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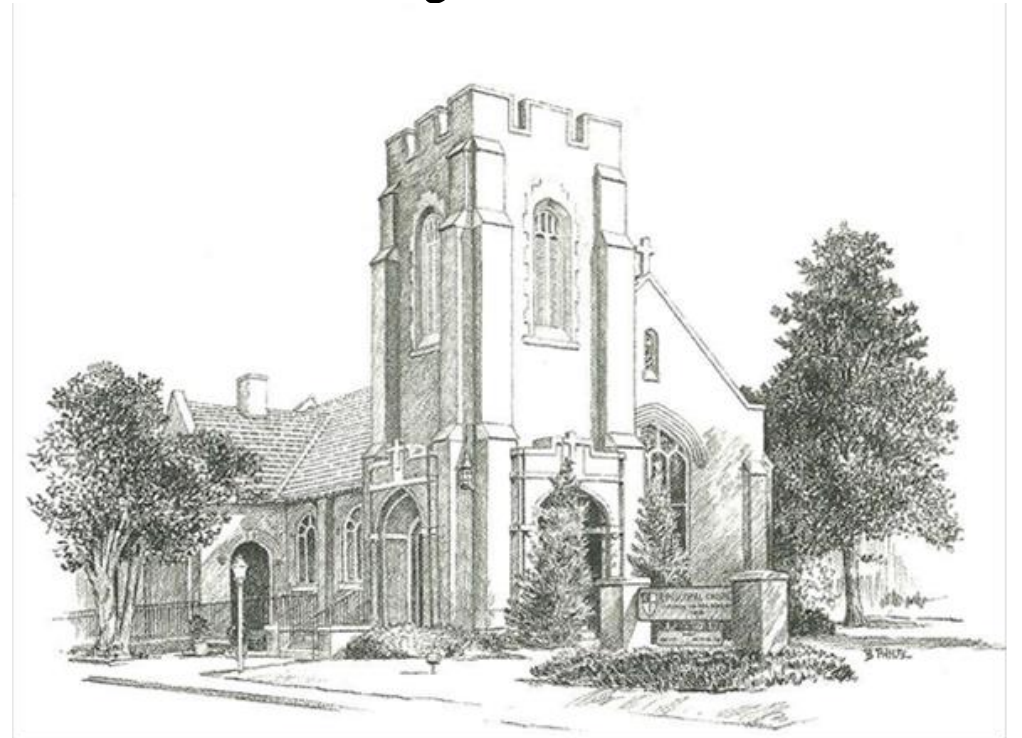
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>
<b>Service Leader</b>		
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# Church of the Advent



**Established 1850**

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

The First Sunday after Pentecost  
 Trinity Sunday  
 Holy Eucharist: Rite II

June 4, 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.*

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## PRELUDE

**PROCESSION HYMN** *(please stand) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* Hymnal 362

## 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.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** *(please be seated) Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was

morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

#### PSALM 8

1 ***O Lord our Governor, \****

***how exalted is your Name in all the world!***

2 ***Out of the mouths of infants and children \****

***your majesty is praised above the heavens.***

3 ***You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \****

***to quell the enemy and the avenger.***

4 ***When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \****

***the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,***

5 ***What is man that you should be mindful of him? \****  
***the son of man that you should seek him out?***

6 ***You have made him but little lower than the angels; \****  
***you adorn him with glory and honor;***

7 ***You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \****  
***you put all things under his feet:***

8 ***All sheep and oxen, \****  
***even the wild beasts of the field,***

9 ***The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \****  
***and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.***

10 ***O Lord our Governor, \****  
***how exalted is your Name in all the world!***

#### SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the Apostle Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL HYMN** (*please stand*)      *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Hymnal 460

#### HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded

you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*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**

*Leader* Today is Trinity Sunday that celebrates “the one and equal glory” of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, “in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being” (*BCP, p. 380*). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year. It is also no better day to highlight one of the Diocese of East Carolina’s favorite ministries: Trinity Center. Trinity Center is the Diocese of East Carolina’s camp and conference center located on Bogue Island. Your bulletin inset highlights the life of Trinity Center.

The Prayers of the People this morning helps us to remember the Trinity and to pray for the ministry of Trinity Center.

*Leader* God the Father,

*People* ***the First Mover who brought forth creation out of nothing,***

*Leader* God the Son,

*People* ***the Word through which plants, planets, animals, galaxies, and suns were bodied forth,***

*Leader* God the Holy Spirit,

*People* ***Wind and Flame, who brooded over the waters when the world was still a formless void,***

*Leader* Holy Trinity,

*People* ***One God in Perfect Unity and Community; Draw us to yourself and inspire us to seek our greatness only in our ability to reflect your likeness in our love for you and your creation.***

*Leader*

In a world where difference is often seen as danger, we give thanks this day for the mission and ministry of Trinity Center where people from all ages and backgrounds, from across our diocese and far beyond, are welcomed by a staff that makes it easy to find family in every face. For this ministry

***We thank you Lord, and we bless you.***

*People*

*Leader*

In a world where busyness is often equated with value, we celebrate the gift of rest and recreation found at Trinity Center where breathing may be the only item on your to do list. For this gift,

*People*

***We thank you Lord, and we bless you.***

*Leader*

In a world where wars can start in an instant and drag on for years or decades, we recognize the value of Trinity Center where we feel safe physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually in our sanctuary by the sea. For this peace,

*People*

***We thank you Lord, and we bless you.***

*Leader*

In a world where one-use-plastics fill the oceans faster than we are capable of removing them, we treasure the knowledge Trinity Center providing to our children, so that they can learn better ways to live in harmony with one another and our planet. For this hope

*People*

***We thank you Lord, and we bless you.***

*Leader*

In a world where many children sit alone in rooms and stare at screens, never realizing how much they need the company of other humans in person, we are truly grateful for the spirit of Trinity Center that pulls adolescents out of their shells and into the support of friends that will be with them through the rest of their lives. For these relationships,

*People*

***We thank you Lord, and we bless you.***

*Leader*

In a world where bringing people to Jesus seems harder and harder to do, and supporting people’s faith is not as easy as it used to be, we pray Trinity Center will continue to provide transformational ministry to thousands every year, bringing

more and more people to a place where they can see and know that you are God. For the places we meet you face to face

*People* ***We thank you Lord, and we bless you.***

Leader In a world that you created, in a world that you sustain, and in a world that you redeem,

*People* ***We give thanks to you; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and we bless you, Holy Trinity, now and forever.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.....

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION** *(the people may kneel)* BCP 360

**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)* *Holy God, we praise thy Name* Hymnal 366

#### **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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### *Calendar*

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Sunday June 4 12:00 noon, Vestry Meeting

Sunday June 11 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist  
5:30 pm, Parish Cookout @ Don Beach's house

Sunday June 1 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist/Baptism  
12:00 noon, Reception in Parish Hall

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### *Announcements*

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✝ Comings and Goings will now be coming from the church. Lucia and I have similar email lists but there are some differences. So if you know someone who is no longer getting Comings and Goings, let Joe know. Also If you have something you need to get into Comings and Goings, it's best to email the church at advent1850@gmail.com. You may also call the church office at 252-792-2244. I will try to send Comings and Goings out on Mondays or Tuesdays.

✝ There will be no choir practice in June and July. Choir practice is to resume in August.

✝ There is a vestry meeting today following the service.

✝ **PARISH COOKOUT!!** Sunday, June 11th 5:30 pm at Don Beach's house (115 N. Haughton Street). Details coming soon!!

✝ Sunday June 18 Michael Biondi's granddaughter will be baptized. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the service.