



Suntree, Florida

The Advocate

November 2023

Our Mission Statement:

"We are followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world."

Thankful
for All Our
Blessings



From the Pastor's pen. . .



One of my first memories of the church is seeing a Christmas Tree filled with countless Angel Tree Tags. I remember looking at the tags and seeing the name Mark, a ten-year-old boy wanting Star Wars figures. I was a ten-year-old boy who also wanted Star Wars figures. I grabbed the tag and asked my parents if I could get one less Star Wars figure this Christmas and instead buy Mark one. It was my first real experience of how I can follow Jesus' command to love my neighbors as God loves me.

I have ensured every congregation I have participated in or served since then has had an Angel Tree Ministry, and Advent has been no different. For several years, Advent has partnered with the Friends of Children of Brevard and the Guardian ad Litem Program of Brevard. Friends of Children of Brevard aims to improve the lives of the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Brevard County and to support their advocates, the Guardian ad Litem Program. For more information or to become a volunteer of Friends of Children of Brevard, please go to <https://friendsofchildrenofbrevard.org/>

Thousands of abused and neglected children become the subject of judicial proceedings yearly in Florida. Their voices are often unheard, and their best interests are overlooked in the court process. Guardians ad Litem are citizens who volunteer to represent the best interests of an assigned child. A Guardian ad Litem does not have to be a lawyer, counselor, therapist, or parent. The volunteer Guardian ad Litem advocates for the child before the court, social service agencies, and the

community. For more information or to become a volunteer, please go to <https://guardianadlitem.org/>

Every year, Friends of Children of Brevard sets up trees around the county for their Angel Tree project, where residents can donate gifts for children in the Guardian ad Litem program. Trees go up in elementary schools, churches, businesses, and restaurants. Guardians provide "Angel cards" — small slips of paper with a child's name, age, gender, and an item someone can purchase for them for Christmas. Once sorted, Guardians will deliver the gifts to caregivers to give to the kids in their care. Each child in the program gets four of these cards. When the Angel Tree project began in 2006, they served about 50 kids. Now, they serve over 1,000 kids and expect to give out over 4,000 gifts, with an estimated value of the gifts donated over \$100,000.

The need is now greater than ever, and Advent is being asked to sponsor 150 Angel Tag Gifts. I am confident we, the people of Advent, can step up and fulfill this task. The Angel Tree and Tags will be available in the church lobby starting the weekend of November 11/12. I hope you can join me in this beautiful ministry and tradition of making sure our most vulnerable children experience a piece of God's love through these Christmas gifts.

God Bless,

Pastor [Signature]



30 Day Gratitude Challenge

Day 1 God: What attributes of God do you cherish today?

Day 2 Family: Give God thanks for your family.

Day 3 Friends: Call a friend and tell them you're thankful for their friendship.

Day 4 Home: What is your favorite room in your home? Why?

Day 5 Self: Give thanks to God for something you've overcome.

Day 6 Nature: Consider what life would be like without the sun.

Day 7 Prayer: Be watchful and thankful in your prayers.

Day 8 God: Dwell on God being loving over all things.

Day 9 Family: What is a special family tradition you cherish?

Day 10 Friends: What friend makes you laugh the hardest? Tell them.

Day 11 Home: What holiday do you look forward to celebrating in your home?

Day 12 Self: Thank God for the strengths God gives you.

Day 13 Nature: Praise God for the beauty of creation.

Day 14 Prayer: Pray Psalm 138.

Day 15 God: Give thanks to God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for your sins.

Day 16 Family: What is your favorite family vacation?

Day 17 Friends: How have your friends inspired you?

Day 18 Home: Be a blessing in your home today.

Day 19 Self: Replace a complaint with a blessing today.

Day 20 Nature: Practice pausing and spending a few minutes outside thanking God for nature.

Day 21 Prayer: Pray Philippians 4:6-7

Day 22 God: Give thanks to God for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Day 23 Family: What season do you look forward to celebrating with your family?

Day 24 Friends: What's one of your favorite memories with a friend?

Day 25 Home: What about your home are you thankful for?

Day 26 Self: Thank God for God's unfailing love and full forgiveness for your life.

Day 27 Nature: Spend time looking at the stars and consider the creative masterpiece of God.

Day 28 Prayer: Ask God to help you note the evidence of God's goodness upon your life.

Day 29 God: Write a letter to God praising God for the blessings in your life.

Day 30 Family: Tell each family member you are thankful for them and why.



Be an angel to a local foster child

How you can help

- Choose an angel card off the tree and help fulfill the wishes of a local abused child.
- Return the unwrapped gift to the angel tree or a drop off location listed on the back of the card by the deadline listed on card.

Friends of Children OF BREVARD

Be sure to attach the angel card to the gift so we can match the gift to the correct child.

Check our website for a complete list of drop-off locations:
FriendsOfChildrenOfBrevard.org

For more information contact us at: (321) 690-6823
Or email us @: mail@FriendsOfChildrenOfBrevard.org

From our Pastor of



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NRSVUE

My dear siblings in Christ,

As we enter into November and the clock continues to tick towards the end of yet another year, I find myself reflecting particularly on gratitude this month. Of course, this is partly because of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, but there seems to be more to it than that.

There are many scriptural passages which remind us to give thanks to God, including the verses I have cited above. In this set of verses I find the connection between giving thanks and rejoicing, along with prayer, to be important. This month, I am challenging myself to write down at least one thing each day that I am grateful for, and I challenge you to do the same! When we express our gratitude, we naturally feel more joyful, and in giving thanks to God through prayer, it seems this sense of joy is amplified even more.

I am so grateful and continue to give thanks to God for you in particular, dear disciples of Christ. This month marks 6 months of my ministry as your pastor! In this first half of a year, I have had so many blessings as I serve you as Pastor of Discipleship. As we continue to walk

alongside each other, I ask you to continue to pray for me, as I will be praying for you.

May God's blessings be abundant in your life during this time of Thanksgiving and beyond.

Pastor Alisha Ungs



Confirmation

Confirmation meets:

Nov 5, 12, 26. No confirmation Nov. 19.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Night Bible Study meets:

Nov. 1, 8, 15

NEW Worship Toolboxes

Kids of any age are invited to use the new Worship Toolbox to participate throughout the worship! Instructions are provided with the box. Please return the box when finished and inform PA if anything needs to be refilled.



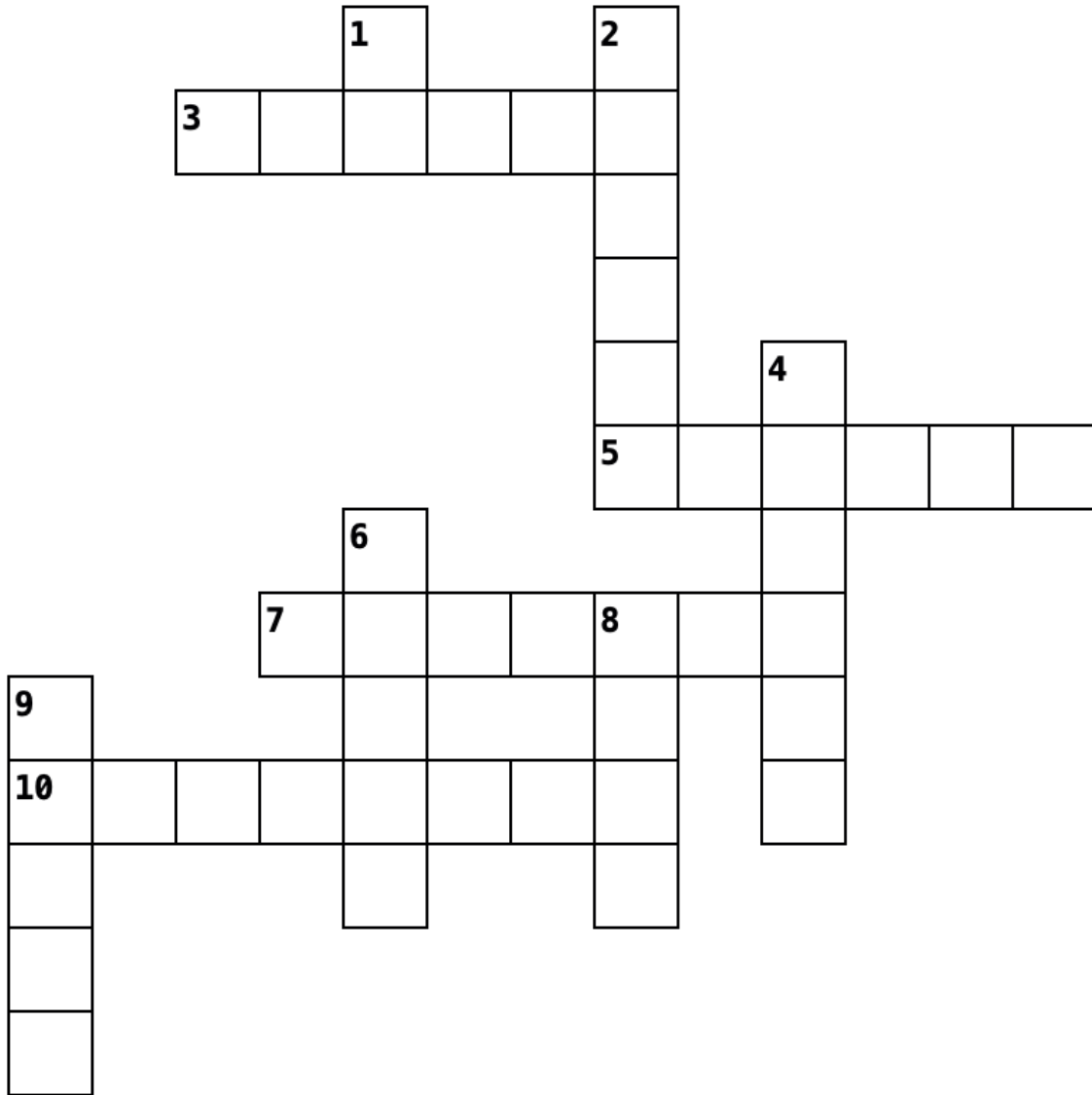
From the Vicar



Hello! I've decided to start something new and fun with my little corner of The Advocate. I hope you enjoy this brief Crossword! God Bless!



-Vicar Andy



Across

- 3. Jeremiah's scribe
- 5. plays in the superdome
- 7. painted the last supper for Sforza
- 10. the skull

Down

- 1. Abe's hometown
- 2. 95 of these
- 4. sister of Moses
- 6. brother of Moses
- 8. reluctant shipwright
- 9. love

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“Rising Star”

Sunday, November 19, 3:00 p.m.

Called “a stunning player of exceptional ability,” Colin MacKnight has won prizes from the 2019 Paris Music Competition, 2017 West Chester University International Organ Competition, 2016 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition, 2016 Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition, 2013 Rodgers North American Classical Organ Competition, first place at the 2016 AGO Northeast Regional Competition and the Clarence Snyder Third Prize in the 2016 and 2019 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competitions.

Colin received his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from The Juilliard School, studying organ performance with Paul Jacobs and was named one of the top “20 Under 30” eminent young organists by The Diapason magazine in 2019. Colin has performed at venues such as St. Patrick’s Cathedral, NYC; The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, NYC; St. Paul’s Chapel of Trinity Wall Street, NYC; The National Cathedral, Washington, DC; Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church, Montreal; Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Kingston, Jamaica; Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore; and Grace Cathedral, Topeka. He is currently Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock, AR.

James is represented in North America by Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc.

New Member Orientation

Sunday, November 12

10:15 a.m. in the Education Building

Those wanting to become members of Advent are invited to a new member orientation hosted by Pastor Jeremy. During this orientation, potential members will learn about Advent and ask questions. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with Pastor's Assistant, Lynda Herrman.



United in Thanksgiving

Suntree United Methodist Church

Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Interfaith United will once again host a special evening of hope, compassion, connection, and food. United in Thanksgiving is an event where different faiths come together in unity and offer thanksgiving for each other. All are welcome.



Advent has received gifts in memory of the following:

Susan Nichols: from Eric Nichols,
Dij and Rudy Pacarro

Malcolm Collins: from Doris Jannke

Care of Creation Ministry

Many thanks to Pastor Cindy Werner for submitting the grant application to the Florida/Bahamas Synod for the Care of Creation project. We will hear back at the end of November. In addition to planting around the hardwood trees on our campus, we plan to have a Bible Study, Environmental Speakers, field trips, and maybe even a book study. We hope this peaks your interest!

Sally Scalera of UF/IFAS came in September to do soil samples and look at the health of our oak trees around the campus. The soil analysis gave suggestions for fertilizer for the property.

More information will be coming soon! Call Anita Unrath 223-9521 or Tom Unrath 223-4861 to let them know you are interested.



Advocate Crossword 1: answers	
Across	
3. Baruch	5. Saints
7. Davinci	10. The Skull
4. Miriam	2. Theses
6. Aaron	1. Ur
8. Noah	Down
9. Agape	

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Worship Services in November 2023

Saturday Service: 5:00 pm - Informal Traditional

Sunday Services: 9:00 am - Contemporary

11:00 am - Traditional

Holy Communion is offered at every service

NOVEMBER GOSPEL READINGS

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Sunday — Matthew 5:1-12

November 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost — Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost — Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, 2023

Christ the King — Matthew 25:31-46

