

Pray for Robert Scarbough

Upon receiving an urgent call from the family, I responded by visiting with our brother Bob at the Emergency Unit (TMH) on Wednesday morning. We are of course trusting Almighty God for a full recovery. Do pray for Robert and especially Ms. Ophelia who is rightfully concerned about him.

Fr. Hugh+

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent, December 2- December 7

Mon.	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Matthew 8:5-13
Tue.	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-8	Luke 10:21-24
Wed.	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 23	Matthew 15:29-39
Thurs.	Isaiah 26:1-6	Psalm 118:19-24	Matthew 7:21-27
Fri.	Isaiah 29:17-24	Psalm 27:1-6,17-18	Matthew 9:27-31
Sat.	Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26	Psalm 147:1-12	Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Grace Mission

Grace Mission Children and Family Services invites you to attend our annual worship and dinner held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, December 10th, at 5:30pm to support the children in our after-school S.O.A.R. program providing success, opportunity, academics, and relationships. Please join us this Christmas to share God's love and grace with our community. If you would like to learn more about our programs or to volunteer with us, please contact, Dawn Adams, 850-320-2233. Merry Christmas to all from all of us at Grace Mission!

Prayer for Grace Mission

Gracious Father, we thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon Grace Mission and its humble parishioners: The opportunity to worship together in the presence of the Holy Spirit; for faithfully guiding both children and adults to the Word of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for delivering Pastor Amanda to serve Grace Mission with commitment, energy and unwavering belief in the power of the Gospel.

We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to be with us as we seek to find the next Vicar for Grace Mission. Reach out to that faithful person who is longing to serve you through our brothers and sisters. Guide all those involved in the search and selection process so that we will find that faithful pastor who is devoted to your Word and to your flock at Grace Mission. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

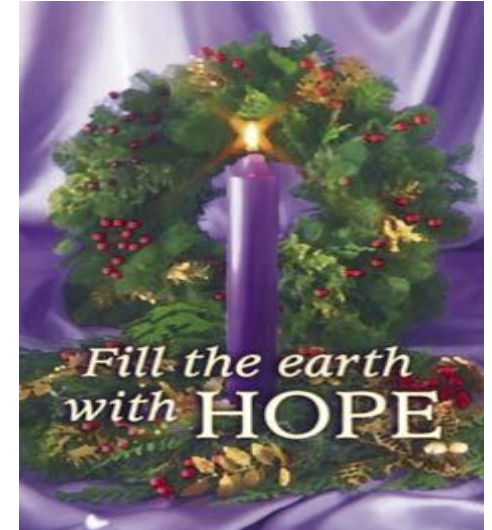
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

10:00 am



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From the Rector's Desk

'Woke' from Sleep

Those who do not subscribe to our Catholic faith, look quizzically upon our observance of the Advent Season and perhaps wonder why we put ourselves through this drill every year. Here's the simple answer – the readings designated for this season simple do not allow us to do otherwise. If anything, they force us to remain sober, indeed 'woke'. The word 'woke' has taken on a certain significance, indeed it has become something of a concept in recent times for the political and social activists in our midst, who keep saying, that with all that is happening in our country and world, this is no time to sleep, no time to be distracted from the mission at hand, no time to accept without questioning what we see and hear from the print and electronic media. The church instead challenges us to tear our eyes away from the gift buying and the supposed sales and bargains, and instead look at the age-old message of the Advent Season. I was reminded of the four such messages as I read the December issue of The Living Church – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. None of these four cause us any real excitement, except for Heaven; but then look what will it take to get us there!

Let me direct you to the readings appointed for this first Sunday of Advent, which according to a columnist of the Living Church, speaks not of Jesus' arrival, but rather of his final coming at the close of the age. "Watch out then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come..... so then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him" (Matt 24:42-44). The Nicene Creed that we recite at the Eucharist, makes use of a "future participle" to describe the suddenness of our Lord's final coming, describing it this way – "he is about to come and to judge the living and the dead." So we believers are left in no doubt of our Lord's "parousia" or His second coming. The prayers of Consecration (BCP) remind us that – Christ has died. Christ is Risen, Christ will come again, and when we least expect him to!

Listen to what St. Paul that great teacher of the church did say to the believers at Rome, "it is high time to wake from sleep", for the Day of the Lord is at hand, so "let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires. (Rom. 13:12-14). In short, - Stay woke.

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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 – Today's fellowship is sponsored by Anne Powell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 3 – Said Mass at 12:15 pm. (Contemplative Eucharist).

December 4 – First Wednesday Supper at Kearney Center at 6:30 pm

December 7 – John G. Riley Center/Museum's 20th Annual Rock-A-Thon from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at Cascades Park.

