



Tradewinds

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January Revised Worship Schedule

Monday – Friday: Meditations at noon – Live on Facebook
Wednesday: Holden Evening Prayer at 7:30pm – Live on Facebook
Sundays: **9:00am** – Virtual Worship - Live on Facebook
Drive-Up Communion the First Sunday of the month 10-11 am.
All Facebook posts will then be put on YouTube at Trinity Robesonia
Call in to listen to sermons and devotions at 1-844-923-3188

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Roman Lectionary there is a lengthy period of time beginning mid-January in the Church's liturgical calendar called "ordinary time." It is the period marked off from the feasts, solemnities and special seasons, and by doing this the Church is admitting to a kind of realism about God's time.

It is similar to when we get out the new calendar for the new year and look ahead to see what day of the week our birthday falls on and how the holidays fall. All the other days around these days are "ordinary" days. After the holidays, we're often ready for ordinary time. After 2020, we are all praying that 2021 will bring more ordinary time. Am I right?!?!

A lot of ordinary time is spent doing house work, homework, factory work, office work, committee work, etc. But in the midst of the ordinary days come extraordinary days – in the fullness of time. Jesus himself logged a lot of ordinary time without the visitations and great happenings. But he seemed always ready. He told a lot of parables about people who should have been ready, but weren't...and they missed out.

Most of this coming year will be spent in ordinary time when we slug it out for the common good. There is little romance and even less frenzy to it, but in the midst of it, when ordinary time runs out, tick by tock, there are always the festivals, the celebrations, the special days...when God visits us in extraordinary moments. We need to be ready for that time – the fullness of time.

I want to take a moment to say thank you to all who have been supporting the ministries of Jesus in this place. 2020 was a difficult year and 2021 may start out very similar, but we have much hope on the horizon. The vaccine and therapeutics are coming, and eventually we will be back inside our sanctuary and doing more normal ministry. But to all of you who have endured, who have supported this "time away" in the wilderness. THANK YOU!

I cannot commend our entire staff enough for their outstanding efforts throughout this past year. We tried to adapt, tried to be creative, tried to find ways to stay connected. The staff has been incredible. And a special shout out to Billy Dee for all of his technical work behind the scenes. We are blessed to be so supported in our journey of faith. Blessings to you all for the new year!

Blessings,

Pastor Bill