

THE WEEKLY WINDOW OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year B

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# **Christmas Services**

### 12/24: 11am Advent IV, Traditional Service Rite II

# Christmas Eve Services, 6:00pm (Carols), 6:30pm (Rite II Choral Eucharist), 10:00pm (Carols), 10:30pm (Rite I Choral Eucharist)

Our Come-As-You-Are Christmas Pageant, held on Christmas Eve at the 6:30 pm service, is open to children of all ages. We want every child to know they are welcome to participate as much or as little as they choose. There are no speaking parts. Children are invited to join us beginning at 5:30 pm to pick a costume and hear the Christmas Story at 6 pm. Parents can stay to listen to the story with their child or can join the congregation for the choral prelude. Children will then gather in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 to process and join in the blessing of the Crèche. After the blessing of the Service. We ask that you please return the costumes after the service.

#### 12/25: Christmas Day, 11am Jazz/Gospel Service

#### 12/31: Sunday after Christmas, 11am Traditional Service

\*\*Epiphany House Blessing Kits will be available Dec. 24th and 31st



#### Vestry Candidates 2024

Our current slate of Vestry Candidates are as follows: Tony Huffman, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Brent Chambers.

## Church Office Closure- Dec. 23-Jan 1st

Please note that the church offices and grounds will be closed between Dec. 26th– Jan. 1st, except for worship services. We will not have Evening Prayer or AA meetings during this time. Please plan accordingly. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

# Episcopal Way- Saturday, January 13th, 9am (Smith)

Our next Episcopal Way class will be January 13th at 9am with Rev. Luz. The Episcopal Way is a class designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and help you find your place in the life of our church. These classes are free and open to everyone; people new to the Episcopal Church are especially encouraged to attend. After completing the course, you will be ready to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church.

# Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, January 28, 2024 9:15am- 10:15am Annual Meeting April 12-14: Church Retreat at Camp Allen

# Sunday In-Person Services

11:00 am (Historic Church) 6:00 pm Rite II (Historic Church) 10:00 pm Rite I (Historic Church)

# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday, Dec 24th, 2023

11:00 am Advent IV, Traditional Service Rite II (Church) – Childcare available 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service Rite II, (Church)– Childcare available 10:00pm Christmas Eve Service Rite I, (Church) – No Childcare

Monday, December 25th, 2023

11:00am Jazz/Gospel Service (Church)

Tuesday, December 26th, 2023 Church Closed

Wednesday, December 27th, 2023 Church Closed

Thursday, December 28th, 2023 Church Closed

Friday, December 29th, 2023 Church Closed

Saturday, December 30th, 2023

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at <u>https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-</u>withus

#### PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Bill, Nick, Bob, Dale, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Donna, Jason, Carol, Clyde, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry,, Monica, Wally, Dorothy, Daniel, Gladys, Brenda, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard, Claudie, Romy, Gary, Bryce, Rose, Bart, and Marie.

#### For the faithful departed:

Denise Ray, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

# **Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour**

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at <u>www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/</u>.

The next available dates: December 31st, 2023 and January 7th and 14th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer <u>here</u> or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click <u>here</u> to contact Jamie Chambers **Next available dates: Jan 7th, 14th, and 21st.** 



Colette LeGrande, Christine Oramasionwu, Stephen Borden, Abigail Eskola, Ellora Bird, Tony Skarich Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector rector@trinitymidtown.org

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Carol Turley, Membership Secretary membership@trinitymidtown.org

Larry Laubach, Treasurer finance@trinitymidtown.org

\*Please note we will never ask you for money or gifts via email. Scams are circulating again, so please be aware and cautious.

Office Hours Church Offices Closed Dec. 23–Jan 1st.

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



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