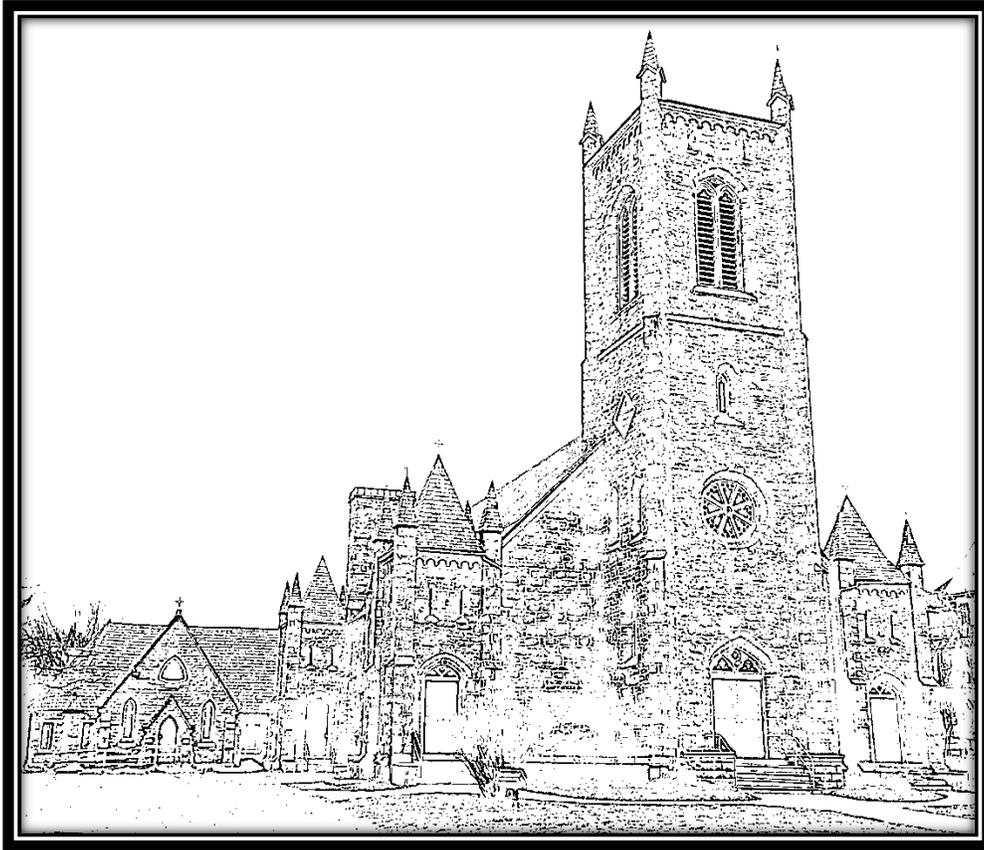


Trinity Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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We are a vibrant Episcopal family united in following Christ.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi

HOW DO I SHOW COURAGEOUS HOPE / GIVE BACK

The following list of Courageous Hopes is a result of the November 14 stewardship activity:

- Giving
- Compliment a stranger & make them smile
- Outreach
- Everyday random acts of kindness
- Being optimistic and finding the best in others
- God has blessed me with a chance to step out of my comfort zone and befriend strangers on the other side of his small world and share His love so freely
- Dog therapy, taking care of those who need it, smiling, holding the door for others
- Expand the community and the choir
- Pastoral care, outreach
- Donating time and money to my community
- Keep Faith in what is to come
- I “welcome the stranger” in our community by volunteering with USCRI in Vermont
- Participating in community fundraiser and other events
- Pastoral care
- Volunteering, giving back to our community
- Staying connected the past 18 months, singing through the masks, pledging
- Together we can accomplish so much if the work God has guided us to endeavor to accomplish our selves and together
- Give support and follow
- Hope for the community to be safe and caring
- Give back through prayer of our community
- The gift of prayer and hope
- I give to the Rutland food cupboard
- Participate in the Women of Trinity, donate to charitable drives, monetary donations give back
- In service at various events
- Promote my church to community to make it known outside these walls
- Pastoral care team, and visit people who are in the hospital or homebound
- My God and Jesus in my life
- Shop local, support local stores with \$\$ donate items and monies
- Helping others as I can- by supporting all without judgment, just trying to be a good person
- Project vision, sock drive, food pantry, donations
- Giving back in any way that I can
- By acting on truth and denying falsehood
- I give back to so many organizations with a presence for helping others
- I was part of the team to provide covid vaccines to healthcare workers
- Humility
- Being thankful for all I have
- Bringing donations and getting involved in community outreach and services
- I drive for one to one,
- By helping to feed those in need, by volunteering
- Through my daily work (caregiver) I show hope and compassion
- I have hope for my community because our community is a very giving community
- Volunteering for meal on wheels and the compassionate friends’ group

Announcements

Wanted: Live Stream Tech Volunteers—We have a great start to our tech team, but we could use a few more volunteers. It's not difficult and training doesn't take long. If you can help out, please speak with Wendy.

