



# ADVENT

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ADVENTURES

December 5, 2024

## An Advent Message

Happy church new year beloved people of Advent!

It seems that there is uncertainty and fear everywhere you look. What are the Russian, Chinese and North Korean governments up to? The unrest in the Middle East just keeps spreading.

Here in our own country there is tension and fear about what our governments are going to be like in 2025 and beyond. Even here at Advent; we have uncertainty about our future clergy leadership.

Thankfully, we have reason to not be fearful of all these worldly issues. We have the Good News (Gospel) of a baby born many centuries ago in a far away land who forgave us all of our sins and has called each of us “beloved” to put out trust in.

When we love the Lord with all of our hearts, minds & souls and our neighbors as ourselves we have done the will of our LORD. We can then relax and not be so anxious; for He will be with and watch over each of us.

During this busy season of Advent, please take time to relax and do these 3 things: 1) Sit quietly- **no distractions**, 2) Pray- very simply as you would converse with a friend (The Lord is our friend) about your problems, hopes & thanksgivings and 3) **Listen**- very important because you might not have an “Angel Gabriel” moment, but one never knows. You may, however, gain some insight that might just change your life. Just believe!

Speaking for the Vestry of The Church of the Advent; have a most blessed Christmas season and remember that each of you is a beloved child of God.

Mark E. Dent, Sr. Warden

### **Christmas Plant Sale for household plants**

Did you know that house plants are one of the best ways to purify the air in your home. Plus, you can never have enough plants. So, Sunday, December 8th after both services, you will have the opportunity to purchase a beautiful house plant for a gift or for yourself. We will have an assortment of plants in nice pots; Jades, spider plants, cactuses to name a few.

We will have a table set up in the parish hall with all these beautiful plants for you to purchase. Please see Vivian if you have any questions.

### **Stewardship**

Several Adventers recently completed the Stewardship Book Study of *Committed to Christ-Six Steps to a Generous Life*. Not only did it provide a time for the participants to enjoy each other in community, but it showed us how to give of ourselves in this lifelong journey of Christian discipleship. Soon, your Stewardship Team will be sending you a letter containing a Pledge Card. Please, prayerfully consider your monetary pledge to Advent for 2025. No hard sale tactics; the Lord will provide your guidance. We thank each & every one of you.

### **Advent Fellowship Luncheon is coming!**

Please join us for a Christmas Fellowship Luncheon on Thursday, December 19, 2024 in Parish Hall from Noon-1:00 p.m. Join us for good food, conversation and a festive sing-a-long of carols that make the season bright. Margo Jackson and Nancy Hough will be hosting. A sign up sheet

will be in the office as well as the Parish Hall on Sundays. Please sign up by Tuesday, December 17.

### **The Greening of the Church**

The Greening of the Church will be at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, December 19. Please come and help Lee Lee decorate the Church for Christmas! Forms for contributions to this event and the naming of *In Memory of* and/or *In Thanksgiving for* are in the Church, Chapel, Parish Hall and Office. Please fill out and submit them to the office with your contribution by Thursday, December 19.



### **Christmas Eve Service**

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 6 p.m. in Advent Church. Fr. Bill will be celebrating with us. Bring your family, visiting family and friends to this glorious service



### **The ECW Angel Tree Is Now Baskets**

The ECW Angel Tree display has been taken down in order to make room for the Plant Sale Sunday as well as the Day School Christmas Programs next week. Even though the display is gone, the baskets are still out and ready to receive your final items. Sunday, December 8th is the last day to bring in your Angel Tree items.

ECW extends its gratitude to the parish for being so generous and supporting our community through your donations from the Angel Tree.



### **ECHO Turkey Fixins**

Freddy Branham, the Director of ECHO, was very impressed and thankful for all “the fixins” that our Adventers provided to go with their donated turkeys. Several people who are having a tough time in their lives enjoyed a good meal thanks to us. This is how we love our neighbors! Thank you.



### Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2024  
9-11 am  
Episcopal Church of the Advent  
815 Piedmont Drive

# BREAKFAST WITH SAINT NICHOLAS

YUMMY BREAKFAST  
KIDS' ACTIVITIES  
PLAY IN THE SNOW!



Meet Saint Nicholas  
and learn about his gift  
giving that led to the  
traditional Santa Claus!

## A FREE EVENT

Advent Website



Johnston's BBQ fundraiser

Merry Christmas! The ladies of Advent are having a Johnston's BBQ fundraiser to raise money for our various causes: ERD, ECHO, Grace Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Advent Day School, and many more! This Christmas, why not let Johnston's cook for you! Enjoy the most tender meat from a slow-cooked, hickory-smoked shoulder cut of farm fresh pork. Order one or more for yourself and order some as gifts for families and friends! Contact Pat Akins in the office (850.386.5109) to order from the 3 selections: Boston Butt, Ham, Ribs. [Click here](#) for flyer with more information.

### **Breakfast at Advent**

Breakfast at Advent is an Adventure. It shall return on January First Sunday. Join us from 9-10 on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

### **Our Visiting Clergy**

December 8 Bishop William Trexler

December 15 The Rev. Joe Boyles

December 22 Bishop William Trexler

December 29 Bishop William Trexler

January 5- Rev. Joe Boyles

January 12 Rev. Jim May

January 19 Bishop (ret.) Bill Trexler (Fr. Bill)

January 26 Bishop Scott Benhase- Assisting Bishop, DOF

February 2 Fr. Bill Trexler

February 9 Rev. Jim May

February 16 Rev. Joe Boyles

February 23 Rev. Jim May

Advent will continue to have two services: 8:30 in St. Clement's Chapel and 10:30 in Advent Church.

## Advent Office Closures in December/January

December 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1, 2025 – we are closed. Will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Godly Play

Godly Play will now run from 10:00 - 11:05, in the Evelyn and Bill May Godly Play Room. Families with children participating in Godly Play should arrive at the Godly Play room via the Parish Hall between 10:00 -10:10 AM. They will be met and greeted by their Godly Play instructor. Once their kids are dropped off, parents are invited to have a cup of coffee in the Parish Hall with some of our other parishioners, before heading over for church at 10:30AM. At 11:00 - 11:05, the participating children will be walked down to the church by the instructors to join their parents for communion and the rest of church. Please spread the word!



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**December Birthdays:** Brittany Davidson and Will Bullen on December 1, Tom Combs and Kenny Rutten on December 2, Marty Bishop on December 6, Sarah Payne on December 7, Judy Arnett on December 9, Laura Findley on December 10, Robin Findley and Taylor Van Winkle on December 12, Lori Dunham on December 13, Judy Carroll, Joseph Cook and Hickey Cook on December 14, David Van Winkle and Leah Dennison on December 15, Jon Evans on December 18, Kay Gregory, Beth Curci and Alex Walker on December 19, Nicholas Meros and Ashley Meros on December 21, Bentley Hanrahan on December 23, Carol Breeze on December 25, Bailey Meros on December 28 and Adalynn Sharp on December 29.



**December Anniversaries:** Loree and Jon Evans on December 12, Ute and Randall Sartin on December 15, Teresa and Richard Dozier on December 17, Maria Cabrero and Michael Erickson on December 1.



## Flowers in Advent Church and St. Clement's Chapel

If anyone would like to sponsor the Flower arrangements in Advent Church or St. Clements Chapel, please contact Pat Akins in the church office at (850) 386-5109 or email her at

[pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)

You can sponsor the flower arrangement in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary. Your loved one will be mentioned in the church bulletin on the Sunday that you have chosen. The cost for Advent Church is \$75 and St. Clements Chapel is \$35.



