



**The Episcopal Church of the Advent**  
**June 3, 2026 Newsletter**  
**First Sunday after Pentecost**



Saturday evening Advent gang at the Elijah concert: Kate Booker, front. Rear, Janel and Ricardo Urena, Beth and Tim Pridgen, O. J. Booker, Carol Harper, Fr. Tryggvi. Not pictured, Betsy Quillin and Fran Hilsman

**Sermon reflection from Fr. Tryggvi**

As we grow from childhood to adulthood, we move beyond seeing the world solely in terms of opposites, i.e. either/or, and discover that many truths exist in tension. Maturity and faith teach us that truth is often held in paradox, and Jesus's teachings are loaded with paradox: the first will be last; life is found by losing it; Christ conquered death by dying; and God is both one and three. The doctrine of the Trinity stands as perhaps the greatest mystery of all, suggesting to us that God is far beyond the limits of our human reason, language, and imagination.

The doctrine of the Trinity did not emerge from abstract theological speculation but from the lived experiences of the earliest Christians. They encountered God in the form of a relationship; a relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Yet, they remained convinced that God was/is one. The Trinity became the Church's way of describing those experiences and the relationships within God's life. Even Scripture contains hints of this complexity, revealing a God who cannot be confined to simplistic categories or formulas.

Ultimately, the Trinity is less about defining God and more about describing how human beings experience God. God comes to people in many ways: shepherd, healer, teacher, comforter, challenger, servant, guide.... No

single image can fully capture God's reality. The doctrine of the Trinity offers an expansive framework for speaking about the divine mystery while reminding us that God is always greater than our descriptions. Faith, therefore, is not primarily about having all the answers, but about remaining open to encountering the living God in ever-new ways.

Peace, Tryggvi+

**Questions for Contemplation:**

- **When have you experienced God in a way that challenged or expanded your previous understanding of who God is?**
- **Rather than seeking certainty or explanation, how might your spiritual life change if you focused more on recognizing and responding to God's presence and mystery in everyday life?**

**Wednesday, June 3, "First Wednesday" Drop-in**

**Host: Becky Strickland**

**Address: 575 Village Road**

Join your fellow parishioners and guests in a casual gathering from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Please bring an appetizer, snack, dessert, or beverage to share, and feel free to bring a guest.

**Rota for Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 7, 2026**

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Booker—10:30 A.M. Booker

1st Reading: Quillen

2nd Reading: B McCauley

Altar Guild: Abbott- McCauley-Burriss-Harrell

Flower Guild: Eskew

Organ Tech: K Jackson

Vestry of the Day: Burriss

**Readings for Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 7, 2026**

[Link to Readings](#)

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12

2nd Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Parish Prayer List**

Flossie Dodge, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, David Medlock, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Kathie Schmidt, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Beth Tamplin Jones, Fr. Dann Brown, Jay Whitcomb, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Jack Leo, Eric Wiemann, Susan Crosher, Gloria Leo, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Robert Boswell, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Marcy Lay, Monaray Powers, June Harrell, Wayne Tankersley, Penny Lyle, Bobbie Rushing, Anna Marett, Mary Mack Jones, Ella Petroski

**Birthdays in June:**

1 Genia Bennett, Reese Freyer, III; 2 Charles Baldwin, III; 6 Rob McCauley; 11 Sue Baldwin; 11 Elizabeth Branch; 26 Bob Baldwin; 27 Mary Carson Brown; 30 Janel Urena

## Anniversaries:

28 Rick and Gail Thompson

### 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 @ 7:00 PM

**Volunteer for service:** To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

**Pastoral Care Requests:** email [pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com](mailto:pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com) for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

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