

**CHURCH OF THE TRINITY**  
323 East Lincoln Highway  
Coatesville, PA 19320



**December 2024**

# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

### By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

December marks the beginning of the church season of Advent, a season of anticipation. And then our glorious Christmas services celebrating and marking the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ at 5 p.m. (Family Service) and 8 p.m. (Candlelight Service).

Advent begins on December 1 and is a church season designed to reclaim what we have lost in our hearts. Joyce Rupp, in her book *May I Have This Dance?: An Invitation to Faithful Prayer Throughout the Year* has this to say:

“A sense of homelessness exists in the heart of every individual. Advent is not meant to be a cozy, self-satisfied time in which we wait for “Baby Jesus” to be born. The birth of Jesus is a historical event. Advent focuses instead on our own place of exile and whether or not this Savior who was born and lived on our earth has made a difference in our lives. Have we taken to heart the promises of hope that he held out to us? Do we have a great yearning in our heart for the sacred? Advent is a season to remember that Jesus has already come and that he offered us many insights and examples for our own inner homecoming.

As we pray Advent, let us hold the consolations of God close to the exiled places of our hearts. God offers us light, consolation, and comfort for our homelessness. Advent is a time of homecoming, a time of joy and enthusiasm as we hear again God's promises to be with us and to resettle us in love.

As we watch the dance of snowflakes or the flicker of tree lights or the magic of a child's wondering eyes, let us see the deeper dance that is ever at play in our soul. The God of exiles calls us to dance our way home, to play upon the soil of our heart's sacred land. Emmanuel, God-with-us, shows us the way to the land of peace, to our true selves”.

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*Join us in hearing of God's promises to be with us at a Christmas Eve service. Family Service at 5 p.m. (featuring our young people) and our special Candlelight Service (featuring guest cellist, Lauren Blackwell) at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24.*

## **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24**

***Family Service 5 p.m.***

***Candlelight Service 8 p.m.***

Join us for our Family Service at 5 p.m. featuring our young people!

Or, join us for our special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 8 p.m. The Candlelight Service will feature guest cellist, Lauren Blackwell.

No service on Christmas Day.

The Candlelight service will be live-streamed and stored on the church's Facebook Page and uploaded to our YouTube Channel for viewing on Christmas Day or later that evening.

## **Lessons and Carols with Communion Sunday, December 29**

As is customary, Trinity will be holding Lessons and Carols on the first Sunday after Christmas. This falls on December 29, 2024 this year! Join us for a special service where we get to sing those old favorites during the Christmas season (which doesn't end until Epiphany!).

## **The Sounds of Christmas**

***On Sunday, Dec 8 at 3pm, Trinity will be hosting a joyous concert to inspire and get us into the Christmas spirit. Our gifted Choirmaster, Rachel Lee Anemone, will be at the piano offering traditional Christmas music, including some of our favorite carols and Holiday songs. And we'll all be invited to join in the singing. To add to the beauty of this concert, Rachel's associate and friend of Trinity, Lauren Blackwell, will accompany Rachel with her musical talents on the cello. A free will offering will be accepted and a reception will follow in Stone Hall (volunteers for set-up and food/drink offerings are asked to contact Pat Kirkner).***



*We are most grateful for the generosity of Rachel and Lauren and we urge you to invite friends and family to enjoy the spirit with us. Mark your calendar.....Sun, Dec 8, 3-4pm with a reception to follow.*

### **ANOTHER WORD ABOUT DECEMBER EVENTS. . . .**

See the flyers elsewhere in this bulletin about our upcoming Christmas Concert and Breakfast with Santa events.

These traditional holiday features are important to both the community and to Trinity. To help make these holiday celebrations a success, we welcome participation from the congregation.

The Christmas Concert requests a free will donation, and will be followed by a reception in the social hall. Breakfast with Santa will once again serve dozens community of children and their family a healthy breakfast accompanied with arts & crafts as well as a visit with Santa himself!

If you are interested in helping out for these events, either by volunteering, providing food or with a financial contribution, please contact Pat Kirkner at (610) 496-6492 or [pjkirk111@comcast.net](mailto:pjkirk111@comcast.net).



### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS-2024**

This year again, we will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the church at Christmas. If you are interested in placing memorial flowers in the church, please fill in your name, phone number and how many plants you are ordering along with the name of the person(s) placed in memory of. Make checks payable to Church of the Trinity and return this order form with your check to the parish office no later than December 1st. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$13.00 for each plant ordered.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON(S) PLACED IN MEMORY OF:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





# Sounds of Christmas

Rachel Lee Anemone, Pianist

Lauren Blackwell, Cellist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8  
3 PM - 4 PM

Reception to Follow

A free-will offering benefitting Trinity  
will be accepted.

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COATESVILLE, PA 19320  
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# Breakfast with Santa



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Join us for Breakfast with Santa at  
**Episcopal Church of the Trinity,**

**323 East Lincoln Highway,**  
**Coatesville,** in our social hall.

One of the best in the area!

**Meet Santa!**

Activities table for the kids

★ Cost is \$8.50

Seniors \$6.50

Kids 5-11 \$5.00

Children 4 and under are free

Church phone: 610-384-4771





Happy  
Anniversary

Jennifer Chance	2-Dec
Samuel Haak	4-Dec
Ann Furlong	5-Dec
Bella Baynard	9-Dec
William McWilliams	16-Dec
Shane McWilliams	17-Dec
Wayne Hanley	17- Dec
Miranda Croft	21-Dec
Pam Smyth	22-Dec
Chase Crompton	24-Dec
David Rutledge	25- Dec
Bill Terry	25-Dec
Betty Sullivan	31-Dec



# December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		NO Healing Service- Deanery Christmas Lunch		Coatesville Christmas Parade  SH Rented
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Christmas Concert 3PM	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon ***** Thistle Hills Ugly Sweater Christmas Party 3-6 PM		Breakfast with Santa
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SH Rented	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SH Rented	Bible Study 1130AM	Christmas Eve Services 5 p.m. 8 p.m.	Christmas Day	Office Closed		
29	30	31				
Christmas Lessons & Carols with Communion 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study 1130AM ***** Office Closed	AA 7PM ***** New Year's Eve				

## Readers, Servers and Greeters for December 2024

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
12/1	Vic Shanley	James Gaddy	Pat Bush
12/8	Greg Bentley	Minnie Kirwin	Erika Haak
12/15	Paul Shidlowski	Deborah Murray	Bill Terry
12/22	Vic Shanley	Pat Bush	Chris Haak
12/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
12/29	TBD	TBD	TBD

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**Mission Statement**

Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.

Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays via Zoom  
Healing Svc 12:00 PM

Jamoca Harkins,  
Parish Administrator

Parish Office Hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 1-3 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4-7 PM

**THE EPISCOPAL  
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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM