

Holy Trinity Schedule for December

- SUN 12/2** **First Sun. in Advent (reg. schedule)**
WED 12/5 *Midweek Advent Vesper (7p) – series on back*
- SUN 12/9** **Second Sun. in Advent (Children's Practice 9a)**
Congregation Carol Outing
TUES 12/11 *LWO Christmas Dinner (6p)*
WED 12/12 *Midweek Advent Vesper (7p)*
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- SUN 12/16** **Third Sun. in Advent (Children's Practice 9a)**
WED 12/19 *Midweek Advent Vesper (7p)*
- SUN 12/23** **Fourth Sun. in Advent (Children's Practice 9a)**
Outdoor Nativity Narrative (10a)
MON 12/24 *Children's Christmas Eve Service (6:30p)*
TUES 12/25 *Nativity of Our Lord - Service of Word (10a)*

12/24-1/6 *HT School Christmas Break*
- SUN 12/30** **First Sunday after Christmas (reg. schedule)**
MON 12/31 *NY Eve Service (6:30p, followed by meal)*
SAT 1/5 *Youth Group Party (5p)*

Advent Vesper Series

Wednesdays at 7:00p (Dec. 5, 12, 19)

God and Sinners Reconciled!

The Coming of Christ in the Book of Colossians

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Coming of the Creator God in the Crib – Dec. 5

– The Cosmos is Reconciled to the Creator

Coming of the Lord of all as the Head of the Church – Dec. 12

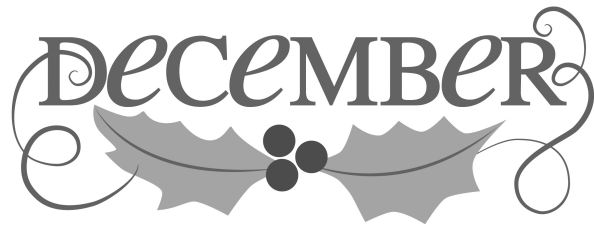
– The Church is Reconciled to Its Lord and Head

Coming of the Savior of Mankind on the Cross – Dec. 19

– Sinners are Reconciled through the Fullness of God on the Cross

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
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*Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
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