ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026



CHILDREN & YOUTH ~ TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEAST OF THE TURNING

Sunday - November 22 during 10am service
Cookie Jar making
Atria & Guild Hall
Join the Catechists in preparing take-home cookie jars as a way to support Children and Youth Ministries at Trinity. After being dropped off in the atrium, kids in Levels II and III will head to the Guild Hall to assemble the jars!

Sunday - November 22 after 10am service
Care Kit Assembly
Parish Hall
Join the church community in assembling Care Kits for our neighbors most in need, sponsored by the Children and Youth Council with help from Paul and Susan Zink. Since transitioning to shelf-stable and nutritionally-aligned items, we no longer rely on parishioners signing up to bring food items and instead gratefully accept donations with “Care Kits” as the memo.



FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday - November 29 after both services
Advent wreath making
Guild Hall
Build an advent wreath with fresh greens and candles to light during the advent season. Includes an original “Promises of the Dawn” advent prayer zine and several interactive advent calendar options. A $20 suggested donation helps cover the cost of materials.

Tuesday - December 1, 7-8:30pm
Youth Group: ACM Poster Boards
Youth Group Room
Youth Groupers will have time to put together poster boards to represent Episcopal Relief and Development at the Alternative Christmas Market!

Friday - December 4, 6-8pm
Ornament Exchange
Guild Hall
Please bring a wrapped Christmas Tree Ornament—one for each person attending—along with yourself and some food/beverage to share (i.e. sweet or savory nibbles, wine or sparkling water). We'll gather in the Guild Hall, and let the festivities begin!

Saturday - December 5, 3-5pm
Trinity Backstage Holiday Show
Labyrinth
Join musicians Doug Clegg, Kate Wallace, James McVay and special guests for an afternoon of great music, delectables, cider, tea and hot cocoa on the Labyrinth. Suggested donations of $20 can be made at the door or online. All ages are welcome! A really family friendly event!

Saturday - December 5, 7-9pm
Trinity Youth Christmas Party
Sugano’s House: 4555 Atascadero Dr.
Our annual party will be held this year on Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 7-9pm at the Sugano's home with a Mediterranean dinner courtesy of Isao Sugano! The annual gingerbread house contest returns along with a white elephant gift exchange! We hope you can make it this year! More details and RSVP here!



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday - December 6, after both services
Alternative Christmas Market
Parish Hall
A market to buy charitable holiday gifts supporting various justice programs. The Level 2 children sell handmade sacred art and the proceeds support all the organizations at the market. The Level 3 children represent Heifer International as a charitable gift option and to begin to understand the value of food and material resources we often take for granted. Youth Groupers represent Episcopal Relief & Development with charitable gifts that meet pressing global needs.

Tuesday - December 8, 6-7pm
Blue Christmas Worship Service
Sanctuary
A contemplative service of prayer, ritual, meditation, and music to provide healing space for those who experience the Christmas season as a difficult one due to loss, grief, or loneliness, and for those who love and support them. While families only rarely attend this service, it may be an opportunity for you to connect with your Level III kids or Youth Group students while holding space for those who might not be celebrating with you anymore this season. No childcare is available at this service.

Tuesday - December 8, 7-8:30pm
Final Youth Group Gathering of the Year
Youth Group Room
We will wrap up the year with some gratitude and celebration exercises, as well as games and Christmas Card making!



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday - December 13, after both services
Cookie Walk
Parish Hall

We hope you can join us for Trinity's sixth annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Gift Raffle! Make plans to attend and gather Christmas cookies in all shapes and flavors, homemade by Trinity parishioners. Ample street parking is available. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. All proceeds go to support the many ministries of Trinity. Your hand-picked selection of cookies (in a convenient clam-shell container) will be sold by the ounce. Over 75 varieties of cookies!

Wednesday - December 16, 6-7:30pm
Nativity Pageant rehearsal for all children
Parish Hall & Sanctuary
At the 4pm Christmas Eve service, children tell the story of Jesus's birth through a nativity play. This is a well-loved Trinity tradition with a playscript developed by this community. We begin rehearsal this day, which is an opportunity for the children to dive-into the advent and Christmas narrative and come together as a community. All children able to attend the Christmas Eve service are invited to participate. If your child is in Level 1, please accompany them to rehearsal. Want to help and join in the fun? Please connect with Theo at cydirector@trinitysb.org.



FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday - December 20, after 10am service
Nativity Pageant rehearsal for speaking roles only
Sanctuary
We continue our rehearsal schedule for the Nativity Pageant with speaking roles only reading through and blocking the script in the sanctuary. Please plan to have them stay until 12:30pm.

Wednesday - December 23, 6-8pm
Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal for all children
Sanctuary
This is a really fun evening (with homemade Christmas cookies, too!) where all the parts of the Nativity play come together -- music, dialogue, costumes, and design. If your child is in Level 1, please accompany them to this rehearsal.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Thursday - December 24, 4-6pm
Children's Nativity Pageant Service
Sanctuary
The service begins at 4pm, but call time for children is at 3pm to get into costume and prepare. This worship service is open to everyone; a meaningful way to hear the gospel story of Christ's birth from the voices of children.

Christmas Eve: Thursday - December 24, 9:30-11:15pm
Carol Singing and Festival Choral Eucharist
Sanctuary
Pre-service music begins at 9:30pm and includes choral anthems and congregational carol singing. The service begins at 10pm and incense will be used. No childcare is available at this service.

Christmas Day: Friday - December 25, 10-11:30am
Choral Eucharist
Sanctuary
This Christmas morning service begins at 10am and includes choral anthems. No childcare is available at this service.

First Sunday after Christmas: Sunday - December 27, 9:30-11:00am
Combined Worship Service: Lessons and Carols with Eucharist
Sanctuary
This is an Advent and Christmas tradition dating back to 1878. During the service, scriptural readings are interspersed with choral presentations and hymns. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be on hiatus and the atria will be closed. Nursery care is available.

Second Sunday of Christmas: Sunday - January 3, 8am & 10am
Holy Eucharist and Choral Eucharist
Sanctuary
Services begin at 8am and 10am as per usual. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be on hiatus and the atria will be closed until the following week (Jan 11). Nursery care is available.

Thursday, January 7, 6:30-7:15pm
Zoom Meeting for Youth Group Border Trip
RSVP to Theo for More Details