



TRINITY *30 November 2025*

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church!

COVER ART: *Anderson Carman*

Weekdays	Day & Time	Location
Women’s Bible Reading Group	Tuesday @ 10 AM	Family Center
Men’s Bible Study	Wednesday @ 7 AM	ZOOM
Youth Choir & Folk Dance	Thursday @ 4 PM	Sanctuary
Morning Prayer Meeting	Friday @ 11 AM	Sanctuary
Prayer Group	Friday @ 3 PM	Library
Trinity Scholars	Saturday @ 8 AM	Family Center

Sundays		
Coffee & Catechism	Sunday @ 9 AM	Family Center
Communion Service	Sunday @ 10 AM	Sanctuary

Wreath Making Today! We invite everyone to join us in the Family Center after the service to make Advent wreaths to take home. All supplies and instructions will be provided.

Advent Schedule:

Greening of the Church	Saturday, December 6 at 2 PM
St. Nicholas Party (potluck lunch)	Sunday, December 7 @ 11 AM
Trinity Women’s Christmas Party	Tuesday, December 9 from 11:00 - 1:00
Ornament Making & Hot Cocoa	Sunday, December 14 @ 11 AM
Children’s Christmas Concert	Thursday, December 18 @ 5 PM
Children’s Pageant	Sunday, December 21 @ 10 AM

	Old Testament	Responsive Reading	New Testament
<i>This Week</i>	Eric Carlson	Donna Guillory	Andreas Atwi
<i>Next Week</i>	David Brammer	Riley George	Maura Foret

All stand and sing the **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**

***Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path of misery. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind,
In one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid thou our sad divisions cease
And be thyself our King of Peace. (*Refrain*)**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. (*Refrain*)**

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

People **We will repent and believe the good news.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All kneel or sit for THE PRAYERS

Deacon We pray to thee, Lord Christ.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our bishops and clergy, and all congregations of the faithful, that they may preach the pure Word of God and duly minister the sacraments, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our elected officials and all public institutions, that they may govern according to thy truth, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace of God, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who do not believe, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, and be born again to new life, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those requesting prayer: _____, and others we now name silently or aloud _____, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and all who have died, that by faith in Christ we may be delivered on the Day of Judgment, we pray to thee, O Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

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

We take a moment of silence for repentance.

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

Priest 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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Jesus says to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only,
but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

All stand for **THE NICENE CREED**

Deacon Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

O the heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

All sit for **THE WELCOME**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

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.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:1-13

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And 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 an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens 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.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Proverbs 8:22-31

The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

**Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.**

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

**Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,**
before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.

**When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,**
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
**when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,**
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
**rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

James 1:5-6, 3:13-4:3

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!**

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV'D DR. PETER JOHNSTON

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SERMON NOTES

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THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY



+ *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*

+ *Use this QR Code to give from your phone.*

+ *Visitors should feel no obligation to give.*

All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit**

Priest Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

People **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Priest In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal.*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest.*

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

EVEN SO, COME

All of creation, all of the earth

Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.

Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint

Let every nation, shout of Your fame.

Jesus is coming soon.

***Refrain:* Like a bride waiting for her groom,**

We'll be a church ready for You.

Every heart longing for our King,

We sing – even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new,

Your name forever, faithful and true.

Jesus is coming soon. (*Refrain*)

So we wait, we wait for You.

God we wait, you're coming soon. (*Refrain*)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

All stand to sing **MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY**

**Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity
In perfect harmony the man who is God
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility and washes our feet**

***Refrain:* Oh what a mystery meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship for this is your God**

**Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify prays "Father, forgive"**

Refrain

**Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible
Love indestructible in frailty appears
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne**

Refrain

THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your Spirit.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Each O Antiphon gives Jesus a messianic title drawn from Scripture—Wisdom, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, King of Nations, Emmanuel. How does beginning Advent with the title *Wisdom* shape your understanding of who Jesus is and what He comes to do? In what ways does seeing Christ as “O Wisdom” deepen your longing for Him?
2. Proverbs 8 portrays Wisdom beside God before creation, rejoicing as He orders the world; Genesis 1 shows that ordering work in action—light from darkness, boundaries, rhythms, blessing. Where do you see the patterns, limits, or rhythms of God’s wise design in your life, and what happens when you move with—or against—the grain of that wisdom?
3. James contrasts the “earthly, unspiritual” wisdom that breeds envy, disorder, and conflict with the “wisdom from above” that is pure, peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy. Where do you see signs of earthly wisdom—envy, rivalry, harshness, or restless desires—as James describes? And where do you see (or long to see) the marks of heavenly wisdom taking root in your relationships and habits?
4. James promises that God “gives wisdom generously to all who ask,” inviting us to come in faith and without doubting. Where do you personally need Christ’s wisdom—to guide you, steady you, reorder you, or purify your desires this Advent? Take time to ask boldly for the wisdom He delights to give.

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