Apple Pies for Sale—The Women of Trinity have homemade, frozen apple pies for sale—just in time for Thanksgiving dinner! You can purchase pies by speaking with Melissa Slenker or stopping by the church office. Pies are \$15 each.

"Socks for Souls" Drive—Socks are one of the most requested items in shelters. With cold weather on the horizon, Trinity Episcopal Church will again partner with BROCC Community Action to meet this need in our community. The Socks for Souls program invites donations of new socks of all sizes, multipacks welcomed. The next scheduled collection date will be held on Saturday December 4, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. by a drive-through drop-off in the parking lot at Trinity Episcopal Church, 85 West Street, Rutland, VT. Please wear a mask at the drop off site.

Women of Trinity Meeting—The WOT will meet in the library next Sunday, December 5, following our worship service. Please remember to bring a package of diapers for our gift to First Step Pregnancy Center.

Advent Series: Invite, Welcome, Connect—Advent is a season of preparation, hope, and hospitality. During this season, we'll run an evening formation series via Zoom to explore how we can invite, welcome, and connect newcomers to our beloved parish home. Three sessions will be offered on Tuesday nights (Dec. 7th-Invite, 14th-Welcome, and 21st-Connect) at 7:00pm via Zoom. While these three focus areas are interrelated, those in attendance will be able to access each night's content without participating in every session. We'll email a link to the Zoom meeting each week.

Best Practices for Current COVID-19 Status—With the increase of COVID-19 cases in Vermont and nationwide and for the safety of our Trinity family, the Trinity Vestry recommend (but do not require) that face masks be worn in church and that seating spacing be more strictly followed. Please use the pews marked with green tape.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN MEMORY OF:

Florence & Charles Perry, Robert Perry, Henry Perry, Catherine & John Quirk, John Jaworski

Our Staff: *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle; *Sexton*, Jeff Zoesch

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; Melissa Alarie; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; Krey Kellington; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*—Helen Thomas, Winnie Grace, Mary Ruth, Linda Barcomb; *Chalice Assistant*—Maria Cruise; *Old Testament Reader*—David Thurmer; *Epistle Reader*—Marc Brierre; *Intercessor*—Mary Ruth; *Ushers*—Helen Thomas, Bruce Howard; *Live Stream Tech*—Dana Peterson

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9:30 a.m. First Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist

The Invitatory

Prelude

Ecce Dominus Veniet

Marcel Dupré

Opening Hymn #436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Candle - the Candle of Hope

Advent wreath with 1 candle lit representing the Patriarchs, Abraham, and the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Officiant: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. *(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)*

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Opening Sentences

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison

1982 Hymnal, S-91

(Music denoted with an S- prefix is service music and is located in the front of the hymnal.)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of the Lord

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

Officiant: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 25.

*1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

*2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

*3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.*

*4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.*

*5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.*

*6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.*

*7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*

*8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.*

*9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

Officiant and People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercession Prayers and Confession

Reader: Dear God, we seek to follow your will. Guide us as we deepen in spirituality, grow in compassion, and be your courageous hope in the world.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. We pray for **the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil; Ministry of our 11th Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown**. We pray also for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, our Bishop, Sarah, our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, **especially Fern Fryer, Carolyn Meub, Sally Sweet, Jay Bishop, David Castonguay, Gary Foskett, Gloria Hawley, Arnold Kirbach, Aaliya**

Patrick, Alysa Tarrant, Sue Zoesch. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, **we pray for: Rodney, John, Meg, Mike, Emily, Susan, Mona, Harriet, Mary Ann, Joan, Guy, Arlynn, Christian.** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, **especially Florence & Charles Perry, Robert Perry, Henry Perry, Catherine & John Quirk, John Jaworski in whose memory the altar flowers have been given,** that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Reader: God, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Officiant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Thank you for remaining in your place for the passing of the peace. In these times, you may exchange the peace through eye contact with a wave, a bow, a smile, or whatever motion you grow to embrace in this adapted practice.

Announcements

All may come up the center aisle to receive Communion. Alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. The priest will distribute the bread and the wine in "kits" that we will consume together once all are served.

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's love and joy in the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

S-120

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-114

*All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer B *(People stand or kneel as able.)*

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*All (sung): Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us your peace.*

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Thank you for following the direction of the ushers, maintaining 6 feet of distance from other family groups, and waiting to consume the elements upon returning to the pews.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn # 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Wake, awake! the night is flying

J. G. Walther

Exiting: *Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift. There are waste bins at each exit for communion container disposal. Join others for fellowship outside!*

