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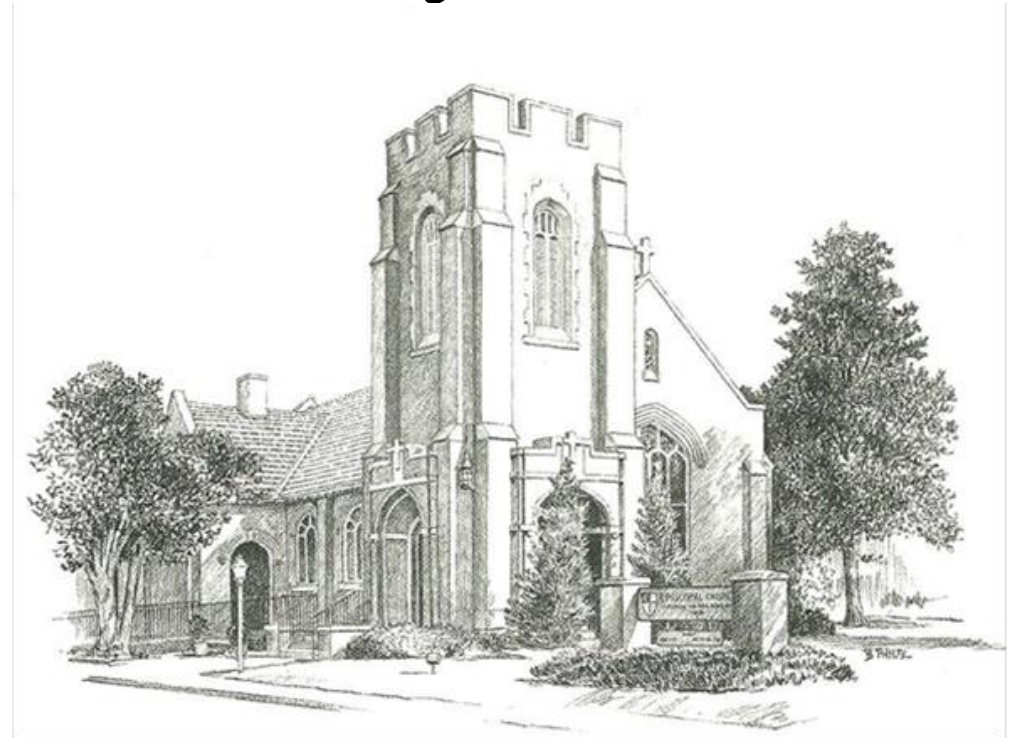
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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Worship Assistants

	<u>April 23</u>	<u>April 30</u>
MP Leader	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 Third Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer: Rite II

April 23, 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	<i>Variations on St. Agnes</i>	
OPENING HYMN (stand)	<i>He is risen, he is risen!</i>	Hymnal 180
OPENING SENTENCES		BCP 78
GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (kneel)		BCP 79

INVITATORY AND PSALTER (stand)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER	<i>Pascha nostrum</i>	BCP 83
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PSALM (sit) 116:1-3, 10-17		Spoken
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- 1 *I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.*
- 2 *The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.*
- 3 *Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."*
- 10 *How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?*
- 11 *I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.*
- 12 *I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.*

13 *Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.*

14 *O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.*

15 *I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

16 *I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,*

17 *In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a,36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SONG OF MOSES (*stand*) *Canticle 8*

BCP 85

SECOND LESSON (*sit*) *1 Peter 1:17-23*

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

A SONG TO THE LAMB *Canticle 18*

BCP 93

THIRD LESSON (*sit*) *Luke 24:13-35*

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and

crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*stand*)

BCP 96

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*sit*)

OFFERTORY (*stand*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*please be seated*) *Abide with Me*

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

Hymnal 178

THE PRAYERS *(kneel)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 97

SUFFRAGES A

BCP 97

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

BCP 98-100

PETITIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Prayer Notebook

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

CLOSING HYMN *(stand)* *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

Hymnal 495

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

Calendar

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
Sunday May 7	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 **THURSDAY** 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.