



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
December 1, 2024 - 10:30am

Large Print Bulletin

**Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to
love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.**

All are welcome.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please help us to connect by signing our online guestbook (scan the QR code) or visit with one of our greeters and clergy.



For more information, visit us online or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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Children in Church

Safe Church - Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times and are welcome to be in spaces for church-related activities. Please do not allow your child(ren) to enter into classrooms, the school library, or other meeting spaces alone.

Changing tables are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

Nursery Care is available from 10:00am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under. A Safe Church, Safe Communities certified adult is supported by our Nursery Team to welcome our littlest church members with joy and excitement. Contact: abond@trinitynola.com.

The Pray Ground is located at the front left of the church and serves as a place where young children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this place. Please help your child enjoy this space quietly and peacefully.

To Parents: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

Prelude, *Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme* (Awake! Cries the Voice to Us), BWV 645

J.S. BACH

Hymn in Procession, *O come, O come, Emmanuel* (Veni, veni, Emmanuel))VS. 1-4

BLUE HYMNAL 56

∞ Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant God our Father, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is Emmanuel, the hope of all people;
who is the wisdom that teaches and guides us;
who is the Savior of every nation.
Let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May it and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

∞ The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Celebrant To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
People **In you, O God, I put my trust.**
Celebrant Show me your ways, O Lord.
People **And teach me your paths. (Ps. 25)**

∞ Trisagion

Sung by choir once, then twice by all.



∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The People sit.

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

∞ The Gradual: Psalm 25: 1-9

Chant by William Crotch



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

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

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

Choir: Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

∞ The Second Reading

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, *Savior of the nations, come (Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland)*

Please stand as you are able.

BLUE HYMNAL 54

∞ The Holy Gospel

LUKE 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

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 does not 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND ANDREW THAYER

∞ The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together

**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.**

∞ The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

*Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
People "Lord, have mercy."*

*Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Shannon, and for our clergy Andrew,
John, Gary, Bobby and Carol, and the people of Trinity Church, let us pray to the
Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For our President, Joe, our President - elect, Donald, our Governor, Jeff, our
Mayor LaToya, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray
to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the city of New Orleans, for every city and community, and for those who live
in them, let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For our expectant parents and those who long to conceive or adopt. And for all
the blessings of this life, especially those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and
Marriage, let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, and for the sick and the
suffering, especially... let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for
prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to
the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,
especially)...let us pray to the Lord
People Lord, have mercy.*

Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

∞ The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People **And also with you.***

The People greet one another.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, *People Look East*

BESANCON CAROL, ARR. BARRY FERGUSON

People look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is one the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

∞ The Doxology

The People stand.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

∞ The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.

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 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



The People stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues on p. 362 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The Celebrant continues on p. 363 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

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

∞ The Lord's Prayer

Read aloud together.

**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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 364 in the Red Book of Common Prayer.

∞ The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

All

There-fore let us keep the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

∞ The Invitation

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

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, please use the hand sanitizer station before receiving the host. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem, *When Came in Flesh* "A Choice Collection of Psalm Tunes"

c.1721, arr. George Guest

When came in flesh the Incarnate Word,
the heedless world slept on,
And only simple shepherds heart
that God had sent His Son.

When comes the Savior at the last,
from east to west shall shine.
The awful pomp, and earth agast
shall tremble at the sign.

Then shall the pure of heart be blest;
as mild He comes to them,
as when upon the Virgin's breast,
He lay at Bethlehem.

Lord, who could dare see Thee descend
in state, unless he knew
Thou art the sorrowing sinner's friend,
the gracious and the true.

Dwell in our hearts, O Savior blest,
so shall Thine Advent's dawn
'twixt us and Thee, our bosom guest,
be but the veil withdrawn.

Communion Hymn, *Alleluia*

GREEN SONGBOOK 6

Communion Hymn, The Peace That Grows Within Me

GREEN SONGBOOK 37

∞ Sending Out Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Those who will visit the sick, home bound, and hospital bound are called forward.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy
gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of
Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, for we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

All stand.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your
Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his
Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to
love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

∞ The Blessing

Recessional Hymn, *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley)*

BLUE HYMNAL 57

∞ The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude, *Nun komm den Heiden Heiland*, BWV 661 (Savior of the Nations, Come)

J.S. BACH

Today's Worship Leaders

PREACHER:	The Rev. Andrew Thayer
CELEBRANT:	The Rev. John M. Pitzer
DEACON:	THE REVEREND CAROL BORNE SPENCER
ORGANIST:	Dr. Paul Weber

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Shared Story, Stewardship 2025 - With our lives and prayers, our presence and gifts, we are writing the next chapters in the story of Trinity Church; There is one grand story, comprised of many tiny stories, bound together by our faith in God and this community. What happens if we all lean in?

