



## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

June 17, 2025 Newsletter

Trinity Sunday



At our Sunday service, we rejoiced in the **Principal Feast of Trinity Sunday**, marking the close of Eastertide and the beginning of the Season after Pentecost, which is often referred to as Ordinary Time. This holy day drew us into the mystery of our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three Persons. By reciting the Nicene Creed each Sunday, we affirm this truth and carry it into Ordinary Time, the longest season in the church, stretching from after Trinity Sunday until Advent. It is considered a time of spiritual regrowth, with green vestments worn for emphasis of our spiritual renewal with Christ.

**Father Lockett** led us through this mystery with warmth and wisdom. He described the Trinity as three distinct Persons, perfectly united as one God: the Father who creates and plans our redemption, the Son who fulfills it through His life and sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit who brings God's love into our hearts. His words turned a complex truth into an invitation to trust in God's goodness and reminded us that, just as the Trinity is united, we're called to live in unity with one another.

In closing, he provided a simple truth that echoed throughout the parish: **"God is good, all the time."** Let's carry this joy into our week, celebrating the Trinity's love in our prayers and actions. Join us next Sunday as we continue Ordinary Time, growing together in faith! --Kim Jackson

**Question of the week: How can you deepen your Christian faith each week and live in unity with your family, community, and God, reflecting the love of the Holy Trinity?**

## Vestry news

- The Vestry is planning several **improvements to the Parish House** which include kitchen, restroom, and handicapped access upgrades, as well as back entrance improvements. We will call a meeting for the parish in the near future to reveal these plans and present the parish with an opportunity to review and comment.
- A generous donation was given in honor of **Janet Mason**, and the Vestry voted to donate that gift to the Pup Packs program. **Pup Packs** provide food for the weekend for Morgan County primary and elementary school families whose children receive federally funded meal assistance. August to May, volunteers shop and pack for distribution on Friday mornings at the Parish House. 22 Pup Pack volunteers, serving as shoppers and/or packers, serve approximately 135 kids each week. If you would like more information, volunteer for Pup Packs or donate, [click this link](#) or contact Elizabeth Branch at <mailto:elizabeth@branchtimberlands.com>.
- Parishioners already have the ability to **donate to Advent electronically** through [Tithe.ly](#); it is safe, and recurring donations are simple to set up. We also recognize that many who may want to donate to Advent have apps on their phones they already use to pay bills, to send money to other people, and to donate to charities. The Vestry is examining popular apps like Venmo and Cash App and solicits your ideas and suggestions for making electronic donations to Advent better. Contact O. J. Booker at [info@adventmadisonga.com](mailto:info@adventmadisonga.com).
- There will be a **training class** for Advent members who are interested in learning how to **conduct Morning Prayer Service**. Contact Devon Dartnell if you're interested. The training will be conducted by retired Reverend Scott Kidd at 1:30 PM on June 30th.

### Advent graduates!

Church of the Advent honors those who graduated this year, including Harrison Buck, Reese Freyer, and Braden Newsome. Congratulations, and may God bless you on your journeys!

### 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!

### Athens Choral Festival – Sacred Choral Music 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! **Tickets are available on the [UGA Performing Arts Center's website](#) or at the door.**

**Rota for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 22, 2025 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

Altar Guild: Bennett-Roman  
Flower Guild: Eskew  
LEM/PoP:8:00 A.M: Simpson 10:30 A.M. Roman  
1st Reading: Hilsman  
2nd Reading: Ramfos  
Vestry of the Day: E. Branch  
Organ Tech: K. Jackson

**Readings for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a  
The Psalm: Psalm 42 and 43  
Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29  
The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

**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: 26** Bob Baldwin, **27** Mary Carson Brown

**Recurring weekly calendar:**

Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM  
Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM  
Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM  
Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM  
Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon  
Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @7:30 PM

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