

From the Rector's desk cont'd

whose body is being ravaged by cancer, but still has to deal with the mundane issues of life – rent to be paid, a broken-down car to repair and an overdue utility bill! What hope should this individual expect as 2019 dawns? And yet there was Isaiah saying his people, your God will not completely abandon you, indeed he is preparing to come to your rescue. So for all who 2018 was a year of great trial and even tribulation, the God whom we seek to serve, will see to it that there is hope in their future.

A Blessed and Productive New Year to ALL.

Fr. Hugh+

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20 – African-American Genealogy Meeting from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

January 22 – Fourth Tuesday Dinner at Grace Mission from 5-7:15 pm. Please call Dawn Freeman at 850-509-2656 to sign up

January 26 – Men's Ministry Meeting at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

CHOIR NEWS – There will be rehearsal every Sunday morning at 9:15 am until further notice.

Suggested daily Readings for the First Week after Christmas: Dec. 31 – Jan. 5

Mon.	1 John 2:18-21	Psalm 96:1-2,11-13	John 1:1-18
Tue.	1 John 2:22-29	Psalm 98:1-5	John 1:19-28
Wed.	1 John 3:1-16	Psalm 98:1-2, 4-7	John 1:29-34
Thurs.	1 John 3:7-10	Psalm 98: 1-2, 8-10	John 1:35-42
Fri.	1 John 3:11-18	Psalm 100	John 1:43-51
Sat.	1 John 3:18-4:6	Psalm 2	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Please note that every third Sunday the open collection will go towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

The Kearney Center is asking for kind donations of Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Sugar, Grits, Oatmeal, and Seasonings, Salt and Pepper. These items are always needed.

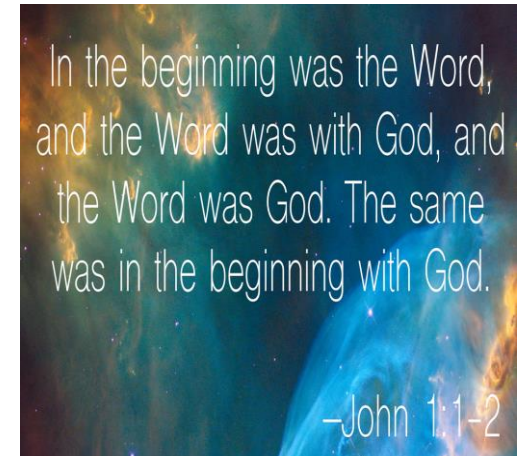
Our Sunday School is on break until the new year. We are truly grateful to our parents and teachers for helping to launch this program that the children are truly enjoying. We want to also thank the Men's Ministry for the snacks they continue to provide.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 30, 2018
10:00 am



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The People of St. Michael

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Laurette Scott, **Treasurer/Vestry Clerk**

Kathleen Rodgers, **Financial Secretary**
Monique Alleyne and Ivana Kenny Carmola
Organists

Chris White, **Drummer/Choral Director**
Sam Oliver, **Verger**

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From the Rector's Desk

Hope for the Future

As part of my morning ritual, I do the daily office (morning prayer from the Book of Common Prayer). Actually it has become something of a rule of life for me. On Thursday morning of last week, the Old Testament reading came from the prophecies of Isaiah, chapter 29 in particular, in which he speaks of – hope for the future. This was almost a common place theme for the biblical writers, one that even the Apostle Paul resorted to again and again in his epistles. Let us not lose sight of the reason for prophet's warning. In fact, take a step back and listen as Isaiah bemoans the tragedy that was about to befall his people – “you shall be brought low (v4) you will speak out of the ground and your words will rise from the earth; your voice will come like a ghost's from the ground and your words will squeak out of the earth.” (think death and total destruction). Fortunately for the people of Israel, Isaiah continued his utterance, but this time offering a word of hope. “The horde of your enemies shall crumble into dust, the horde of ruthless foes shall fly like chaff. Then suddenly, all in an instant, punishment shall come from the Lord of Hosts with thunder and earthquake and a great noise”....all nations warring against God's people will then fade away as a dream, a vision of the night. As we would say today, the people of Israel's nightmare will eventually be over.

Somehow the prophecy of Isaiah offered a signal of hope for a people who were preparing for the worst. I could well imagine the puzzlement this juxtaposition of thought would have caused those who believed they were hearing from the Lord's messenger. What should they expect or rather believe, for Isaiah's God was so angry with his people that he was ready to “put” them to the sword, and yet there was still that message of hope to hold on to, despite his dire prediction.

For some among us, 2018 was a nightmare year, while for others, certainly those in the business sector, something of a banner year of exploding profits. As we bring 2018 to an end, there are still many among us who are unsure of how long the shutdown in Washington DC will last. Who looks forward to uncertainty? Who enjoys going to a land lord or their banker asking for mercy? The answer is none of us. As I pen these few words, I can't help but think of an email that came across my desk from a desperate woman,

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Capital Campaign Prayer

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

THANK YOU – Fellowship today is hosted by the Hospitality Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON DECEMBER 31.

January 2 – First Wednesday Supper at the Kearney Center located off W. Pensacola Street at 2650 Municipal Way at 6:30 pm. Please wear closed toe shoes and a hat or cap.

January 3 – Said Mass at 12:15 p.m.

January 6 – Capital Campaign Meeting following Eucharist Service in the Parish Hall.

January 6 – Discipleship Group Meeting at 4:00 pm in the Brooks Room.

