

Worship Times:

Sunday

8:00 AM

Rite I Eucharist

9:15 AM

Family Eucharist

11:00 AM

Rite II Eucharist

First Saturday of Every Month

5:00 PM

1st Saturday
Eucharist

Rector's Thoughts

With the 4th Sunday of Advent right around the corner, many are entering into the final stages of their preparation for Christmas. It's no different here at Trinity. This Sunday's 11 o'clock service will be Advent Lessons and Carols, an opportunity to hear and to celebrate the story leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ. Following the service we will hold the annual Greening of the Church when we will decorate the church for our Christmas celebration. Come help hang the greens, enjoy some refreshments, and spend some time in fellowship as we share in this annual task.

Links

[Trinity Church](#)
[The Diocese of VA](#)
[Region One](#)
[The Episcopal Church](#)

Special Family Service for All God's Children Christmas Service! This Saturday's (December 17) service is a special Christmas service for children and youth of any age, and especially appropriate for children with Autism, PDD-NOS, ADHD, ADD, Down Syndrome or any other developmental/physical challenge. All Trinitarians are welcome.

Christmas Worship Schedule- Please [click here](#) to view.

READERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR LESSONS AND CAROLS THIS SUNDAY!

Please call the church office (540-373-2996) or [email Ben](#) by noon on Thursday, December 15 to sign up. We need your help!

Join us after Sunday's 11 a.m. Service for the **Greening of the Church**, our annual celebration when we decorate the church, sing some carols, and share in fellowship. It should begin about 12:15.

Please join us for **Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.** on the weekdays in Advent. Spend about 20 minutes in prayer and worship as part of your preparation for Christmas this year!

Attention All Dinners for 8 Groups: The Annual Christmas Party will be held in Barber Hall on Sunday, December 18 from 6 - 9 P.M. Please watch your mailbox for more information.

The Fellowship Commission is proud to announce the second "Kiss and Tell" progressive dinner utilizing the Fredericksburg Trolley. This year, we have the entire trolley reserved for 17 couples. The cost is \$55.00/person, payable to Bruce Adkins. The date is February 26th, a Sunday night, beginning at 6:00p.m. Restaurants include the Marriott, Bavarian Chef, Buttermilk and Old Lace, Castiglia's, and the Inn at the Silk Mill. Sign up sheet is on the Narthex door. For questions, contact Bruce at 540-898-2438.

Thank you to our Trinity family for a lovely memorial service and reception for Jac Russler on November 19; as well as all the expressions of sympathy and compassion, including cards, prayers and continued support during our loss. It is very comforting and healing to have the warm and caring support of our Trinity family, especially in times of need. Thank you. *Nancy Russler and family.*

Final Donations - Please have your final donations to Trinity Church for 2011 into the parish office by Noon on Friday, December 30, to be included in your giving statement for this year. Donations that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, in order to be counted in this tax year. Gifts to the parish budget or to the capital campaign will further the work of God through Trinity Episcopal Church.

Morning Knit / Crochet Group meets next Thursday, December 21, from 10:00-Noon in the Lounge. For more information, contact Vicky at (540) 373-2996 or [by email](#).

Contribution envelopes for 2012 are on the tables in the back of the church. If you want envelopes and you do not see your name on a box please write your name on the paper provided on the table.

Club 45 meets this Sunday, December 18! The votes are in: we're going to the movies! The movie we are going to see is *Alvin & the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked* (about 1 hr. 30 min). For more information, contact Vicky Koch at the office or [by email](#).

Homeless Person's Memorial Day is Wednesday December 21st. To view a flyer about a special service in honor of this event, please [click here](#).

Baptism Classes began last Saturday morning. There is still time to join the sessions in order to participate in the baptisms that will be held during the 11 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, January 8, 2012. Please call the church office (540-373-2996) for more information.

The **newly elected members of the vestry and the vestry officers will be installed** during the 11 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols this coming Sunday.

Volunteers are still needed to carry the figures to the crèche at the beginning of the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Eucharist. Please sign up on the list on the church door or by calling the church office (540-373-2996). Simply report to the Ida Beck Chapel by quarter to six on Christmas Eve for a few quick instructions.

Calendar of Events

Thursday December 15

6:30 pm Daughters of the King
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 16

6:30 pm Youth Group
Trolley Ride and Caroling

Saturday December 17

5:00 pm Special Service for All God's Children

Tuesday December 20

5:30 pm Outreach

Trinity Trivia:

Did you know that the Vestry will elect its new officers at tonight's meeting?

Each year the Vestry elects a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Register, and an Assistant Treasurer. These five people will serve along with Kent Rahm as the Vestry's Executive Committee throughout 2012.