



ADVENT

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



March 2026

ADVENTURES

2026 Holy Week Schedule



Our most sacred week in the Christian calendar, Holy Week, will be upon us before we know it. The service schedule follows:

****Maundy Thursday on April 2 at 6:00pm in the Nave of Advent Church with Eucharist and the stripping of the altar (no feet washing).**

Fr. Jim May will be our celebrant.

****Good Friday on April 3 at 6:00pm in the Nave of Advent Church will be a solemn service led by Pastor Lin Hutton.**

****Easter! April 5! We will have our 8:30 service in St. Clement's Chapel and then the 10:30 service in the Nave of Advent Church with our "Flowering of the Cross" by our young people (bring some flower clippings, but some will be available). The choir will be accompanied by brass instruments; so it will be even more special. Pastor Lin Hutton will be our celebrant.**

**After the service, the ECW will host Coffee Hour, and we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Palm Cross Creating

This is fun and you don't even know what you are doing until we teach you! In the Parish Hall on March 28 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please join us.



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CarePortal Update

Our involvement with CarePortal has slowed a bit during the past few months, but not because the needs are not there. Every week, new needs pop up on the portal. The most common items needed are beds, but we also sometimes see requests for other furniture, groceries, diapers, car seats, strollers, children's clothing and more. In December, we were able to provide one family with a couple of Christmas gifts for their daughter and we also delivered to a Veteran a sofa that had been funded by another local church. In February, we purchased three children's bedding sets for a family, and will deliver those soon. We would love to be able to do even more to help struggling families in Tallahassee, and your donations can help make that happen.

Through its technology platform, CarePortal connects churches to children and families who need help in our community. As a church partner, our team of four responders receives information on the specific *vetted* needs of these families and can decide if we can help meet those needs with new or gently used physical resources.

To contribute to this important ministry, please visit our church CarePortal page at <https://system.careportal.org/church/102091>. There you can view current unmet local needs and make a one-time or recurring donation to our CarePortal fund that can be used to meet future needs. New needs are posted regularly, so check back often! You can also support this ministry by simply writing a check to Advent with "CarePortal" in the memo line.

If you would like to learn more about our church involvement with CarePortal, and

ways you can help, please contact Pat Akins a member of our responder team.

2026 LENTEN BOOK STUDY

March 11, 18 and 25

We are using Forward Movement Publications book, “Will You? A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises” for our weekly group study this year. A brief background follows.

If you look at The Baptismal Covenant on pages 304-305 of The Book of Common Prayer, you will see that the first section is basically the Apostle’s Creed. The second section is a series of five “Will You” questions. The book will explore one of these questions each week. It is not a long book and lends itself to much discussion facilitated by Dr. Michael Haney.



We gather in the Parish Hall each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring your “brown bag meal” for yourself (extra if you want to share) where we will break bread together for a few minutes and then get into the discussion.

It is not too late to join us.

Hope to see many of you in March!!

ERD

Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday: The first Sunday in Lent is designated “Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Sunday” per General Convention. Advent Parish has done several fundraising efforts to assist this great Episcopalian organization; from raising money for the mosquito nets to the hot dog fundraisers. This year we will simply bring back “The Milk Jug.” It is exactly that, a decorated plastic jug

with a hole large enough for coins, U.S. Currency and checks. It will be put out in the back of the chapel/church during all services during Lent. So, be prayerfully generous knowing that this “jug” of money will go to a very good organization to do good works here and abroad!

ECW

Angel Tree - the donations given towards Gretchen Everhart families were well received! Jane Bullen said they loved them, so thanks to all of you that participated! Hopefully we can do it again next year!

UTO Boxes - We'll start promoting after Easter and collect around Thanksgiving.

Gretchen Everhart Reinforcers - Jane Bullen brought to our attention that the students at Gretchen Everhart School rely on edible reinforcers (snacks) to help motivate them to complete tasks. Traditional school funds don't allow for them to buy these easily and teachers end up purchasing them on their own. It would be a HUGE help if we could assist in donating these much-needed edible reinforcers for the students. All donations can be brought to church on Sunday and given to Jane Bullen. We will continue this ask until there's a sufficient response. If you have any questions, please respond to this email or ask Jane.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. See sign up genius below for what is needed:

[Gretchen Everhart: Everhart Reinforcers](#)

Rector Search Committee News

At the February 24th Vestry Meeting a slate of names was presented to the Vestry to become members of the Rector Search Committee. Seven committed individuals were approved to lead the search for the next Rector of The Church of the Advent. They are:

Judy Carroll

Beth Curci

Nancy Hough

Susan Kaempfer

Mike Ormsbee

Julanne Rutten

June Wright

We thank them for their time and talent. They are starting soon by meeting with Keith Daw, Diocesan COO, this Sunday. He will provide them with the search guidelines and they will be off and running. We will have a “commissioning” during an upcoming service since they will be doing God’s work and should be sent forth from the altar to do this important task. This is very exciting in the life of our parish as we move forward!