December 9 – Vestry meeting at 6:00 pm in the Brooks Room.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT – Bible Study Group meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Brooks Room. We are continuing our study of The Acts of the Apostles.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 10 – Said Mass at 12:15 pm. (Contemplative Eucharist).

December 15 – African American Genealogy Meeting from 2:30 – 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Contemplative Eucharist on Tuesdays

Here is a special invitation to parishioners to attend on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm the Mass and an opportunity to reflect as well. We are currently reading slowly Bryan Stevenson's book – *Just Mercy*, and following a study guide that accompanies the text. Do join us.

Serving today Sunday December 1

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

Chalice Bearers: James Fort, John Grayson
Lectors: Simone Hrudá, Kathleen Rodgers
Monique Alleyne
Greeters: Lauren Sapp, Cassandra Grayson
Ushers: Dourest Robinson, Ebenezer Erefah
Vestry: Lauren Sapp
Organist: Ivana Kenny Carmola

Next Sunday, December 8

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

Chalice Bearers: Alexis McMillan, Laureatte Scott
Lectors: Zollie White , Dourest Robinson
Yolanda Bogan
Greeters: Chenikka Usher, Elizabeth Humes
Ushers: Ronald Taylor, Dawn Freeman
Vestry: Henry Okafor
Organist: Ivana Kenny Carmola

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those confined to Health Care Facilities:

Rose Douglas and Brandi LeLand.

For those at home:

Delois Brown, Ophelia and Robert Scarborough, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, Herma Watson-Taylor, Sam Oliver Sr., Jewell Robinson, Rich Pouncey, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie R. White, Louis Venson, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Laveria Bogan, Charles Walton, Arelia Donaldson, Randolph James, Malcom Preston and Joan Jackson Taylor.

For those in the care of the Doctor:

Jo Ann Robinson, Williamae Jackson, Sharal Jugger, Clifford Willabus, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marva Davis, Scott Allen, Kaleb Way, Delores Brown, Louis Chapman, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Mark Wilson, Arthur Rhodius, Lurreta Blackshea, Janet Owens and the Worthen Family, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rasheen Jamison Richardson, Kurt Lieblong, Rudolph & Melva Griffith and Kenneth Johnson.

For those in the Military:

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson and Thandi Williams

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE ONE

Prelude Choral
Call to Light
O come, O come Emmanuel! Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell
We wait in hope for peace once again
Return to us the joy of Bethlehem
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel

Opening Prayer- Said by Celebrant

Processional Hymn **H61**, "Sleepers, Wake!" A voice Astounds Us *Wachet auf*
Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony readings – Daniel & Abigail Erefah and Hollis Sams

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation **323**
The Collect of Purity
Collect of the Day
The Lessons
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Gradual Hymn **H57 v 1-2**. Lo! He comes, with clouds descending *Helmsley*
The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44 The Reverend Hugh Chapman
Sequence Hymn **H57 v 3-4**
Sermon The Reverend Cal Goodlett
The Nicene Creed **326**
The Prayers of the People Form V1 **392**
Confession of Sin and Absolution **330**
The Peace **H712**, Dona Nobis Pacem *Dona nobis pacem*
Service of Recommitment
Offertory **H655 v 1**, O Jesus, I have promised *Nyland*
Doxology & Procession **A650**, Praise God From Whom All Blessings 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	H66 , Come, thou long-expected Jesus	Shuttgart
The Great Thanksgiving		333
Sanctus		
The Lord's Prayer	L264 , Lord's Prayer	Malotte
The Breaking of the Bread		337
Fraction Anthem		
The Invitation		

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 1	L19 , I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger	Traditional
Communion Hymn 2	L20 , Sing the wondrous love of Jesus	Wilson
Meditation Hymn	A462 , Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary	Thompson
Post Communion Prayer		339
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers		
Announcements		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	H59 , Hark! A thrilling Voice	Merton
Dismissal		
Instrumental Prelude		

A=African American Hymnal (ivory)

H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

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

December Altar Guild: Shonna Laurie and all Altar Guild Members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:00 am every Sunday. Please join us in the Parish Hall where breakfast will be served at the conclusion of the class by The Men of the Church.

CHOIR NEWS – There will be rehearsal every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. until further notice. 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 seasonings, pasta, sauce, cold items, milk, butter, eggs, and cheese. These items are always needed.

During the season of Advent, we shall omit from our services the Glorias and Alleluias

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

*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!

Rev. & Mrs. Hugh Chapman (12/06), Karen Goodlett (12/9), Anthony Lewinson (12/9).

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*