



The Episcopal Church of the Advent June 10, 2025 Newsletter



Church of the Advent welcomes the Rev. Dr. Harold Lockett on Pentecost Sunday!

Father Harold delivered an inspiring sermon, including the reaffirmation of the baptismal Covenant, followed by a reception in the Parish House. His lovely wife Carol joined him at the service and reception. In speaking with him afterwards, I was taken by his sincere admiration of our humble church, our congregation, and his appreciation of being with us. He assured me that Advent was a special place and he believes we will find a rector who will be a perfect fit, cherishing Advent as each of us in our church community cherishes her.

I look forward to his next few weeks at the pulpit and hope each of you will join us as we continue to learn the Word from Father Harold. *With love, Kim Jackson*

A few words on Pentecost Sunday: The Birthday of the Church

Pentecost Sunday is a joyful Christian celebration that occurs 50 days after Easter, marking the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, as described in the Bible (Acts 2). It's often called the "birthday of the Church" because it's when the apostles, filled with the Spirit's power, began boldly spreading Jesus' message.

Picture this: the apostles were gathered in Jerusalem, still reeling from Jesus' death and resurrection. Suddenly, a mighty wind filled the room, and tongues of fire appeared above their heads. They started speaking in different languages, sharing the Gospel with people from all over who could understand them perfectly. It was a wild, inspiring moment—God equipping them to connect with the world!

For Christians, Pentecost is about the Holy Spirit's presence, bringing courage, unity, and guidance. Our Episcopal Church celebrates with vibrant services, wearing red to symbolize the Spirit's fire. It's a day to reflect on renewal, community, and living out faith with boldness. Think of it as a spiritual spark that keeps the Church alive and moving!

Question of the week: What can you do to spread the Gospel in our community and bring people into God's fold?

Sunday School at Advent: Discern the message, enjoy the fellowship!

At 9:15 AM every Sunday, Adventers gather in the Parish House to study and understand the lectionary readings for that Sunday. Facilitated by Debbie Permar (and clergy, if present), each reading is said aloud, with an often lively discussion of the scripture. The participants are engaged and exchange insights to better understand the writings, trade new ideas, and learn more about one another. It's a fun way to expand learning, deepen faith, and cement fellowship. Please grab a coffee and join us!

June's First Wednesday with hosts Ricardo and Janel Ureña

About 20 or so of us had a fabulous time at Ricardo and Janel's farm. Good food, laughter and conversation were entertaining enough, but then we got to feed the cows bananas and limes! Many thanks to the Ureñas for hosting June's First Wednesday!

Athens Choral Festival – Mozart and Forrest

June 28 at 8 PM – UGA Performing Arts Center

The Athens Choral Festival conducted by Joseph Napoli (a parishioner at Advent) will be performing two works of sacred music. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Vesperae solennes de confessore*, K. 339 (often translated as "Solemn Vespers for a Confessor") is a radiant and masterfully balanced sacred work composed in 1780 during his service to the Archbishop of Salzburg. It's one of his last major compositions for the Salzburg Cathedral and is a prime example of his ability to blend liturgical solemnity with expressive beauty.

The second is Dan Forrest's *LUX: The Dawn From On High* is a luminous, five-movement choral-orchestral work composed in 2018. The title, "*Lux*," Latin for "light," encapsulates the piece's central theme: the multifaceted nature of light—spiritual, emotional, and physical. Forrest draws upon texts ranging from ancient liturgical chant and Scripture to modern secular poetry, crafting a journey that traverses time and explores light's profound symbolism.

Mozart's *Vesperae* is bright, melodic, rhythmic, and exciting, pure Mozart. Forrest's *Lux* is more personal, but with much contemplation and exultation, employing sweeping phrases and beautiful melodies. Parishioners

O. J. Booker and Brian Easton are a part of the Festival ensemble. Please join us — both pieces are music you will want to hear!

New website features

Our website now has a new section: News. We've added this so parishioners can access information that has previously gone out in newsletters and other communications, but hadn't been published elsewhere. Particularly helpful for new or prospective parishioners, this gives all of us a way to catch up on Advent news and information. Visit <https://adventmadisonga.com/news/>

Rota for the First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025 10:30 A.M.

Altar Guild: Jackson-Lewis-Hawkins-Pike-Hilsman

Flower Guild: Crown

LEM/PoP: 10:30 A.M. Marrett

1st Reading: Jackson Lewis

2nd Reading: Permar

Vestry of the Day: Jackson-Lewis

Organ Tech: Betsy Quillin

Readings for the First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

The Psalm: Psalm 8

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

The Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Parish Prayer List

Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas,

Charles Hunt Brown, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, John Elliott, Anita Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Jerry Maddoz, Dennis Reeder, Iliana Arias, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz

June birthdays: **11** Sue Baldwin, Elizabeth Branch, **26** Bob Baldwin, **27** Mary Carson Brown

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The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright - Bishop of Atlanta.

Reverend Mark Stewart Johnson - Interim Priest-in-Charge.

Devon Dartnell - Senior Warden, Vic Jackson - Junior Warden.

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