

# Trinity NOTES

**December 4, 2011**

## *Dear Trinity Family,*

Two years ago I went to a Fellowship of Christian Athletes dinner. When I'm in the company of athletes, I feel competitive and when in the company of Christians, I want to be thought of as righteous. At this dinner, I got intoxicated with a lethal combination – competitive righteousness.

During the course of the night, I had a chance to ask one of the team chaplains if there was anything he would like for me to pray for him and he asked me to pray for his son. I said I would and that satisfied my competitive righteousness juices. I prayed for the child for the next three days and then let my laziness and forgetfulness send his name into obscurity. About six months later, I attended a high school basketball game and upon looking at the team roster, guess whose name jumped out at me? The young man for whom I had not been praying was out on the court! A little tinge of guilt – and there's no guilt like the guilt you feel when you've been shirking your commitment to God- crossed through my conscience, and I thought "wow, who knows what might be happening right now if you had kept on praying!"

A year ago I went back to the FCA dinner – this time with a little more humility. I was enjoying myself and in passing, bumped into the same team chaplain from the

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December 4th is the 1st Sunday of the month. Please remember the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in your grocery shopping and bring can goods to church.



## LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 59
2. Report of Offering Sunday, 11/28/11:

Pledge	\$3,425.00
Gifts & Plate	303.00
Building Fund	200.00
Breakfast Ministry	57.00
Flower Fund	20.00
Rental Income	40.00
Calendar Sales	5.00
Total	\$4,050.00

Thru 11/28/2011: Total Pledge Received \$151,417 verses Pledge Budgeted \$157,255 or a (\$5,838) deficit YTD.

\*\*\*Thank you to everyone who has caught up on their 2011 pledge!!

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## Holiday Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 27th	Advent Wreath Making	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Sunday, Dec. 4th	Lessons and Carols Holy Communion	10:30 am 9:00 am	Trinity Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 11th	Handel's Messiah	3:00 pm	First Presbyterian
Saturday, Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm	
Sunday, Dec. 25th*	+Christmas Day	10:30 am	
Sunday, Jan. 1st*+	Holy Communion	10:30 am	
Sunday, Jan. 8th	Pageant	10:30 am	

### Notes

- \*No Breakfast/Brunch
- +No Adult Education
- +No Sunday School

## *After You Believe:* TRANSFORMATION STUDY

The week of Sunday, December 4th will be the final meeting of the Fall Transformation study series. The Sunday, Thursday, and Friday groups will meet for the last time. New small groups will be reconstituted after the first of the year.

# THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

December 4, 2011 – Second Sunday of Advent

## The Episcopal Church Celebrates Advent Online

The Office of Communication of the Episcopal Church is offering new ways to enjoy, share, and actively participate in observing the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

The Episcopal Church's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/episcopalian](http://www.facebook.com/episcopalian)) and Twitter presence ([twitter.com/iamepiscopalian](http://twitter.com/iamepiscopalian)) feature special Advent and Christmas postings inviting readers to share their thoughts and answer questions such as, "What's your favorite Christmas pageant memory?"

Postings on Facebook and Twitter also include a new Advent-related word each day from *Brother, Give Us a Word*, by the Society of St John the Evangelist (<http://ssje.org/word>).

Through Epiphany, special seasonal videos will be posted on Facebook and Twitter, including the annual Advent message from Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, holiday music, and personal reflections by Episcopalians.



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### Episcopal Relief & Development

Healing a hurting world

This year for Advent, Episcopal Relief & Development offers daily stories of hope in their online series "Stories: Learn how hope, peace, joy, and love help heal a hurting world."

<http://www.er-d.org/Advent>



Video of Treble Choristers of the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys in NYC (left); The Presiding Bishop's Advent message on video (right)



*Invite Your Friends To*

# *A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols*

*Sunday, December 4th*

*10:30 am @ Trinity\**

*\* a service of Holy Communion will be offered at 9:00 in the chapel*

## **Breakfast Schedule**

1st Sunday of the month	Brunch	(after worship)
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month	Breakfast	(8:30-9:15)
5th Sunday of the month	Potluck Brunch	(after worship)

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## **Sunday schedule (December 4th)**

8:30 Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
9:15 Adult Education & Sunday School  
10:30 Advent Lessons and Carols

