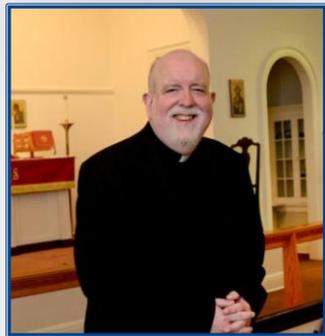


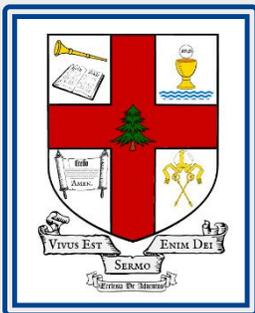
# The Church of the Advent



An Anglican Church  
in the heart of the  
Sandhills!



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# ADVENTures

Your upcoming events at TCOTA



Please join us for **Stations of the Cross** every  
Friday through March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm  
(NO Stations of the Cross on Good Friday)

**Why don't we say "Alleluia" or sing "The Gloria" during Lent?** The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the first Proclamation of the Resurrection at the Great Vigil of Easter. It is a solemn season. Through fasting and prayer, we focus on repentance and the cross of Christ, as we anticipate the ineffable joys of His Resurrection. On Easter, our voices will once again echo "Alleluia, Alleluia" as we proclaim Christ's eternal victory over satan, sin, and death, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.



**Friday Night, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
Following Stations of the Cross

Join your TCOTA church family for a special Lenten showing of the movie

**Son of God (2014 PG-13)**

This age-appropriate movie tells the story of Jesus from his birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection.

**Great for families! Invite a friend! Popcorn included!!!**

[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3210686/?ref=mv\\_sm](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3210686/?ref=mv_sm)

Are you at least 16 years old and want to get involved? **Become an Usher!** We need YOU!



~ No big time commitments, just a friendly smile

~Duties are easy! Greet people as they arrive, hand out service booklets, take Communion Elements to the altar during service, collect the plate.

Contact Becky Addison at 919-624-1782 or email

[beckyaddisonhva@gmail.com](mailto:beckyaddisonhva@gmail.com)

March 17<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Patrick of Ireland!

## Sunday Mornings:

**JOIN US**

**9:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass** (with Traditional Language & incense)

**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Children's Chapel is offered at both services for ages 4-10 (following the Gospel Proclamation and returning during the Offertory)

**Nursery care is available during both services for children ages 0-3**



## Wednesdays:

**6:00 p.m. \*Holy Eucharist**

**6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study and Youth Group** (ages 11-17)

*\*Note: A Service of Healing followed by a light supper is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.*

## Thursdays:

**12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

**12:45 p.m. Book Study** (bagged lunches welcome!)



## Women's Evening Bible Study

Part II of *Women of the Bible* Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at TCOTA.

The cost is \$10 for the book and are available at the church. For more info, please contact Susan Saulsbury or Belinda Furby!



**Got Dirt? Or a pair of gloves?**

**Bring them to our annual Bible Garden/Churchyard Workday!**

**Saturday, March 28, 2026 @ 10:00am**

Outdoorsy work not your thing? No problem! We'll be working **inside** the church, too! Dusting, polishing, etc! There's plenty of work for adults, youth and young adults!

Would you like to remember, celebrate or honor a loved one with an Easter Lily this Easter?



This beautiful tradition is a key element of our Easter celebration, as the Lily, which is mentioned many times in the Bible, represents purity, hope, rebirth and new beginnings! Easter Lilies are more than just flowers; they are symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! See the sign-up page in the Narthex! A suggested donation of \$25-\$50 will be most graciously appreciated!



**Sign up NOW for Spring Supper Clubs (Apr/May/June) - It's easy! Just write your name on the sign-up page in the Narthex! Not sure what it's all about? Grab a flyer in the Narthex or ask Bree Kingsley for more info!**

## Communion Classes for Children and Youth



Would you like your children to learn more about Communion? Perhaps develop a better understanding of this Holy Sacrament? Melissa leads an age-appropriate Communion class for ages 7-12 during both services. Please see Fr. Michael or Melissa to enroll your wee ones!

**Note: Father Michael is off on Mondays! If you have an emergency, please contact Father Bill at 910-986-6764!**





## Palm Sunday, March 29

 Bishop Julian Dobbs, our Diocesan Bishop, will be with us for both Services on Palm Sunday! Procession of Palms at 9 & 11!

## Maundy Thursday (*Sacred Triduum Part I*), April 2

 **6:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist (*with the Washing of Feet (if desired) and the Stripping of the Sanctuary*).

Keeping Watch with Jesus for One Hour: "And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping... 'So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak'" (Matthew 26:40-41). It is the custom in many Anglican churches like ours for persons to come to the church and to pray and reflect upon our Lord's Passion and the words of Holy Scripture for one hour in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament; the Sacrament being placed on what is known as the Altar of Repose. This year we are asking people to sign up to "watch and pray" for one hour anytime between the end of Maundy Thursday Service through Midnight. The Watch will conclude at Midnight with Compline.

## Good Friday (*Sacred Triduum Part II*), April 3

 **6:00 p.m.** Service (*Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified*)

## Holy Saturday/*The Great Vigil of Resurrection (Sacred Triduum Part III)*, April 4

 **7:30 p.m.** The Great Vigil of the Resurrection (*with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*)

## Easter Sunday, April 5:

**Bring a finger food breakfast item to share!**  
*Then help us hide the eggs!!*



**9:55am: Blessing of the Easter Baskets ~ Fr. Michael will kick-off our annual egg hunt with a blessing-of-the-Easter-baskets from the "front porch"**



**10:00am: Easter Egg Hunt** for ages 0-10 yrs!  
*BYOB (Bring your own basket!)*

**11:00 am: Easter Sunday Service**  
*(Note: there will be no 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Solemn High Mass)*



## Flowering of the Cross

**Please bring flowers and greenery** from your home on Easter morning to decorate our Easter Cross! *This is a GREAT photo spot!*

*Are you interested in Confirmation or Reception? Not sure what the difference is? Please speak with Father Michael. To help you prepare, a book study on Gerald R. McDermott's Deep Anglicanism - A Brief Guide (second edition) is being offered on Wednesday evenings @6:45pm -and- Thursday afternoons @ 12:45pm.*

**ALL parishioners are invited to attend!**



**FRIAR TUCK'S THEOLOGY ON TAP**  
will resume in April following the Lenten Season.  
*See you next month!*



Don't carry a heavy heart- let our **Prayer Team**, led by Father Bill and Linda, pray over you during communion in the Narthex. Need daily prayer for yourself or someone you care about? Write your request on one of the little cards in the heart-shaped bowl in the Narthex.



The *official* TCOTA choir holds rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm for parishioners ages 8 and up! Questions? Need more info? email David @ [davidlussiermusic@gmail.com](mailto:davidlussiermusic@gmail.com)



✓ **Spring Morning Prayer Walk, Outreach Project...and MORE!**



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