



Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

February 2020

Preparing the Penitent for Joy of Easter

Epiphany not only marks the end of the Christmas season, but it also marks the beginning of the pre-Lenten period — sometimes called Carnival.

Since the forty days of Lent — not counting Sundays — would be a solemn time of penance and prayer, Carnival would provide one last time for joyous celebration.

The final day of Carnival is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday — sometimes called Shrove Tuesday. The word “shrove” is the past tense of the Old English verb “shrive,” which means to hear confession and to grant absolution.

On the morning of Shrove Tuesday, people were expected to confess their sins and to be “shriven.” Since no meats were to be eaten during Lent, housewives would cook up all the fats to make pancakes and thereby creating the custom of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Mardi Gras is the term used by the French settlers in Louisiana for Shrove Tuesday. Ash Wednesday ends the Carnival season and officially begins Lent. Like Good Friday, Ash Wednesday is observed as a fast in the Episcopal Church.

The forty days of Lent are believed to symbolize the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness in fasting and prayer after his baptism. Hence, Lent is to a time of fasting, self-denial, and prayer.

The word “Lent” comes from “Lengtentide,” the Old English word for spring.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday are considered moveable feast days — their dates depend on the date of Easter.

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing penitence.

Forty Days
OF LENT

Solemn Service Begins Lent



Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, will be observed with the service of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes on February 26 at 6:00 pm.

During the service, worshippers will be invited to come to the altar where The Rev. Joe Cooper will use ashes to impose, or mark, the sign of the cross on their foreheads.

The use of ashes this way reminds the worshippers of their mortality and their penitence.

In practice since the ninth century, imposition of ashes recalls those times when people who repented of their sins would scatter themselves with ashes and dress in sackcloth.

It was customary in the very early Roman Catholic Church to use ashes from burning the palms blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year.

To emphasize the austerity of the day and the coming of Lent, the entrance rite will be omitted.

The altar will be bare in appearance with only a minimal of ecclesiastical appointments in use.



Evening Service with Dinner, and Program



On Wednesday, February 12th, Brandon Woody will lead evening worship beginning at 6:00 pm.

Following the service there will be a potluck supper of salad, soups, and sandwiches.

Brandon will also lead a Bible study in preparation for Lent.

Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan reports that the church pantry is bare.

We have used up all the available items to assist several situations that involved helping people that parishioners had encountered.

The pantry is used to help those in a true emergency with immediate food needs.

Therefore, the items need to be ready to eat such as fruit cups, apple sauce, soups, peanut butter, squeezable jelly, crackers, and pop top ready to eat meals

Requests are posted in the narthex during the month of February.

If you need a personal shopper or would like to donate monies, please see Kit Reddick.



Restock the Pantry



On February 16 following the morning Sunday service, the women will be remembered for Valentine's Day.

On February 23 following the morning

Sunday service, all are invited to join in a Sadie Hawkins Day Luncheon in honor of Leap Year. The luncheon will also give us an opportunity to visit with the Rev. Adele Dees Hatfield, who will be the celebrant. Details to follow.



A volunteer is needed to work with social media for the Church of the Advent.

The volunteer would be expected to post what's happening at the Church of the Advent on the church's Facebook page by working

with Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan..

The volunteer would also keep the church's website update by working with a professional web master and with Joe as well.

Please see Joe is interested or for more information.

In Transition

At its January meeting, the vestry organize itself as follows:

Senior Warden Johnny Miller
Junior Warden Don Beach
Clerk Kit Reddick
Treasurer Lowell Taylor
Treasurer Assistant Bill Webb

Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan has expanded his responsibilities to include church yardwork. His office hours are 8 to 12, Monday through Friday.

Plans are to cut down two pews for accessibility.

The large processional cross has been straightened and awaits to be returned.

