

## Diocesan Convention 2020

As reported elsewhere, the date for our Annual Diocesan Convention will be January 25, 2020 with a preconvention gathering scheduled for January 11, 2020 at the Camp Weed and Cerveny Conference Center. Kate Wasson, who was elected an alternate to Convention will take the place of Dr. Edith Onyeozili. We have already informed the Clerk of Convention and paid all necessary convention fees.

Fr. Hugh+

**CHOIR NEWS** – There will be rehearsal every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. until further notice.

### Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent, December 9 December 14

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Isaiah 35:1-10</b>	<b>Psalm 85:8-13</b>	<b>Luke 5:17-26</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b>	<b>Psalm 96</b>	<b>Matthew 18:12-14</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:25-31</b>	<b>Psalm 103:1-10</b>	<b>Matthew 11:28-30</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Isaiah 41:13-20</b>	<b>Psalm 145:1-4,8-13</b>	<b>Matthew 11:7-15</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Isaiah 48:17-19</b>	<b>Psalm 1</b>	<b>Matthew 11:16-19</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sirach 48:1-11</b>	<b>Psalm 80:1-3, 14-18</b>	<b>Matthew 17:9-13</b>

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

### Contemplative Eucharist on Tuesday

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

### Grace Mission

Grace Mission Children and Family Services invite you to attend our annual worship and dinner held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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!

We are in need of coats, blankets and sweaters. If you are cleaning out your closets remember Grace Mission!

We take all donations. Thank you - call 850-224-3817 to drop off

# ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019

10:00 am



#### Ministers of the Church

*The People of St. Michael*

#### Our Vestry & Staff

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Lauren Sapp

Cassandra Werner, *Vestry Clerk*  
Laureatte Scott, *Treasurer*

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

John Grayson, *LEMS Co-Ordinator*

Chris White, *Drummer/Choral Director*

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### From the Rector's Desk

On this second Sunday of the Advent Season, we hear a word from the prophet Isaiah that says in part, 'a shoot shall come forth from the stock of Jesse, one filled with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, a messenger of peace'. This "messenger" is coming to render judgment however for "he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips, he shall kill the wicked (Isa. 11:4)". We are also reminded of the prophecies of John-the-Baptist who also opined, saying, "even now the axe is lying at the root of the tree; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire (Matt. 3:10). As I did last Sunday in this column, I will again avail myself of the thoughts expressed by one of the contributors to the Living Church magazine who made this observation and I quote, "we have in this world, to be sure, human beings who plan and intend harm. There are people who take pleasure in inflicting suffering and misery on others. Indeed there is individual and collective evil to which a civil society cannot turn its back. The innocent and the vulnerable must be protected and there are people who work day and night to do just that, to whom our respect is owed and for whom our prayers and support are needed". One such person is Leah Wiley, who is working feverishly to help us establish a Justice Ministry here in Tallahassee. For after all brethren, there will be no peace if there is no justice – there could not be.

A final thought, as believers we must speak out against every form of evil, in whatever way it manifests itself. We must also find the intestinal courage to face up to it and repent when it does occur in our very lives. Hear what Jesus says to us in the gospel, why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and ignore the log in your own? Let us continue to be introspective as the Advent Season wears on.

### **Common Ministry (Budget) Team**

This committee led by Fr. George Hinchliffe, has the important responsibility of preparing a budget to be presented to the Diocesan Council, who in turn recommends the same to Convention. Our sister Laureatte Scott has been reappointed by the Bishop to serve for another three (3) years on that committee. Proud of you Laureatte.

### **Special Welcome**

On behalf of our parish family we welcome Leah Wiley the D.A.R.T. (Direct Action and Resource Training) organizer who will help us establish a Justice Ministry here in Tallahassee. Thank you for coming and sharing with us today.

### **Conversation on Gangs and Guns**

Dr. Kathleen Rodgers has posited the idea that SMAA calls the attention of the community to the growing problems of gangs and guns in our schools, by hosting a forum right here in our Fellowship Hall. While commending the idea, I have suggested that she pulls a team together to assist with the planning of the event.

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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 hosted by the Chapman family in celebration of Rev. & Mrs. Chapman's wedding anniversary.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**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 15** – Advent Lessons and Carols at 10:00 am.

**December 15** – African American Genealogy Meeting from 2;30-4:00 PM IN THE Parish Hall.

**December 17** – Said Mass at 12:15 pm. (Contemplative Eucharist).

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

**Serving today 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

**Next Sunday, December 15**

**Acolytes:**

Tyler Sams, **Crucifer**

Hollis Sams, **Torch Bearer**

Daniel Erefah, **Torch Bearer**

Omar Mongerie, **Gospel Book Bearer**

Nicolette Nottage, **MC**

**Chalice Bearers:** Zollie White II, Shelia Hickman

**Lectors:** Joseph Sams, Jo Ann Robinson

Ivana Kenny Carmola

**Greeters:** Joseph Sams, Nadira Sams

**Ushers:** Linda Billups , Lauren Sapp

**Vestry:** Delois Brown

**Organist:** Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**For those confined to Health Care Facilities:**

*Rose Douglas, Brandi LeLand and Randolph James.*

**For those at home:**

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

**For those in the care of the Doctor:**

*Jo Ann Robinson, Williema 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.*

**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.**

**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**

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Processional Hymn

**H365**, Come Now, Almighty King

*Moscow*

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony readings – Camille Usher, Colton & Claire Wasson

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Opening Acclamation

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The Collect of Purity

Collect of the Day

The Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Gradual Hymn

**H65 v 1-2**, Prepare the way, O Zion *Bereden vag for Herran*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

Sequence Hymn

**H65 v 3**

Solo - His eye is on the Sparrow, Ms. Eugenia Chapman, BA(Music Education)

Sermon

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People Form V1

**392**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

**H712**, Dona Nobis Pacem

*Dona nobis pacem*

Special Presentation by Mrs. Leah Woodward Wiley

Liturgical Dance

Ms. Pennela Chapman

Offertory **H616**, Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*

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	<b>H66</b> , Come, thou long expected Jesus	Shuttgart
The Great Thanksgiving		<b>333</b>
Sanctus		
The Lord’s Prayer	<b>L264</b> , Lord’s Prayer	Malotte
The Breaking of the Bread		<b>337</b>
Fraction Anthem		
The Invitation		

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion Hymn 1	<b>H81</b> , Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming Lillilita Johnson Forbes, soloist	<i>Es ist ein Ros</i>
Communion Hymn 2	<b>H615</b> , “Your Kingdom Come”..	<i>St. Flavian</i>
Meditation Hymn	Christ, when for us you were baptized	
Post Communion Prayer		<b>339</b>
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers		
Announcements		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	<b>H76</b> , On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s Cry	<i>Winchester New</i>
Dismissal		
Instrumental Preclude		

**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.

**The Kearney Center** is asking for kind donations of seasonings, pasta, sauce, cold items, milk, butter, eggs, and cheese. These items are always needed.

**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!**

Rosalyn Greene (12/10), Brooks Duncan (12/10).

**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.*

**Mutual Ministry Review Survey**

Just a friendly reminder please complete the Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) Survey by December 15th. Collection boxes are in the foyer of the Church and the Parish Hall. Questions, please contact Cassandra J. Grayson or Lauren Sapp .

Dr. Cassandra J. Grayson

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