



Call to Worship ..... *Come and Behold Him* (A. Cote)  
 Opening Hymn ..... *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
 Welcome + Opening Prayer  
 Song of Praise ..... *Come Light Our Hearts*  
 Collect of the Day  
 Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation,  
 that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a  
 mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with  
 you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
 ever. Amen.

Introit ..... Isaiah 52:10  
 Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 7:10-16  
 Song of Response ..... *King of Kings*  
 Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 1:18-25  
 Sermon ..... José Garrigó  
 The Nicene Creed + Prayers of the People  
 Passing of the Peace + Announcements  
 Offertory ..... *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*  
 Communion  
 ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO COME FORWARD AND  
 RECEIVE COMMUNION. GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS ARE  
 AVAILABLE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RAIL. REQUEST ONE FROM THE  
 CLERGY SERVING YOU.

Songs of Praise ..... *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*  
*Raise a Hallelujah*

Prayer of Thanksgiving + Blessing  
 Closing Song ..... *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
 Dismissal  
 Postlude ..... *Fall on Your Knees* (arr. C. Tyler)

### Welcome!

We're delighted to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first time at Truro, please visit our welcome tent outside to receive a gift and to ask any questions. Or fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate, and we'll be in touch.

## *Christmas at Truro*

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**TUE DEC 24**

**Live Nativity**

**3:00-8:00 PM**

**Family Services**

**2:00 + 4:00 pm**

(shorter + more informal)

**Evening Services**

**7:00 + 10:00 PM**

(identical except with  
more candles at 10:00)

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**WED DEC 25**

**11:15 AM | Chapel**

### **Kids Stuff**

We have no kids programs today or next Sunday (Dec 29). KidZone will return on Jan 5.

## Save the Date

### DECEMBER

- 24 Christmas Eve Services  
2:00 + 4:00 pm Family Services  
7:00 + 10:00 pm Festival Services
- 25 Christmas Day Service  
11:15 am | Chapel
- 29 No 7:45 am or 5:00 pm Services

### JANUARY

- 5 Epiphany
- 6 TIPS Classes Resume
- 8 The House Resumes  
6:30 pm | Undercroft
- 10 TIPS Volunteer Training/Storytelling  
7:00-8:30 pm | Undercroft  
Cont. Jan 11 | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 12 Sunday Concert Series  
2:00 pm | Chapel
- 19 Newcomer Coffee  
10:30 am | Reception Area, Parish Ofc.
- 19 Lunch for Africans  
1:00 pm | Undercroft

### ONGOING

Youth Group  
Sun(s) 6:00 pm | Undercroft  
We are on break and resume on Sun, Jan 12.

Young Adults  
Tue(s) | 7:00 pm | Common Grounds  
Resuming Tue, Jan 7

Seniors Lunch  
Fri(s) | Noon | Undercroft  
Resuming Fri, Jan 3

Dear Truro Family & Friends,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I wish you could all be present with me in some of the conversations I have with folk who have found their way to Truro.

About four Sundays ago, two men who are now leaving Truro told me what their time here had meant for them, one after the 11:15 am and one after the Five. One was a young army officer who was being transferred out, and the other was a special agent for the FBI who is going to head up an anti-terrorist unit in the Carolinas. Through coming to our Sunday services and attending Community Groups, Alpha, and Rooted classes, their faith in God had been utterly transformed. Both were heartbroken to be leaving and both gave me their numbers, hoping I would stay in touch. They had fallen in love with Truro because they had fallen in love with the God Truro loves—God our Father, Jesus our Lord, and the blessed Holy Spirit who fills us and guides us in all things.

As we come to the end of 2019 with all the confusion and emotional turmoil of the departure of our rector Tory, it is good for us to remember why we are all here. We are here for Jesus and for his mission to this lost world. So many of you have given so generously to the amazing and wonderful ministries of Truro, and I want to remind you that none of it would have been possible without your generous giving. So on behalf of all our vestry and staff, I want to shout out a huge "THANK YOU!" to all of you who have helped to make Truro the extraordinary place of worship, friendship, and ministry that it is.

Financially, we have pretty much tracked with our planned budget through November (thank you Jesus!), and now we are in December, which for Truro (and most churches) is the single largest giving month for the year (almost twice the giving of any other month, typically). A lot of our December giving comes in towards the very end of the month, with generous end-of-year gifts from those who are able to do so.

I would love to encourage you to do two things:

1. If you are able, prayerfully consider making an end-of-year gift to Truro. (These gifts have to be received or postmarked no later than Tue, Dec 31.)
2. Join us on Wed, Jan 8 for a Day of Prayer, Worship & Intercession. The church will be open from 6:00 am through to 8:00 pm, so try and come for just a little or for a lot of that day. Our purpose is to humble ourselves before God, to call upon his Name, to seek his face, and to ask for his blessing on our church in 2020. Do come.

That's it for now, dear Truro. Wishing you every blessing from our great Father of Lights at this holiday season—may he renew us with vision and hope to serve him with joy and in his power for the coming year.

With much love,  
Tim, Acting Rector