

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The First Sunday of Advent

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



December 1, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, December 1	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	12:30 pm	Advent Wreath Making Workshop	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Monday, December 2	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	7:00 – 9:30	Choral Arts Philadelphia Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, December 3	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	3:00 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, December 4	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	12:15 pm	Advent Organ Meditation	Church
	6:00 pm	Choral Evensong for Advent	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Adult Education <i>Walk in Love</i>	Parish House
Thursday, December 5	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	12:15 pm	Healing Service	Prayer Corner
Friday, December 6	7:30 pm	Philadelphia Chamber Music Society Concert	Church
Saturday, December 7	4:00 pm	Choral Arts Concert	Church
Sunday, December 8	9:30 am	Adult Education <i>Walk in Love</i>	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Church
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PARTICIPANTS

Margaret Dowling & Jeannie Welsh, *Readers*

Philip Duffy, *Intercessor*

Quinn Gardner, *Acolyte*

Boyden Gardner, *Streaming*

David Otwell, *Usher*

WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

OUR VIVID VISION

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

CORE VALUES

INCLUSION/WELCOME

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

INNOVATION

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

COLLABORATION

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

COMMUNITY MINDEDNESS

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

CULTURE

JOYFUL

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

FEARLESS

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

EMBRACING

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

ENGAGED

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Welcome & Parish Notices

Lighting the Advent Wreath – Advent 1

On this first Sunday of Advent we light this candle to remind us of the Light that shines in the world; the Light that we wait for; the Light that is coming: Jesus our Redeemer.

Presider The light shines in the darkness

People **And the darkness has not overcome it**

Leader Let this candle, O Lord, be a sign to us this day to lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, that when our Lord Jesus comes he might find his light shining through us, in our homes, in our community, and in our church.
Amen.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 57

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity

Presider 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.**

Trisagion S-100

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1. ¹LORD, to you my soul is lift - ed; ²O my God, in you I trust.
 2. ⁴Make me know your paths and teach me; LORD, di - rect me in your ways.
 3. ⁷LORD, re - mem - ber not my fail - ings, nor trans - gres - sions of my youth.

Let me not be put to shame, LORD; let my foes not o'er me boast.
⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me; you're the God of sav - ing grace.
 • By your stead - fast love and mer - cy, LORD, re - mem - ber me in truth.

³Sure - ly none who wait for you shall be brought to shame and ru - in.
 All day long I wait for you. ⁶LORD, re - mem - ber your com - pas - sion,
 • ⁹Good and up - right is the LORD, guid - ing sin - ners meek and low - ly,

Trai - tors will be put to shame for their base - less, vile trans - gres - sion.
 call to mind your stead - fast love, which are yours from ev - er - last - ing.
 • ⁹lead - ing them in what is right, teach - ing them his way most ho - ly.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Jeannie Welsh

Reader A reading from the Book of Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit

Sequence Hymn 64

O Heiland, reiss



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
 * 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
 2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
 3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
 4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel procession, the people are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

After a period of silence, Please rise in body or in spirit for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the

Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The word 'catholic' refers to the universal church and not the Roman Catholic church.*

Prayers of the People, Advent I

Leader In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Leader O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the Church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your path.

People **Come Lord Jesus and help us discern.**

Leader Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

People **Come Lord Jesus and redeem us for our life together.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially all who have asked for our prayer: Jim, Diana, The Glenn Family, Emily, Erika, Michael, Arlene, Thomas, Robert, Barry, Sydney, Sonia, Mindy, Slobodon, Jean, Christopher, James, Patricia, Cari, Richard, Pat, Margaret; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

People **Come Lord Jesus and bring your healing love and mercy to us all.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for all who rejoice this week, for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other joyous occasions, that we all might obtain joy and

gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

People **Come Lord Jesus and light our hearts with gladness and joy.**

Leader In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

People **Come Lord Jesus and shine your light on all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Officiant Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him.