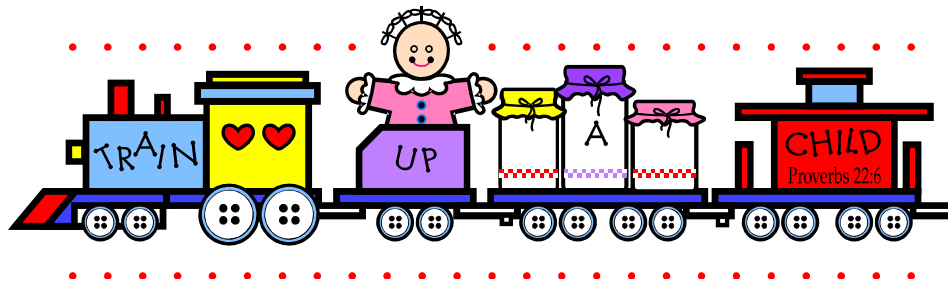
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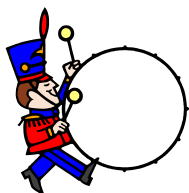
## 20th Annual ST. NICHOLAS TOY SALE



**Saturday, December 3rd  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

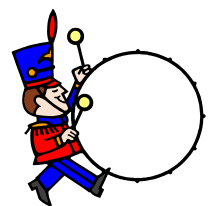


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# HANDEL'S



*Presented by*  
The Charlottesville Albemarle Dogwood Chorus

*with*  
Community Musicians

*directed by*  
Carlton Monroe Dickerson

Sunday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
500 Park Street  
Charlottesville, Virginia

*For further information please contact*  
Cyndy Kelly, [cak2b2@gmail.com](mailto:cak2b2@gmail.com)

# MESSIAH

## Trinity Leadership

**Lay Ministers:** The Congregation

**Bishops:** The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

The Rt. Rev. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

**Vicar:** Pastor Cass Bailey

Vestry Liaisons

### RECONCILIATION

Nick Garber, (2014)

Diane Sampson, (2012) Clerk

### TRANSFORMATION

Deborah Gille, (2014)

Jenny Holmes, (2012)

### LOVE

Amy Griffith, (2013)

Erica Lloyd, (2014)

### SUPPORT

Lauren Fleischmann, (2013)

Senior Warden: Mark Bell (2012)

Junior Warden: Mary Newton (2013)

**Treasurer:** Beverly Bivins

**Asst. Treasurer:** Louise Gallagher

**Music Minister:** Carlton Dickerson



The altar flowers are in memory of  
Sr. Dorothy Kazel, O.S.U. martyred in  
El Salvador on December 2, 1980.

Given by Susan Fleischmann.

## Please NOTE:

The Prayer Request Box in the chapel is checked regularly and prayer is offered for any requests that are present.

## Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Patricia Benjamin
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.
- Sue, Krista, Jern, and Alex



## Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, December 4th, 2011

**Intercessor:** Gretchen Ellis

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Robinson; Lelia Brown

**Acolyte:** Amy Griffith

**Ushers:** Gretchen Ellis; Jay Schlothauer

**Counter:** Deborah Gille

**Greeter:** Gretchen Ellis

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.

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year before. We shook hands and as he looked me in the eyes, I could see the light of recognition click on. He pointed his finger at me and said “You made a prayer commitment for me, didn’t you?” (That drives me crazy by the way; coaches and chaplains always talk about commitment.)

I thought “Wow this guy has a good memory!” and with my biggest fake smile I said, “I sure did!” and we went our separate ways.

Later on that night when it was time – and the time always comes- to have a talk with God, I faced the truth. I’m a fake. And that whole prayer request deal was a fake. But the good news is God forgave me, and will forgive you too if you quit being a fake. You’re not fooling anybody anyway.

### Lessons learned

- If you are going to pray for someone go ahead and pray for them, you don’t even have to tell them.
- Don’t try to hold your gifts up for everyone to see, just get to work.
- You might be able to fake out everybody else, but you can’t fake out God. When it’s just you and him and its prayer time, be real. Please be real. God knows what’s going on, the only question is will you stop fooling yourself?

***Yours in Christ,***

***Mark Bell***

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