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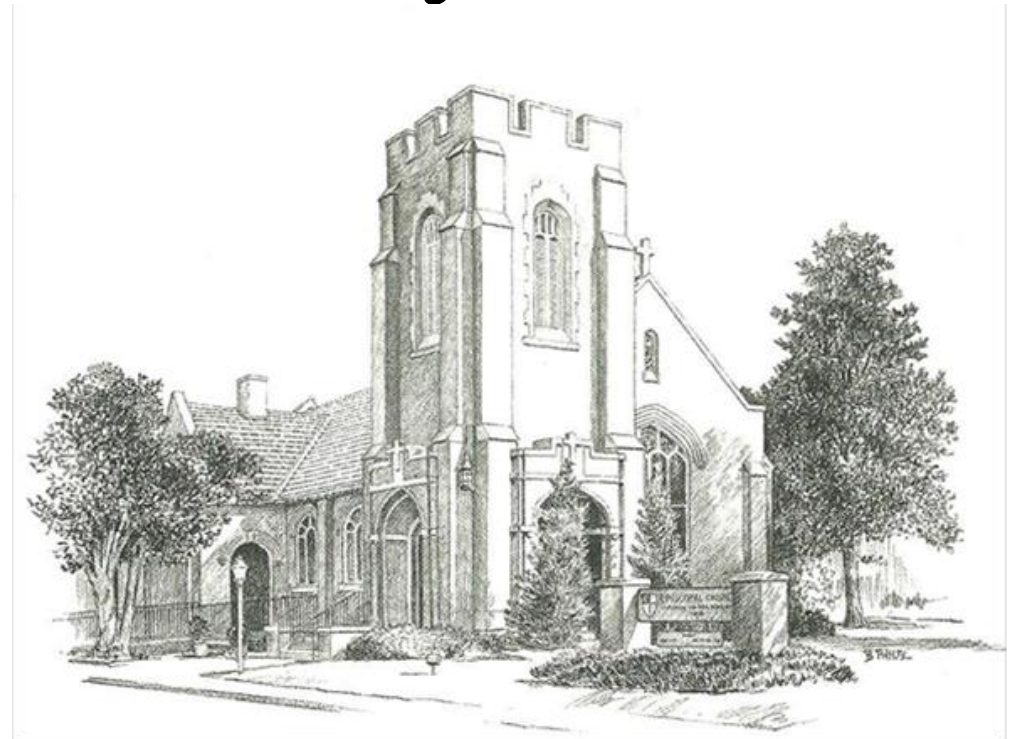
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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	<u>April 16</u>	<u>April 23</u>
Service Leader		Kit Reddick
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Intercessor	Cathy Cohen	Kit Reddick
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Established 1850

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

The Second Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 16, 2023

11:00 A.M.

*The time prior to the start of the service is set aside for prayerful waiting and reflection.
Please be respectful in observing silence at this time. **Please silence all electronic devices.**
S denotes Service Music found at the beginning of the hymnal.
BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.*

PRELUDE *Variations on Puer Nobis*

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand) This joyful Eastertide* Hymnal 192

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. BCP 355

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE *Gloria in excelsis* Hymnal S-280

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST LESSON *(please be seated) Acts 2:14a,22-32*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was

impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 16

1 ***Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; ****

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 ***All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ****
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 ***But those who run after other gods ****
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 ***Their libations of blood I will not offer, ****
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 ***O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; ****
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 ***My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; ****
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

- 7 *I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.*
- 8 *I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*
- 9 *My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.*
- 10 *For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.*
- 11 *You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

SECOND LESSON *1 Peter 1:3-9*

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL HYMN *(please stand)* *We walk by faith and not by sight*

Hymnal 209

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SERMON *(please be seated)*

NICENE CREED *(please stand)*

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III*

BCP 387

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please be seated)*

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS *(please stand)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(please be seated)* *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*

RESPONSE *(please stand)* *Alleluia, Alleluia, (verse 4)* Hymnal 178

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(the people may stand or kneel)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP 367

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Hymnal S-128

LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM *For the bread which you have broken (verse 1)* Hymnal 341

COMMUNION HYMN *Let us break bread together on our knees* LEVAS 152

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING *(the people may stand or kneel)* BCP 365

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand)* *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* Hymnal 492

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on Mowsley*

Calendar

Wednesday April 19 10:00 am, Blessings in a Backpack @ Memorial Baptist Church

Sunday April 23 9:30 am, Choir Practice
11:00 am, Morning Prayer

Thursday April 27 10:00 am, Blessings in a Backpack @ Memorial Baptist Church

Sunday April 30 9:30 am, Choir Practice
11:00 am, Holy Eucharist

Announcements

✝ April is Cancer Month. We will be lighting candles on Sunday, April 30th in honor of or in memory of a friend, family member or loved one who is fighting cancer or who has lost that battle. If you would like to contribute, please give Lucia Peel a check payable to ECW for \$10 per person being honored or memorialized along with their name(s). Names will be printed in the bulletin for the service. A donation will be made to the Hope House in Greenville, that serves Pitt and Martin County cancer survivors.

✝ We will be packing for Blessings in a Backpack this Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. at Memorial Baptist Church.

✝ The Pastoral Care group recently mailed an invitation to form an organized prayer group. Please use the stamped return postcard to indicate your preference to participate and preferred contact method. If you have any questions, contact Jim Allen at jimallen1209@gmail.com or by phone, 792-2444.

✝ In an effort to avoid the hot weather of July, the vestry voted to move Parish Family Weekend at Trinity Center from the third weekend in July to late June for future dates. The date this year is June 23-25.

Adults Single occupancy: \$107.00 per person, per night

Adults Double occupancy: \$87.00 per person, per night

Children 5-17 years old: \$32.00 per person, per night

Children 1-4 years old: \$12.00 per person, per night

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. You may also contact Joe in the church office.