



Call to Worship *Waiting Here for You*
Processional Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Welcome + Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise *I Shall Not Want*
*Here I Am to Worship**

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
Song of Response *Jesus Shall Reign*
[KIDS EXIT · DROP OFF 3YR THRU K]
Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon "John Prepares the Way" Tim Mayfield

The Nicene Creed + Prayers of the People

Passing of the Peace + Announcements
[KIDS RETURN · PARENTS PICK UP 3YR THRU 5TH GRADE]

Offertory *Joyful, Joyful*

Doxology + Communion (Prayer B)

Songs of Praise *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*
All to Us
How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Thanksgiving + Blessing

Closing Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Dismissal

Prayer at the Rail

Welcome!

We're delighted to have you join us for worship today. If you are a first-time guest, please visit our welcome cart just outside the sanctuary to receive a gift and to ask any questions. Or fill out a welcome card located in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate.

Christmas at Truro

Carols by Glowstick

SUN DEC 11
5:00 + 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

SAT DEC 24

Family Services
2:30 + 4:30 PM

Evening Services

7:30 PM (6:45 PM prelude)
10:30 PM (9:45 PM prelude)

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUN DEC 25
11:15 AM

NEW YEARS DAY

SUN JAN 1

Services
11:15 AM + 5:00 PM

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*11:15 am service only



Next Sunday: Bring Everyone to Carols by Glowstick!

Sun, Dec 11 | 5:00 + 7:00 pm

Only one more week until the most fun event you can go to in a church! Invite everyone you know to come with you—kids and adults will all love it. We know they'll love it because the Sanctuary has been packed out each year that we've done this event. That's why we're doing two this year! Let all your Facebook friends know about it by clicking "going" on the Facebook event, found on the Truro Anglican page. Then share it on your Timeline! And post it to your neighborhood Facebook group! Tweet it! Whatever social media you use, put it out there.



Listening to God in Our Giving

by Missy Temme

Here is a story integral to my journey in giving! In 2010, our family had what we needed month to month, but there was no wiggle room for extras. In October, I was at a Christian conference that God had moved financial mountains to enable me to attend. After seeing my trip funded, it seemed almost a small thing when a job came my way that netted me \$60 right before I left. I was so grateful because it meant that the food for my stay was taken care of. It was God's cherry on top, I supposed. But at the first session of the conference, an offering was taken. I felt that God told me to give all that food money. "Wait, what?? But God, YOU gave me this money!"

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Look at the Impact of Your Generous Giving in November!

by Bob Tate

Folks, Truro had an amazing November, no question about it! Here are some highlights of what happened during the month:

- Our Youth Retreat was a great success, with more than 60 people. It was a powerful, Spirit-filled event, with incredible times of fellowship and prayer, and Hannah King leading the teaching!
- The fall Alpha course had its Day Away and finished up this month. This was the first ever "family friendly" Alpha at Truro, with an earlier time and a great program for both parents and kids.

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Listening to God

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I wrestled with it and gave half. That sense came again to give it all. I chased down the bucket and, with pounding heart, gave all my food money for the next four days.

Here is the extravagance of God. I gave when He said to give, however much I wrestled with it, and I gave how much He said to give, which was definitely more than I would have given on my own... but can I tell you that people paid for every single meal! Strangers paid for me at restaurants. People bought me coffee and insisted I get the size up! I hadn't told anyone about the money, and yet I didn't spend a single dime on food or drink after that night. I lacked nothing.

What I learned and continue to learn is that when we listen to God's call and respond with generosity, God will always outdo us in the most creative ways.

Whether you are the person hearing the Lord, yet nervous to give more than you'd otherwise choose (like I was), or you are the person who says "yes" to joyful giving (like those who paid for me), let us journey together as a community to listen for the Lord, learning from one another, as we consider the challenge to tithe and the overall generosity of our daily lives. We will see that He is a God who keeps His Word. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, shaken together and running over, will be poured out into your lap." (Luke 6:38)

i You can make your pledge using one of the pledge cards in the pews. Contact Jan Siler with questions: jsiler@truroanglican.com.

