

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd

December 27 – Feast of St. John, Apostle, Holy Eucharist at 12:15 pm.

December 28 – Feast of Holy Innocents, Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am.

DECEMBER 31 AND JANUARY 1 –THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT – The Bible Study Class is now in recess.

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



On Saturday January 12 at 10:00 a.m, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church will host an informative meeting concerning the Tallahassee Community Remembrance Project, an effort to remember four African-American men who were lynched in Leon County between 1897 and 1937. The discussion will be facilitated by

Evan Milligan, a member of the Equal Justice Initiative's Memorial Monument Placement Initiative Team in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Milligan works closely with the Race and Poverty Initiative and assists with public education, community outreach, and research efforts around EJI's Community Remembrance Projects.

To RSVP, please email office@saintmichaelandallangels.org or call 850-681-0844.

Please invite your friends. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2 – First Wednesday Supper at the Kearney Center 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 after Eucharist service.

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

January 10 – Said Mass at 12:15 pm. (contemplative Eucharist).

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

Suggested daily Readings for the week of the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Dec 24. To Dec. 28

Mon.	Isaiah 11:1-9	Psalms 112, 115	John 5:30-47
Tue.	Isaiah 11:10-16	Psalms 116, 117	Luke 1:5-25
Wed.	Isaiah 28:9-22	Psalms 111, 113	Luke 1:26-38
Thur.	Isaiah 29:13-24	Psalms 146, 147	Luke 1:39-48a
Fri.	Isaiah 33:17-22	Psalms 148, 150	Luke 1:57-66

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sunday, December 23, 2018

10:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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From the Rector's Desk

The end of Advent

Advent speaks first of Christ's future coming to judge the world at the end of history, secondly of his historic coming into our world two thousand years ago, and thirdly of his present coming into our hearts and lives. As the season comes to a close, the last two themes tend to attract all our attention. Indeed for many people in our Anglican tradition, the first theme has hardly ever received attention, even though it is mentioned in both the Apostles and Nicene Creeds. For Pentecostals in particular, the Christ's final coming is a central element in their faith—using this theme to urge followers to get (saved) ready.

Yet we Episcopalians are waiting too and each Sunday at the Eucharist we find ourselves saying:-

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

These words jump out at us in the Eucharist, and we are left thinking of the Lord's return. To wait is a quite distinct kind of activity. It means recognizing that someone else is the prime mover or principal actor. It means admitting that we ourselves are in secondary roles, so secondary that we do not know the time schedule. It means living in patience and hope. This is the spirit in which the New Testament speaks of breaking the bread and drinking the cup until the Lord comes again.

So this theme of Advent will not go out of season until the Lord has come in fact. All our lives are in Advent mode in this sense. What about the end of our lives? Will history end with a nuclear holocaust, or the total desiccation of the environment or in a dramatic supernatural event as the bible suggests? We do not know. Indeed we all seem to be living on borrowed time.

Now what about Christmas? Are we Christians ready to greet the Lord as he comes again? No doubt these last few days of frantic preparation and shopping for Christmas, can be lots of fun and yes frightfully hectic. Could we amidst all the hustle and bustle, still find time for prayer and reflection, in order that we may find a deeper appreciation of this feast day? Maybe if we did, we may become better witnesses to others of the Christ within us.

(Adapted from the late H Boone Porter's Reflections)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING:



Jean Hyche-Jackson, Jo Ann Robinson, Ophelia and Robert Scarborough, 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, 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.

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, for ever 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 –The Hospitality Committee has prepared a Lite Fare for fellowship hour after service today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24 – Capital Campaign Evening prayer from 9:30-9:45 pm.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 10:00 pm. **There will be no service on Christmas Day.**

Serving today Sunday, December 23

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

Chalice Bearer: Laureatte Scott, Alexis McMillan
Lectors: Yolanda Bogan, Tresia Mongerie, Alexis McMillan
Greeters: Tresia Mongerie, Charlie Clark
Ushers: Dawn Freeman, Ebenezer Erefah
Vestry: Charlie Clark
Organist: Monique Alleyne

Serving Monday, December 24 at 10:00 pm

Acolytes: Hollis Sams, **Crucifer**
 Tyler Sams, **Torch Bearer**
 Daniel Erefah, **Torch Bearer**
 Abigail Erefah, **Gospel Book Bearer**

Chalice Bearer: Laureatte Scott, Alexis McMillan
Lectors: Joseph Sams, Alexis McMillan
 Renee Frazier
Greeters: Lauren Sapp, Linda Billups
Ushers: Joseph Sams, Nadira Sams
Vestry: Charlie Clark
Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Halfand

Serving Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 10:00 am

Acolytes: Charles Hruda, **Crucifer**
 Quinton Laurie, **Torch Bearer**
 Collin Laurie, **Torch Bearer**
 Claire Wasson, **Gospel Book Bearer**

Chalice Bearer: Zollie White II, John Grayson
Greeters: Delanie McGinnis, Edward Ornstein
Ushers: Byron Greene, Pamela Greene
Vestry: Delois Brown
Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Halfand

NOTE: If you are unable to serve on the Sundays assigned, please ask someone else to serve in your place.

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		

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE ONE

Monique Alleyne, organist

Instrumental Prelude
Choral Prelude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Opening prayer

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart (and especially the hearts of the people of this land), that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn **H388**, O Worship the King *Hanover*
Lighting of the Candle on the Advent Wreath Readers: Daniel & Abigail, Claire Wasson

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation **323**

The Collect for Purity

Kyries **324**

Collect for the Day

The Lessons Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10

Gradual Hymn **H76 v 1-3**, On Jordan's Bank the Baptist cry *Winchester*

The Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45, (46-55) The Reverend Hugh Chapman

Sequence Hymn **H76 v 4-5**

The Address The Reverend Hugh Chapman

The Nicene Creed **326**

The Prayers of the People Form III **387**

Confession of Sin and Absolution **330-332**

The Peace May the Peace of the Lord Nolan

Offertory Selection

Doxology & Procession **L 56**, Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow Hatton

Presentation Hymn 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	L65, Bless the Lord	Crouch
The Great Thanksgiving		333-336
Sanctus		
The Lord's Prayer		336
The Breaking of the Bread		337
Fraction & Prayer of Humble Access		

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 1	L5, Great Day	Traditional
Communion Hymn 2	L3, Bye and Bye	Traditional
Meditation Hymn		
Post Communion Prayer		339
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers		
Announcements		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	L20, When We All Get to Heaven	Wilson
Dismissal		

A=African American Hymnal (ivory)

H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

L=Lift Every Voice & Sing (black, green, red)

Update on Bishop's surgery

Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Allison Defoor is reporting that Bishop Howard's surgery was successful and save for the expected discomfort, he is in good spirits. The Bishop now awaits his discharge and is well poised for a path of full recovery. Canon asks that we continue to keep in prayer Bishop John and his dear wife, Marie.

U.B.E. Chapter to be Established

United Black Episcopalians brings together Anglicans of all walks of life across mainland USA, the Caribbean and Europe. The U.B.E. has been instrumental in raising up vocations accounting for a number of African Americans responding to the call of God upon their lives as both clergy and bishops. Very soon a chapter of this august body will be established here in Tallahassee. Our rector Fr. Hugh Chapman and the Reverend Kathleen Walker of St. John's Episcopal will undertake this assignment.

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!



Natalie Payne (12/24), Verona Satchell (12/25), Zollie White (12/27).

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.*

Fr. Murray on the Mend

We are happy to report that Fr. Cal Murray has returned home and is almost back to his old self. We thank God for those who attended to him during his brief period of hospitalization. Do keep him in prayer.