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2025, we encourage you to do so by December 1. Your pledge allows us to responsibly plan for our 2025 budget, seize opportunities for growth and provide ongoing support for the ever changing needs of our community. Scan the QR code to pledge online or visit <https://trinitynola.com/pledge>.



For those who have already made a stewardship commitment for 2025, thank you!

Featured Events

Caring for a Loved One (December 5) - Recognizing the ongoing stress of caregiving, gather for three sessions on Thursdays, November 7, 21, and December 5, at 9:30am in the Parish House. All who are managing the care of another and struggling with the enormous challenge it brings are encouraged to attend. Creating a safe and comforting space, we will be recognizing the loneliness and isolation it can bring as well as the fearful specter of death at the end. And, of course, we will discuss the love and hope that are part of this journey. Questions? Contact Debby Poitevent at dpoitev@aol.com.

Alvin Edinburgh's 90th Birthday Party! (December 8) - You're invited! Following the 10:30am service on Sunday, December 8, celebrate the 90th birthday of Alvin Edinburgh, TEEP's longtime director. Leading up to and during the event, Trinity is collecting funds to establish an endowment in Alvin's name, honor him, and lend ongoing financial support to TEEP. Make your gift towards our fundraising goal of \$50,000, at <https://trinitynola.com/alvin> in gratitude for the one who led TEEP so well and for so long.

Walking the Mourner's Path (begins January 2) is a Christ-centered, non-denominational grief support program. This eight-week program is designed to help participants navigate the stages of grief and honor their loved one in a guided small group setting. The next Walking the Mourner's Path workshops will meet on Thursdays at 5:00 beginning on January 2, 2025. Closing Eucharist on February 20, 2025. Space in the group is limited. Please contact Ninette Eastman at 504-339-3278 or nmceastman@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Worship: Beyond Sunday

Tuesday Morning Eucharist - Join us for Eucharist in the Chapel, every Tuesday at 7:30am.

YogaMass (December 7) - Offered on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30am in the sanctuary, YogaMass brings together the practice of yoga, breath work, meditation, and Holy Communion. Contact abond@trinitynola.com.

The Season of Advent

Advent Home Eucharists (December 3, 12, and 19) - On three Wednesdays in the season of Advent, Trinity will offer in-home Eucharists hosted by Trinity parishioners. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and worship with a small group of church family - a chance to connect with familiar faces and meet someone new. Attendees are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres to share. RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/trinityhomeeuch>.

Tuesday, December 3

Hosted by Keith Jordan & Richard Walker
5517 Berkley Drive
New Orleans, LA 70131

Thursday, December 19

Hosted by Alice Parkerson
& Brooke Duncan
303 Rue St. Ann
Metairie, LA 70005

Thursday, December 12

Hosted by George and Sarah Young
1309 Octavia Street
New Orleans, LA 70115

Enneagram Practice in Advent (December 6, 13 and 20) - On Fridays in Advent at 1:00pm, let us move with intention toward the incarnation of Jesus. We will practice shifting our attention from the darkness experienced in each Enneagram type to what is revealed in the inner light of divine essence. This will include space for quiet contemplation. Contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com to save a space.

Family Night: Feast of St. Nicholas (December 6) - On Friday, December 6 from 5:30 pm - 7:30pm, join us for our "annual" Spaghetti Supper with cookie decorating and a Godly Play story. Please consider being a part of the St. Nicholas Planning Committee. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Evening Prayer with Healing: A Light in the Darkness (December 10) - While the holidays can be a time of joy, it can also be a season of darkness and longing for people experiencing a loss, illness of a loved one, or simply the burden of too much going on in

our lives. Join us for a healing service of music and light. Please join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month.

Krewe de Voix Christmas Concert (December 13) - Krewe de Voix Chamber Choir, directed by Paul Weber, will present their annual Christmas concert at Trinity on Friday, December 13 at 7:00pm. The program will feature Palestrina's Missa de Beata Virgine, as well as carols and motets of the season. This highly anticipated holiday program is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Children's Christmas Liturgy (December 22) - Our Children's Christmas Liturgy will take place Sunday, December 22 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. The children will show us the way to Bethlehem. After this simple yet joyful service, we will gather in the circle drive to share in some holiday cheer under the twinkling lights of an old magnolia tree. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, 4:00pm in the Church - Rite II Festive Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve, 9:30pm in the Church - Rite II Festive Holy Eucharist featuring Schubert's Mass in G for choir, soloists and orchestra with carols beginning at 9:00pm.

Christmas Day, 10:30am in the Church - Rite II Holy Eucharist

Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music

Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music - Help adorn our worship space for Christmas and honor or remember a loved one by giving to the Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music fund. All gifts, great and small, are appreciated.