MISSIONS

Mission Partner Dessert Evening

Tue, Dec 6 | 7:30 pm | Undercroft

Join us this Tues to welcome back Dale G, home for the holidays from the Middle East, where she has served for many years. Dale comes with inspiring reports of what God has been doing recently in several nations. Also, Clare O'Leary, recently returned to Truro after many years of service with Wycliffe Bible Translators, will speak about her next steps in ministry. Join us for holiday desserts and hot spiced cider in an uplifting time with two of our wonderful overseas partners.

Your Giving Impact

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- We held a special Election Day Communion service to promote unity in the Body of Christ. More than 100 people came.
- We had four major Thanksgiving events. We had a TIPS Thanksgiving for more than 200 guests and volunteers. It was a fantastic night of people of all faiths coming together for a meal and a chance to learn about Christ's love for all. We also had our annual Senior Thanksgiving lunch, with 10 new seniors. The Young Adults Thanksgiving the following Sunday evening attracted over 60 people! And over the holiday weekend, José Garrigó led a group of 33 international friends to a special Thanksgiving with the Amish in Pennsylvania. Many lives were deeply touched, with one gentleman giving his life to Christ!
- Tory and others took us on an incredible journey through the Book of Esther. Many people responded positively!
- Finally, we had a very special Truro staff wedding. Our Volunteer and Nursery Coordinator, Mary Anne Keena, married our Parish Secretary, Jeremy Lamb! It was a truly joyous occasion!

So much is happening, folks—can't wait to see what December brings! Ho! Ho! Ho!

2016 is almost history. Please consider an end-of-year gift to help Truro end the year well as our ministry marches on in 2017.

If you would like to give a gift of stock, please contact Jan Siler at jsiler@truroanglican.com

Save the Date

DECEMBER

- 6 Mission Partner Dessert Evening:
Dale G
7:30 pm | Undercroft
- 11 Carols by Glowstick
5:00 + 7:00 pm | Sanctuary
- 16 Youth Christmas Party
6:00-9:00 pm | Upper Room
- 16 Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal
12:00 pm
- 18 Children & Youth Christmas Eve
Choir Rehearsal
5:30-6:30 pm
- 20 Moms Connect
7:00-9:00 pm | Common Grounds
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
2:30, 4:30, 7:30 + 10:30 pm | Sanctuary
- 25 Christmas Day Service
11:15 am | Sanctuary

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Services
11:15 am + 5:00 pm
- 7 Marriage Retreat
9:00 am - 2:30 pm | Undercroft
- 27 Winter Alpha Kickoff
7:00 pm | Undercroft



Join Truro Online!

Visit our online community today.
For help or more info, contact Karen
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CHRISTMAS

You Can Be Part of Christmas at Truro

There is a place for everyone to be part of the pageantry and music of Christmas at Truro. Families and individuals of all ages are needed to play shepherds, Holy Families, canopy bearers, and angels in all four Christmas Eve services. Shepherds and Holy Family participants for the Live Nativity are also needed from 2:00-7:00 pm. There will be a pageant rehearsal on Sat, Dec 17, at noon.

Our Children and Youth Choir on Christmas Eve is open to anyone in grades 2-12. There is one rehearsal: Sun, Dec 18, 5:30-6:30 pm.

i Contact Kirsten Boyd: kboyd@truroanglican.com.

Youth Christmas Party

All Youth are invited to our Christmas Party on Fri, Dec 16 from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Upper Room. We'll have a ton of food along with a bunch of Christmas activities, including watching "Elf"! We'll also have a white elephant gift exchange—bring a \$5 gift. Hope to see you there!

i Contact Wes Buckley: wbuckley@truroanglican.com.

MARRIAGE

Take Time for a Marriage Retreat

Join Tory and Elizabeth at Truro's second annual Amore-style marriage retreat on Sat, Jan 7, from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. Last year we packed out Old Town Hall, so this year we will meet on campus to accommodate more couples! We will feature children's programs through 6th grade (in addition to nursery for 0-4 yrs). The theme for the day is "Discovering the Gift"—of your spouse, your marriage, and your mission as a couple. Cost is \$50/couple and \$5/child. Space is limited.

i Register online at truroanglican.com/marriageretreat.
Contact Hannah King for more info or to request a scholarship at hking@truroanglican.com.

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