January 8 – Clergy Meeting at Grace Mission at 12:30 pm.

January 10 – Said Mass at 12:15 am

January 12 – Tallahassee Community Remembrance Project Meeting at 10:00 am. in the Parish Hall.

January 14 – Vestry Meeting from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Brooks Room

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT – Bible Study Class resumes on Wednesday, January 9. In the Brook Room

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Serving today Sunday, December 30

Acolytes:
 Pro Hruda, **Crucifer**
 Charles Hruda, **Torch Bearer**
 Daniel Erefah, **Torch Bearer**
 Abigail Erefah, **Gospel Book Bearer**
 Lamar Nottage, **Thurifer**
 Nicolette Nottage, **M.C.**

Chalice Bearers: Zollie White II, Alexis McMillan
Lectors: Charlie Clark, Renee Frazier
 Zollie White II
Greeters: Elizabeth Humes, Allison Humes
Ushers: Byron Greene, Pamela Greene
Vestry: Delois Brown
Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

Serving next Sunday, January 6


Acolytes:
 Daniel Erefah, **Crucifer**
 Abigail Erefah, **Torch Bearer**
 Colton Wasson, **Torch Bearer**
 Claire Wasson, **Gospel Book Bearer**

Chalice Bearers: John Grayson, Pro Hruda
Greeters: Akachi Anwuri, Gaelyn Guyton
Ushers: Al Lawson, Delores Lawson
Vestry: Linda Dilworth
Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

December Altar Guild

Dawn Freeman	Tangy Williams	Melanie Martin
Kate Wasson	Natalie Payne	Pamela Greene
Jo Ann Robinson	Delores Lawson	
Karen Goodlett	Cassandra Grayson	Lauren Sapp
Delois Brown	Shonna Laurie	Delores Grayson
Anna White.		

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING

 *Jean Hyche-Jackson, Jo Ann Robinson, Ophelia and Robert Scarbough, Eugene Wesley, Rosalyn Greene, Rose Douglas, Jewell Robinson, Williamae Jackson, Geraldine Roberts, Joseph Wiley, Carl Murray, Rudolph Hinds, Cynthia Hinds, Alexes Parker, Robert Roulac, Karen Hardy Clark, Ella Woodbury, Charles Daniels, Joseph Gentle, Brandi Leland, Kenrick Baynes, Jessie Laurel, Hattie Olivia Scott, Rev. Canon Dr. David J. Weidner, Ella Brown Albright, Catherine Rand, Richard Corpening, Clifford Willabus, ,Mecie White, Barbara Lee, Sharon Carr, Sam Oliver Sr., Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Dr. Derek Spencer, Ariel Boyd, Lora Rose Hunter-Dargan, Anita Bush, Thelma Hilliard, John McClees, Jonecia Brown, Louis Chapman, Toni Jarmon, Kaleb Way ,Karen Padmore, Charles Bennett, Randolph Frazier Jr., Nohemy Reid, Kanessa Cole, Sharon Thomas, Evelyn McKetty and Maryann Nottage.*

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude Debralee LaSeur-Helfand, organist
 Kalilah Taite, violin

Choral Prelude **A200**, He Came Down Traditional

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Processional Hymn **A207**, Angels from the Realm of Glory Regent Square

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation **355**
 The Collect of the Purity
 Gloria
 Collect for the Day
 The Lessons Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm 147
 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Gradual Hymn **A217 v1-2**, Jesus, the Light of the World We'll Walk In the Light
 The Holy Gospel John 1:1-18 The Reverend Fr Hugh Chapman
 Sequence Hymn **A217 v 3-4**

Sermon The Reverend Fr. Hugh Chapman

The Nicene Creed **358**
 The Prayers of the People Form VI **392**
 Confession of Sin and Absolution **360**

The Peace **A498**, Let There Be Peace on Earth Miller
 Offertory Because of Who You Are Vicki Yohe
 Doxology & Procession **A650**, Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow Hatton

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation Hymn	A300 , Glorious Is the Name of Jesus	Fryson
The Great Thanksgiving		361-363
Sanctus		
The Lord's Prayer	A663 , Lord's Prayer	Malotte
The Breaking of the Bread/Fraction		364
Fraction Anthem		
The Invitation		

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 1	A212 , Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow	Spiritual
Communion Hymn 2	A220 , What Child Is This?	Greensleeves
Meditation Hymn		
Post Communion Prayer		365
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers		
Announcements		
Address by Mr. Zollie White II		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	A197 , Joy to the World	Antioch
Choral Postlude	A200 , He Came Down	Traditional
Dismissal		

A=African American Hymnal (ivory)

From the ECW

The Episcopal Church Women Nominating Committee announces the following persons who were invited to serve as the new officers for 2019: President—Pamela Greene, Herman Watson-Taylor, Vice President, Financial Secretary—Delois Brown, and Secretary (Recording)—Nicolette Nottage. These officers will assume office effective January 1, 2019 for a term of one year. **All women of St. Michael's are also encouraged to become active in the ECW's three committees: In-Reach, Out-Reach and Fund Raising.**



WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL

*We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, **include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.***

OUR VISION is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.



HOLY COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God's blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Charles Hruda (12/30), Phaion Hyche (12/30), Ivanna Kenny Carmola (12/30), Laureatte Scott (12/31), Anna White (12/31), Akachi Anwuri (1/3), Pro & Simone (1/3).

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that husbands and wives may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may grow in mutual love and understanding. In courtesy and kindness, so that they may bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name's sake. *Amen*