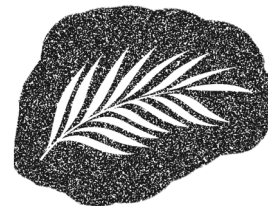


A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

*Lord of the winds,
I cry to thee,
I that am dust,
and blown about
by every gust
I fly to thee.*

*Lord of the waters,
unto thee I call.
I that am weed
upon the waters borne,
and by the waters torn,
tossed by the waters,
at thy feet I fall.*

—Mary Coleridge (1861-1907)



Thank You!



To Lori and Joe,

Please thank all involved at church who helped with the service and reception Saturday for Charlie Prudent. Quite a crowd to feed but a lot of fellowship. The family appreciated all that was done.

Sincerely,
Franki Anderson



The Prayer List is found in the notebook marked "Prayer Lists" on the usher's table in the narthex of the church. Names may be added at any time by writing them in the notebook or calling the church office after requesting permission of those for whom prayer is requested. The Prayer List is read aloud weekly at Sunday services. Contact the church office if you wish to have a name added, re-listed, or taken off the list.

Prayer List

Lucia Peel Powe
Mike Moore
James and Janice Ford
Laurel Cox Smith
Cameron Price
Nikki Rogerson
Lynn Beach
Riffe Culpepper
Bob Holtz
Deloris Staton
Anthony McNeile
Bill and Nita Smith

Birthdays

3 ~ Christine Chesson
4 ~ Garrett Godard
16 ~ John Price
23 ~ Paul Sessoms
27 ~ Rex Raiford



The Church of the Advent

Founded 1850

Johnny Miller, Senior Warden

Don Beach, Junior Warden

Joe Jernigan, Parish Administrator

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a. m. – 12 noon

Brandon Woody, Organist/Choir Master

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 9 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Donna Kraus 11am

Feb 10 VESTRY meeting 5:30m

Feb 16 Holy Eucharist /Rev. Ted Malone 11am (special treat for the ladies!)

Feb 23 Holy Eucharist /Rev. Adele Dees Hatfield 11am (Sadie Hawkins Day
Luncheon – more on this later)

Feb 26 Ash Wednesday service /Rev. Joe Cooper 6pm

Mar 1 Great Litany /Jane Jernigan 11am

Mar 8 Morning Prayer /Kit Reddick 11am

Mar 9 VESTRY meeting 5:30pm

Mar 15 Holy Eucharist /Rev. Polk Culpepper 11am

Mar 22 Holy Eucharist /Rev. Donna Kraus 11am

Mar 29 Morning Prayer /John Price 11am

***The Church of the Advent is a nurturing, vibrant, and inclusive community
inviting spiritual growth through liturgical worship, outreach, and fellowship.***

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Lay Schedule

	2 <i>4 Epiphany HE II 11:00 A.M. Rev. Culpepper</i>	9 <i>5 Epiphany HE II 11:00 A.M. Rev. Kraus</i>	16 <i>6 Epiphany HE II 11:00 A.M. Rev. Malone</i>	23 <i>Last Epiphany HE II 11:00 A.M. Rev. Dees Hatfield</i>	26 <i>Imposition of Ashes 6:00 P.M. Rev. Cooper</i>
Acolytes	Adison Bosso	Caleb Stanton	Will Michel	Exum Taylor	Exum Taylor
Lessons	Michael Biondi	Valerie Cooke	Chuck Cohen	Michael Biondi	Kit Reddick
Intercessor	Al Chesson	Lucia Peel	Catherine Cohen	Lucia Peel	
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Webb	Don Beach	John Price	Doug Chesson	Chloe Tuttle
Altar Guild	Bob Greene	Bob Greene	Bob Greene	Bob Greene	Bob Greene
	Janice Greene	Janice Greene	Janice Greene	Janice Greene	Janice Greene
Ushers	Joe Jernigan	Joe Jernigan	Joe Jernigan	Joe Jernigan	Joe Jernigan
	Johnny Miller	Johnny Miller	Johnny Miller	Johnny Miller	Johnny Miller