Coffee Hour

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



Coffee Hour Hosts: We have a new volunteer procedure. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Pat Akins, pakins@advent-church.org If you volunteered, keep an eye on the schedule.

ECHO CANNED FRUIT REQUEST

Kelly Craft and her sister have been volunteering in the ECHO Pantry for a few months and have noticed a need that we can assist with. They report that canned fruit lags behind many of the many items collected/donated to the food pantry. Why don’t we take a few months to build up their inventory of canned fruit (but don’t forget our chili!) so that they can better meet the USDA recommended guidelines for food distribution? Thank you!

Stewardship 2026

Thank you to those Adventers who have already responded with their generous pledges for 2026. As of Thursday, March 5, 41 pledges have been received with a total pledge amount of \$157,630. We will keep providing periodic updates.

Eucharistic Visitor Ministry

Your Vestry is very pleased to announce the return of this very important ministry. It has been a few years since we had a licensed Eucharistic Visitor, but recently Dr. Michael Haney completed the short class and is licensed. He has actually visited a parishioner already and brought her communion, fellowship and most importantly a connection to all of us at Advent.

We will figure out a rotation to visit our homebound parishioners. We want to reach out to those who might be home for a shorter time for illness and/or surgery and unable to come to church too. Please let a Vestry member or the office know of any need. Remember that we only have one person now. Hopefully, a class will be held in early '26 and we have two volunteers waiting to go!

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. All are welcome to join us at 10:30-noon in the Vestry meeting room in the Church office on Thursday mornings. We study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings.

Breakfast at Advent

Breakfast at Advent is an Adventure. First Sunday of the month. Join us from 9-10. BUT April's first Sunday is Easter Sunday. So April's breakfast will be the 12th.



Advent Formation Class

Advent Formation 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. Contact Pat Akins, pakins@advent-church.org

**Flower arrangements in Advent Church
or St. Clements 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

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.



Please Remember in your Prayers

Heath Hilary McRae, Jesse Stewart, Jeremy Tharpe, Donald Brown, Steve Sullivan, Sharon Ray, Eleanor Goudie, Genevieve Chapman and our companion parish, La Trinidad, in Los Arabos, Cuba.

A Call for Prayer from the Bishop Search Committee: *O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. BCP p. 256*

Please include this prayer in your prayer time.

Please send prayer requests directly to adventure@advent-church.org.

Godly Play

Godly Play Schedule March through May 2026:

Please make a note of the changes to the Godly Play schedule the next two months due to Spring Break and Easter. Godly Play will meet in The Evelyn and Bill May Godly Play Room on March 1, 8 and 22 and on April 12, 19 and 26. It will still begin at 10:15.



January 2026 Finance Reports

Click [here](#) and [here](#)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays: Connie Rumberger and Val-Tisha Tucker on March 1, Simone Weatherly on March 4, Marie Mills on March 5, Beverly Davis and Vivian Parmenter on March 7, John Gaden on March 8, Lois Crew on March 9, Nancy Hough on March 10, Tim White on March 14, Kim Bergstresser on March 16, Kelley Hanrahan on March 17, Charles ("Homer") Newlin, Gil Starleigh and Ann Davidson on March 18, Nancy Wright on March 19, Anne Stone on March 21, Sarah Rogers and Jacob Huntsberger on March 25, Barbara Buford and Anthony Maccarone on March 26 and Caroline Willis on March 30

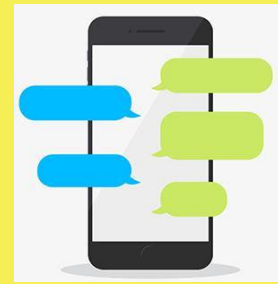


March Anniversaries: Kim and George Meros on March 28.

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- Holiday Service Times
- Special Events
- Power Outages and Weather-Related Alerts



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Vestry

[Senior Warden: Mark Dent; Junior Warden: Steve Bullen; Secretary: Barbara Sullivan.](#)

Mark Baird, Judy Graham, Michael Haney, Linda Powell, Sharon Ray, Amy Serles and Cyndy Stewart.

Co-Treasurers: David Van Winkle and Ken Mills

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A Community of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun

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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 day of publication. Appropriate interval eblasts will be sent as needed. Next *Adventures* will be April 7, 2026.

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