

*All About Advent Wreaths*



Each Sunday during Advent, a different family will come forward to light another candle on the Advent Wreath at Trinity. But why do we light this wreath—and where does this tradition originate? On **Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm**, come to Trinity for the first Wednesday supper to eat together, learn about the meaning of the Advent Wreath, and share about your family's Advent traditions. We will also assemble miniature Advent wreaths to light at home throughout the month of December in preparation for Christmas!

## Adult Bible Study: Esther & Daniel

*Wednesday Mornings at Trinity*

Starting **Wednesday, December 3rd**, join Trinity's Adult Bible Study as we dive into the Old Testament and read the books of Esther and Daniel. Full of memorable characters and unforgettable stories, these two books are an important part of the Biblical canon. Together we will learn about the historical setting of these books, and consider their relevance for our lives today.



Adult Bible Study meets in the Trinity Parlor over coffee at 10:00am on Wednesdays. Hope to see you there!

## Vestry Nominations

*Submit Names Today*

Every year, Trinity elects a new group of four people to serve on its lay governing board, called the Vestry. Vestry members serve a three-year term, and are representatives of the parish as a whole, working with clergy and staff to oversee Trinity's ministries, mission, and church building. The Vestry election will take place in January at Trinity's Annual Meeting, but in the meantime all Trinity parishioners are invited to nominate people to serve on the vestry. Vestry nomination forms can be found in the pews or the church office.

## Saint Nicholas Visit to Trinity



On **Sunday, December 7th**, after the 10:30 service Trinity will have a very special guest: Saint Nicholas, also known as Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, Nicholas the Wonderworker, or Jolly Old Saint Nick! Saint Nicholas will be taking some time out of his busy December schedule to join us in person on the front steps of Trinity, where he will greet children and families, hear Christmas wishes, and spread some holiday cheer.

## Christmas Caroling

*December 17th at 6 p.m.*



On **Wednesday, December 17th at 6pm**, come and join Trinity parishioners of all ages as we gather downtown outside Iron Bank Coffeehouse (6 West 11th St.) to sing carols and share the joy of Christmas with our neighbors in Columbus. After singing, we will stick around and order hot chocolate or another beverage from Iron Bank to enjoy a time of fellowship. Hope you can make it!

# CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

## Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Children's Nativity  
Pageant & Holy Eucharist

10:30 PM - Musical Prelude

11:00 PM - Midnight Mass

## Christmas Day

11:00 AM - Christmas Day  
Eucharist: Feast of the  
Nativity of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ in the Nave

# WINTER 2025 AT TRINITY

## NOVEMBER

30 - THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## DECEMBER

3 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - 6 PM

5 - PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY - 6 - 8 PM

7 - FIRST SUNDAY FUNDAY WITH A SPECIAL VISIT  
FROM SANTA - FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

17 - PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT IRON  
BANK COFFEE

17 - GINGERBREAD HOUSE DELIVERY TO SCES

24 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - 4 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE - 10:30 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS - 11 PM

25 - CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 11 AM