People **Come Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Advent Offertory Sentence

Presider In the tender compassion of our Gods, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1:78-79.*

If you wish to offer a financial gift to the church, you are invited to do so during the Offertory Anthem. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 73256 or use the QR Code on page 3.

Offertory Anthem

Zion, at thy Shining Gates

George Guest

Zion, at thy shining gates Lo, the King of Glory waits,
hence thy monarch's pomp to greet, strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for thee their triple light, faith and hope and love unite;
this the beacon we display to proclaim thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within, loose us from the hands of sin,
take away the galling weight laid on us by Satan's hate.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear, give us strength thy cross to bear,
make us thine in deed and word, thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So, when thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men,
we with all thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.

Please rise in body or in spirit

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus S-124

Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept

Fraction Anthem S-161

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time. Christ loves you and invites us to meet him here.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come forward or who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available to offer healing prayers during communion.

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race. It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring. The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing. Our God of endless might, give her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Communion Hymn 53

Gottes Sohn ist kommen


1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, Please rise in body or in spirit

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be upon you, the Spirit's outpouring be over you, now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 721

Tony-Botel



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Heiland, reiss

Carson Cooman

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Sunday Adult Education at 9:30 am

We continue our Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices class

Dec. 8 & 15: Confirmation/Marriage

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to give a memorial or honorary gift
and help decorate the church for Christmas
you can use the envelope in the back of the church or
TEXT FLOWERS to 73256

ADVENT ORGAN MEDITATIONS

Wednesdays in Advent
12:15pm - 12:45

December 4th
Richard Spotts
Tournemire - L'Orgue Mystique

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ADVENT

THIS Wednesday
December 4
6:00 p.m.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

are in the Back of the Church on the Welcome Table

*If you would like an **ELECTRONIC COPY**, please email rgardner@htrit.org and we will send to you*

Good Enough Advent by Kate Bowler

Time and again, we are reminded of how precious life is. One moment, we are on the upswing—buoyed by our self-reliance and our success. But the next moment, the foundations of our lives are shaken—by divorce or disease, natural disaster or a global pandemic. We are reminded once again that life is so beautiful and life is so hard. For everyone. And still, in the midst of the chaos swirling in our inboxes, our hearts, and our calendars, the long dawn of Advent begins, the time when we prepare for the great inversion: God coming to Earth in the form of a human baby. Advent is the season to feel the immensity of what we've gained and what we've lost. Our hope and prayer is that this Good Enough Advent Companion will be a way for you to make the very act of waiting, holy. And as we anticipate Christ's birth together, may we experience the stubborn hope of Christmas, joy in the midst of sorrow, a love that knows no bounds, and a transcendent peace amid a world on fire.

Living Well in Advent by the Living Compass Practicing Peace with all your Heart, Soul, Strength & Mind

You can also sign up for daily emails with the devotionals
go to: <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 23

5:00 pm Help Decorate the Church

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Blessing of *the* Creche

8:00 pm Festival of Lessons *and* Carols

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am Holy Eucharist – *Christmas Day*

Church of the Holy Trinity, Staff

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, *Rector*

The Rev. John Gardner, *Rector*

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Boyden Gardner, *Streaming Services*

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The Choir of Holy Trinity

Gail Caruso, Patricia Conrad, Stephanie DeMane, Will Dowling, Franny Geller, Andrew Gutknecht, Samuel Higgins, Thomas Kneeland, Cole McIlquham, John Miles, Mike O'Bryan, Aimee Pilgermayer, Eddie Rubeiz, Julianna Smith, and Amanda Staub

Church of the Holy Trinity, Vestry

Brian Conroy, Phillip Duffy, Alyssa Force, Monica Heuer, Margaret Hughes, Simson Hui, Susan Leidy, Martha Lipscomb, Greg Maughan, James Otwell, Ali Shott, & Emily Stromberg



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