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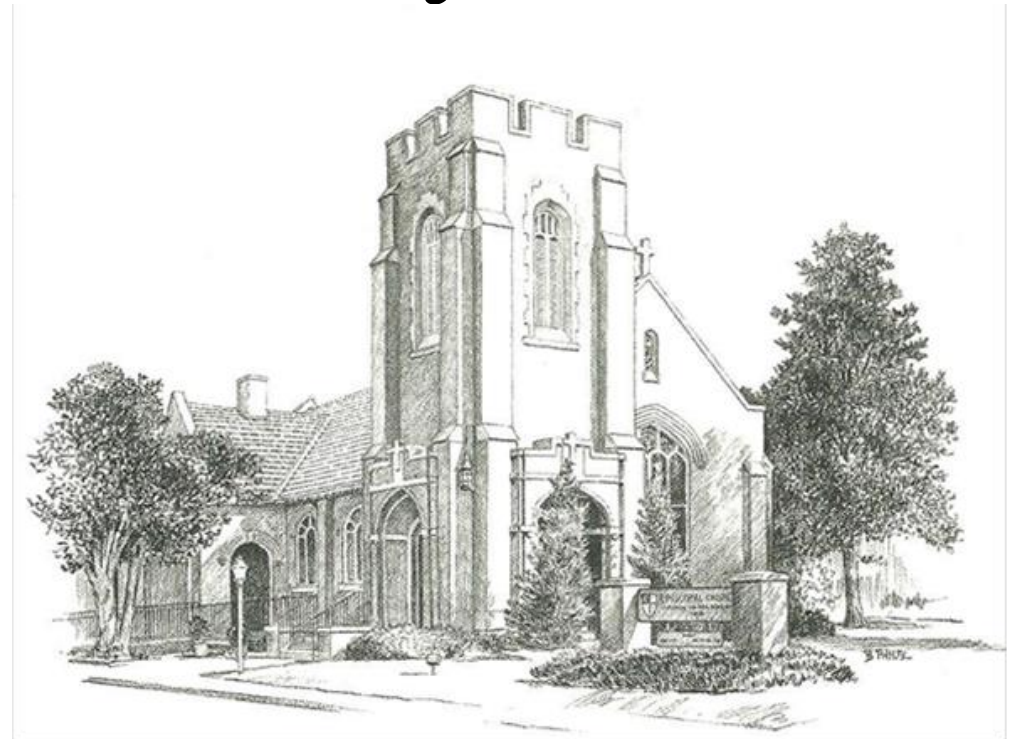
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Established 1850

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

The Third Sunday after Pentecost The Service of Holy Baptism

June 18, 2023

11:00 A.M.

PROCESSION HYMN (*please stand*) *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Hymnal 686

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 299

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us.***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

People ***One God and Father of all.***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST LESSON (*please be seated*) *Genesis 18:1-15*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the

tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

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.***

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!***

SECOND LESSON *Romans 5:1-8*

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (*please stand*) *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!* Hymnal 495

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 9:35-10:8*

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to

the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON (*please be seated*)

PRESENTATION HYMN *I want to walk as a child of the light (verse 1)* Hymnal 490

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present James Robert Tenerowicz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer ***I do.***

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

Celebrant Let us join with this person who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.***

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,***

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

THE PRAYERS

BCP 305

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Celebrant James Robert Tenerowicz, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying

Celebrant James Robert Tenerowicz, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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)* Come, labor on

Hymnal 541

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall following the service to celebrate the baptism of James Robert Tenerowicz

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Mills and in honor of all fathers by Don, Katie, Carrie and Henry Mills.

Calendar

Sunday June 18 12:00 noon, Reception in Parish Hall

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

Sunday July 2 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist

A Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father, we thank you for fathers young and old; bless them with the courage, wisdom, and grace to balance work, family and faith in joy. Bless and keep all fathers who have lost children, and those whose dream of being a father has not been fulfilled; may they know you as the God of compassion who knows their sorrow. Bless all those who stand in to mentor and guide us with love; help us to show gratitude. Bless those fathers who have failed us; help us to forgive and to learn from our brokenness. Bless all those fathers and grandfathers who have departed this life and live on in our memories. And thank you for a Father's gift of your only Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we say, Amen.

Announcements

- ✝ 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.
- ✝ We need a Eucharistic Minister for July 2. If you can volunteer, let Joe know. Thank you.