Give online at <https://trinitynola.com/christmas-memorials/>, scan the QR code or send a check via mail. Please send the names and your donation to the church office, attention: Ashley Eastham, (or by email to aeastham@trinitynola.com) and indicate whether your dedication is intended for Christmas Flowers or Christmas Music. The dedications will be printed in the bulletins for Christmas Eve services. **The deadline for submissions is December 13.**



Christmas Giving Opportunities

Christmas Giving Tree for Anna's Place Youth (Due December 17) - Anna's Place youth programs offer a comprehensive arts-based curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment to help alleviate the inequalities that disproportionately affect communities in poverty. Sponsor the Christmas wish list of one specific youth by selecting a name off of the Christmas Giving Tree in Bishops Hall. The deadline for returning wrapped presents is Tuesday, December 17.

Gifts for Seniors at Clover (Order by December 16) - This year we will continue the tradition of providing Christmas gifts for the Clover (formerly Kingsley House) Adult Day

Care Program. Gift packages are curated and purchased directly from The Fancy Pelican by emailing tina@tfpnola.com or scan the QR code in this bulletin or near the Giving Tree in Bishops Hall.

Christmas Ministry Cards - Need a thoughtful Christmas gift? Christmas Ministry Cards are \$25 each and benefit a Trinity ministry including: Trinity Loaves and Fishes, Trinity Educational Enrichment Program (TEEP), Medical Mission, Music Ministry, Trinity Loaves and Fishes Africa, and our Mission Commission (Outreach). Cards may be purchased at Jack's House during the week, or at coffee hour on Sunday mornings, December 1, December 8, December 15.

Christmas Essentials Envelopes (Deadline December 18) - Selected families from Clover (formerly Kingsley House) and Jesus Project Ministries will receive a Christmas Essentials Envelope with a letter and a \$100 gift card to WalMart. To donate, contact jpitzer@trinitynola.com.

Children, Youth and Families

High School Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will meet on Wednesdays in December from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Molly's House for some holiday themed fun! 12/4 Cookie Making; 12/11 Gingerbread House Competition; 12/18 Christmas Movie Night. This month's social outing is a festive evening with friends and beignets at Celebration in the Oaks Sunday, December 8th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com for more info. Learn more at trinitynola.com/formation/youth.

High School Pilgrimage to France (June 6-15, 2025) - High School students are invited to travel to Taizé, a faith community in Burgundy, France, where we will join the monastery's rhythms of daily prayer, service, and rest. This is a unique opportunity for high schoolers to connect with themselves, one another, and God. For more information, email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Guild of the Christ Child (GOTCC) - Is your family growing? Please let us know! If you are expecting, adopting, fostering, and anything in between, please email Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com so that we can pray for you and your family.

Godly Play is a Montessori approach to the spiritual formation of children and is offered every Sunday at 10:30am during the school year. Classes are organized by grade (PK3-5th). To learn more contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Adult Formation

Sundays

Rector's Forum - You're invited to the Rector's Forum, Sundays at 9:15am, held in our new Menge Family Board Room at Jack's House! This weekly gathering is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Sunday Episcopal Lectionary readings in greater depth. Each session, we'll dive into the themes, context, and insights of the Scripture, with plenty of time for discussion, questions, and reflection. Whether you're curious about the readings,

looking to deepen your understanding, or simply want to connect with fellow parishioners, all are welcome!

12 Steps are for Everyone is for anyone seeking a practical path to spiritual and emotional freedom. Join us Sundays at 9:15am in the Church Board Room. Contact Patty Justice at justicepatty8@gmail.com.

Faith and Fiction Class meets at 9:15am in the classroom just off the Trinity School Library in-person, and also on Zoom. Facilitators choose short stories (mostly secular) to discuss from a Christian perspective, looking for glimmers of the divine, illustrations of God's grace, and insights about how to live our lives in accord with the teachings of Jesus. New members and "drop-ins" are always welcome. Contact Merry Touns at merryparis@yahoo.com.

Weekdays

Mens Bible Study Breakfast - This group gathers for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study with the rector, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer, from 6:30am - 8:00am on Wednesdays.

Diocesan Events

Women Gather in Community-Solomon Center (December 12) - Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus, a time of prayerful yearning for Emmanuel, "God with us." And, it is often hard to find the quiet we need to open our hearts to receive what is longing to be born in us. This day will be about setting aside time for that kind of opening. Our facilitator is The Rev. Liz Embley-Beazley, Rector of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in Hammond. All are welcome, on Thursday, December 12 from 9:00am - 3:00pm, fee: \$50 (includes lunch). Questions: Please call Lisa Holden (504) 296-7234

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