## Coffee Hour

### New Coffee Hour Host(ess) Sign-Up Procedure:

First off; we are thankful for all of our wonderful hosts/hostesses who contribute to our weekly coffee hours! In an effort to make the sign-up more efficient and to try to eliminate some duplications of effort, we are transitioning to the use of Sign-Up Genius starting in January of 2025. Please use the following link to access the schedule. We will keep the link available in the weekly bulletin inserts too. Thank you all again! Here is the link for the coffee hour sign up:

[Advent Coffee Hour Sign Up - January](#)

In the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. Visit with friends and meet new folks while enjoying some light refreshments.

Please contact Pat Akins in the office (850.386.5109) for any questions about Coffee Hour Hosting and/or the new sign-up section.



## December Hosts

December 1 Mary Claire Lovell and Pat Thomas

December 8 Sophia Tucker and Nancy Fischer

December 15 Kathy Newlin

December 22 Barbara Sullivan and Debbie Payne

December 29 Nancy Hough and Denise Mercier

**A big Thank You to all.**

### **Advent Bible Study**

Thursday Bible Study is a fun and engaging combination of thoughtful learning and reflection, deep questions, lighthearted conversation, and discovery of connections between our lives and the ancient text. We meet on Thursdays in the Vestry Room, 10:30 am to noon, and we laugh a lot!



### **Grace Mission**

**Desperate Needs:** Men's Boxers and briefs (size M-XXL), Men's T-Shirts

(size L-XXXL), Women's Underwear (size M-XXL), Women's Bras (size 34B – 40C), Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Body Wash, Lotion (small size) and Deodorant.

Collection basket in Parish Hall elevator foyer and Advent Church narthex.

### **Adult Formation Study Class**



The Adult Formation Sunday class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the vestry room. We're a joyful, welcoming and relaxed group. We focus on what is life-giving and personal and do our best not to give advice.



Barbara Brown Taylor's "[Learning to Walk in the Dark](#)" will be our discussion guide for 10 weeks. Learning to Walk in the Dark is a short, intriguing reflection about **unlearning and relearning** about the darkness in and around us. This is not a how-to book, but if it were, the only instructions would be to become more curious. What we need is a spirituality that works as well in the darkness as in the bright light. Each chapter is short and delightfully written.

**Barbara Brown Taylor** (born 1951) is an American Episcopal priest, academic, and author. In 2014, Time magazine placed her in its annual Time 100 list of most influential people in the world. In the early 2000s, she chose to leave active ministry, while retaining her ordination. Her memoir of this time "Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith" was the first of a trilogy of books about redefining her faith followed by "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith" and "Learning to Walk in the Dark."

Our format is to have a short, prepared presentation and then take it from there focusing on what intrigues the group. There is no need to "be prepared." All will receive an email the week prior suggesting some questions to explore during the reading and a summary of some of the issues discussed the previous week.

Please read along with us and follow the emails if getting together at 9:30 is difficult.

I will have used copies of the book available (\$5 payable when you see me) outside the parish hall. -Milt

## Officers

Senior Warden: Mark Dent; Junior Warden: Steve Bullen; Secretary: Barbara Sullivan.

Mark Baird, Jay Breeze, Judy Graham, Sharon Ray, Amy Serles, Cyndy Stewart and Barbara Sullivan.

Co-Treasurers: David Van Winkle and Ken Mills

## Office Hours/Contact Information

### Church Office

Phone: 850.386.5109

Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 PM | Monday - Friday

### **Text Notifications**

[Click here](#) to sign up for Advent text notifications

### **The Episcopal Church of the Advent**

***A Community of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun***

<https://www.advent-church.org>

### **Mission**

To love and serve God and our neighbors by offering to the people of Tallahassee meaningful worship services rooted in the tradition of Episcopal liturgy and music, a high-quality education to young children in our day school, opportunities for fellowship, and outreach ministries that serve the community and the world.

### **Vision**

To be an inclusive worshipping community that serves our neighbors through education, outreach, and giving and welcomes all who want to love God.

***Adventures:*** The Advent newsletter is a monthly event. Please get your announcements in by 11:00 A.M. the Thursday before publication. Appropriate interval Eblasts will be sent as needed. Next *Adventures* will be January 9, 2025

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### **Funnies**

