

Trinity Episcopal Church

Welcome visitors! We are glad to have you worship with us today and hope you will want to return. Please fill out the information card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Trinity is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Chartered in 1836, Trinity Episcopal Church is Apalachicola's historic "first church." Services have been held here for more than 175 years. It is with great joy that we thank God for our blessings and for the beauty of this place.

Ministries for Christmas Eve Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Martha C. Harris
Acolyte	Frank Cook
Lectors	Ralph Wagoner & Sam Paschal
Prayers	George Rudo
Chalice Bearers	Patti McCartney & Frank Cook
Music	Ina Margaret Meyer
Greeters	Jim & Geri Anderson
Altar Guild	Aglaia Dolan, Susan Galloway & T. McLain
Flower Guild	all members

Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry

Rector	The Rev. Martha Caldwell Harris
Vestry	Jim Anderson, Gloria Austin, Susan Clementson, Ron Harris, Debbie Hooper, David McLain, Ina Meyer, Terry Nelson & Candace Springer
Clerk of the Vestry	Landy Luther
Treasurer	Ron Bence
Chancellor	Robert Stallings
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Tom & Rennie Edwards in memory of Tom Edwards, Roswell & Eleanor Falkenberry, Lynn & David Angell & George Falkenberry and in thanksgiving for Chris, Whitney, Emme, Georgia, Jarred, Leslie, Graham and friends

Paul McAbee & Kay Carson in celebration of the holiday season

Terry Nelson & Ginger Madewell in memory of Naomi Brown, Hal Reading, Loam Brown and Scott McFee

Kristin Anderson in memory of Odin Anderson & Helen Anderson, my dear parents, and in thanksgiving for all my wonderful prayers

C.T. & Myra Ponder in memory of Peggy George

Dave & T. McLain in memory of Eugenia and Samuel Bowles, David and Alma McLain our parents and in thanksgiving for Mary, David III and John McLain our children and in celebration of Jack, Finn, Joe, David, Lacy, Carter and Mimi our grandchildren

Bootsey & Toonie in memory of our father, mother, brother and friend George, Peggy, Michael George and John G. Howard

Brooks & Faye Jones in memory of David Lloyd and Eloise Taylor Jones, LeRoy and Beatrice Barnett and in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren

Karen Hoff in memory of Jarvis H. Hirted Jr. (father) and in thanksgiving for my sons; Lt. Joseph G. Hoff III and Thomas D. Hoff

George Niblack & Martha Snowden in memory of David Spare Snowden – may he rest in peace

Charlie & Peggy Hawkins in memory of John V. Miner, Jr. and in thanksgiving for our family

Robert & Nina Kaufman in memory of Harry & Helen Kaufman

Ruth Young in memory of Roy Young and in thanksgiving for my grandchildren, Daniel Alexander, Haden Macbeth, Henry Macbeth and Alice Marie

Bob & Beverley Connors in memory of Michael, Jane and John Miklos; Herb and Marie Connors and in thanksgiving for having Michael in our lives and Jane, John, Herb and Marie as our parents.

Christmas Flowers for the Christmas season are given by:

Paulette Moss in memory of Jeremiah W. Moss

Richard Jost & Debbie Bachman in thanksgiving for God's presence in this church and our life and in celebration of this wonderful season

Bob & Pat Horn in thanksgiving for family and friends near and far.

Bill & Patti McCartney in thanksgiving for our grandchildren

Ralph & Susie Wagoner in memory of our parents and in celebration of the birth of the Christ child

Tony & Linda Minichiello in memory of our loved ones

Lynn Wilson in memory of Alysia Michelle Wilson

Dorothy P. Hill in memory of Mr. & Mrs. G. Rodman Porter, G.R. Porter Jr, Wallace Hill and Harold Quackenbush and in thanksgiving for Wallace Besore, Wyatt Pelt and Emilyn Craig

Ed & Candace Springer in memory of Corawayne Wright, Thomas Wright, Florence & Morris Springer and in thanksgiving for our family and church family

Barry & Ginger Lawson in celebration of Wyatt, Emilie and Sebastain

Ron & Jane Harris in thanksgiving for Christmas at Trinity

Marie Fortunas in memory of Alex & Beth Fortunas

George & Bella Rudo in memory of our parents, Bob & May Johnson and Grace & George Rudo

Bill & Lissa Omohundro in memory of David Spare Snowden (brother of Martha Snowden Niblack)

Ina Margaret Meyer in memory of Buddy & Gladys Meyer

Aglaia Dolan in memory of Hal G. Dolan

Lorna Seyler & Arlene Wingate in memory of our parents, Anna & John Bergstrom, Harold Seyler & David Wingate

**Christmas Eve 2015
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
6:00 p.m.**

Prelude Christmas Carols Ina Meyer

Processional Hymn #83 O come, all ye faithful
Opening Acclamation BCP-355
Collect for Purity BCP-355
Gloria, #96 Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Collect of the Nativity:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Second Reading Titus 2:11-14
Sequence Hymn #87 (v.1&2) Hark! the herald angels sing
The Gospel Luke 2:1-20
The Sermon The Rev. Martha C. Harris

Prayers of the People

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word in our flesh.

May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us.

In this holy night angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Sun of righteousness.

Strengthen all who work for peace and justice.

In this holy night you came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn.

Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.

In this holy night shepherds and outcasts heard your good news.

Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation.

In this holy night we rejoice at the coming of this time of re-creation.

Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us.

In this holy night Christians throughout the world are celebrating Christ's birth.

Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness.

In this holy night your living Word leaped down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

In this holy night heaven and earth embrace and in your true child you give us power to be your children. Fulfil in your love all who have gone before us in the faith.

May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light.

Hear these prayers we bring to you and fulfil your purposes in us in the name of Jesus, your incarnate Word. **Amen.**

The Peace

Offertory Anthem
At the Presentation

While by our sleeping flock we lay
Doxology with Alleluias

BCP-360
17th Century
H#618

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (standing or kneeling)

BCP-361

Sanctus

S-129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP-364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP-364

Fraction Anthem WLP #866

Christ our Passover

All are invited to communion at Trinity Church! Please come forward and kneel or stand at communion rail, with hands palms up, one over the other. If you do not care for wine, cross your arms over your chest to signal the server.

Communion Hymns

#115

What child is this, who, laid to rest

#101

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

#99

Go tell it on the mountain

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP-365

Hymn #111

(please stand)

Silent night, holy night

Ushers will light candles for those at center aisle. Please pass the light down the pew.

Christmas Blessing

John Birch/ www.faithandworship.com

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts:
that the God who breathed this world into being,
placed stars into the heavens
and designed a butterfly's wing,
is the God who entrusted his life
to the care of ordinary people,
became vulnerable that we might know
how strong is the power of love --
a mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp,
a mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn #100

Joy to the World!

Dismissal