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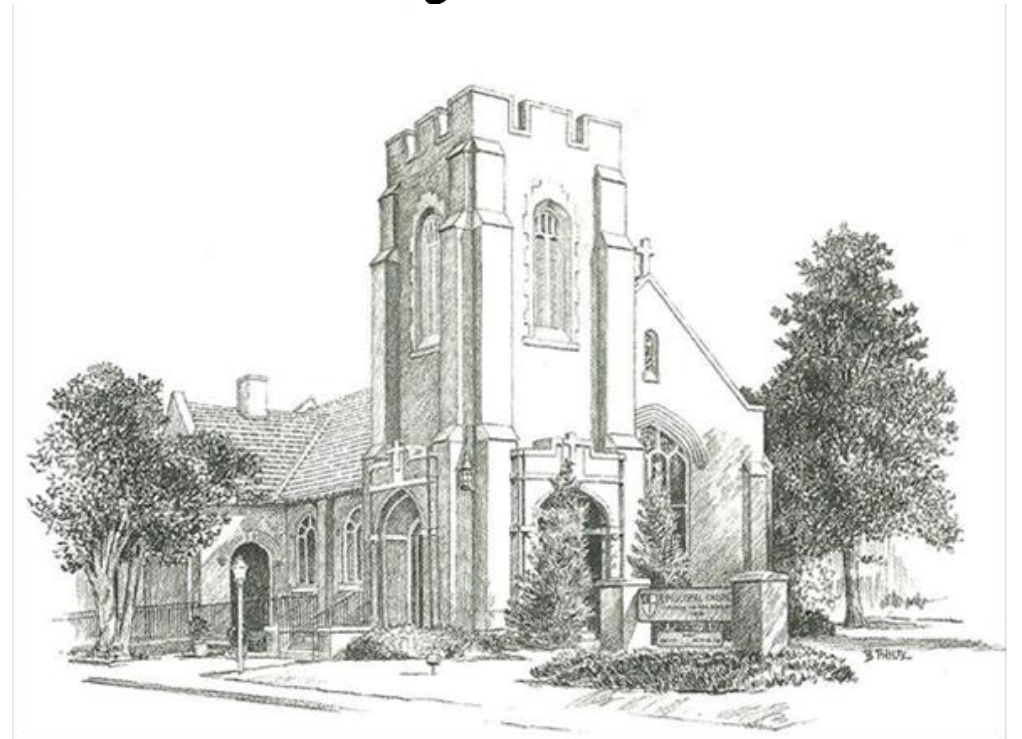
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>
Service Leader		
Acolyte		
Lector	Jane Jernigan	Michael Biondi
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Usher	Valerie Cooke	Valerie Cooke

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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
 after Pentecost
 Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

June 11, 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

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand) The God of Abraham praise* Hymnal 401

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. BCP 355
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
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 *How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise* Hymnal 533

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your
inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by
your merciful guiding may do them; 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) Genesis 12:1-9*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred
and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of
you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that
you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who
curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be
blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram
was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his

wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had
gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set
forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of
Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the
oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord
appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So
he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he
moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent,
with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to
the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by
stages toward the Negeb.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:1-12

- 1 **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.**
- 2 **Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**
- 3 **Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.**
- 4 **For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.**
- 5 **He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.**
- 6 **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 **He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.**
- 8 **Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 **For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.**

10 *The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.*

11 *But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.*

12 *Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!*

SECOND LESSON *Romans 4:13-25*

A reading from the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (*please stand*) *Take my life, and let it be*

Hymnal 707

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district."

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 VI*

BCP 392

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)*

RESPONSE *(please stand)* *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (verse 3)* Hymnal 380

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP 367

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Hymnal S-124

LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM *Christ our Passover* Hymnal S-154

COMMUNION HYMN

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

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand)* *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* Hymnal 448

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Calendar

Sunday June 11 5:30 pm, Parish Cookout @ Don Beach's house

Sunday June 18 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist/Baptism
12:00 noon, Reception in Parish Hall

Sunday June 25 **No Services at COA**
Parish Family Weekend @ Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores

Announcements

✝ **Annual Parish Cookout** Today 5:30pm Parish Cookout at Don Beach's house (115 North Haughton Street, Williamston). BYOBeverage & a friend. The Parish Life Commission is providing: burgers, hotdogs, buns, tea, ice, chips, mustard, ketchup. Contact John Price Email (johndanielp123@gmail.com) or text (252-508-3151) to sign up for side items, desserts or fresh condiments (onions, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, etc.)

✝ Next Sunday June 18 there will be a baptism for Michael Biondi's grandson. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the service.

✝ Later in the summer, we will need to do some changes to the altar guild and usher schedules. If you would like to serve on either (or serve as lector, Eucharistic minister, intercessor, etc. etc...) let Joe, Lori or Brandon know. Also let us know if you are already serving and would like to add another month, change your month or, just as importantly, don't want to change your month. We plan to have the changes made and in place beginning in September.

✝ The Parish Family Weekend at Trinity Center will Friday June 23 through Sunday June 25. There will be no Sunday service at COA on Sunday June 25, but should you be near Pine Knoll Shores around 9:00 am Sunday, please join us for Holy Eucharist at Trinity Center's Beach Pavilion.