

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Serving today Sunday, December 15

Acolytes:

Tyler Sams, **Crucifer**
Hollis Sams, **Torch Bearer**
Omar Mongerie, **Torch Bearer**
Camille Usher, **Gospel Book Bearer**
Nicolette Nottage, **MC**

Chalice Bearers: Zollie White II, Sheila Hickman

Lectors: Laureatte Scott, Jo Ann Robinson,
Joseph Sams, Ivana Kenny Carmola
Neil James, Kathleen Rodgers

Greeters: Joseph Sams, Nadira Sams

Ushers: Linda Billups, Lauren Sapp

Vestry: Delois Brown

Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

Next Sunday December 22

Acolytes:

Collin Laurie, **Crucifer**
Daniel Erefah, **Torch Bearer**
Abigail Erefah, **Torch Bearer**
Claire Wasson, **Gospel Book Bearer**
Colton Wasson, **MC**

Chalice Bearers: James Fort, John Grayson

Lectors: Colton Wasson, Claire Wasson
Thomas Payne, TJ Frazier

Greeters: Byron Greene, Pamela Greene

Ushers: Jaelyn Guyton, Ronald Taylor

Vestry: Charlie Clark

Organist: Monique Alleyne

Serving Tuesday, December 24 at 10:00 pm

Acolytes:

Hollis Sams, **Crucifer**,
Tyler Sams, **Torch Bearer**
Colton Wasson, **Torch Bearer**
Claire Wasson, **Gospel Book Bearer**
Nicolette Nottage, **MC**

Chalice Bearer: Alexis McMillan, Laureatte Scott

Greeters: Linda Billups, Lauren Sapp

Ushers: Al Lawson, Delores Lawson

Vestry: Charlie Clark

Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

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

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

Ministers of the Church

The People of St. Michael

Our Vestry & Staff

Neil James, **Senior Warden**
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Lauren Sapp

Cassandra Werner, **Vestry Clerk**

Laureatte Scott, Treasurer

Kathleen Rodgers, **Financial Secretary**

Monique Alleyne and Ivana Kenny Carmola

And Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

Organists

John Grayson, LEMS Co-Ordinator

Chris White, **Drummer/Choral Director**

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The Right Reverend John Howard
Bishop – Diocese of Florida

The Reverend Hugh Chapman, **Rector**

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Sunday, December 15, 2019

10:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Lessons and Music



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From the Rector's Desk

Waiting with Expectancy

We Christians have been waiting, and waiting and waiting for the promised Messiah to return. And for most of us, our favorite carol in the Advent Season is – O come O come Emmanuel, that we sing at this time in our services with a great degree of longing. The skeptics and those who generally make light of this hope we hold in our hearts ask, what is delaying his return? They seem to forget what our Lord has promised, that He will return when we least expect him to, maybe like a thief in the night.

Indeed we are forced to wait on almost everything in our lives. For instance we keep waiting for the world to get better, yet almost every day, we receive a fresh dose of frustration and disappointment – yet we keep waiting. We keep waiting for everyone in our families to get on the same page. I tell you, over the years of ordained ministry, I had had to deal with an inordinate amount of requests, persons asking me to pray for better relations between family members. Very often those at variance are deeply religious, but fail to recognize that the vertical relationship we have with our God must be matched with the horizontal one we ought to have with each other – the one does not exist without the other. It is incumbent on us that we spare no effort when it comes to mending broken relationships particularly in our families even as we wait on the promised Messiah to return. But you know, every now and then we get a glimpse of what is possible. I certainly did a few years ago as I ministered in the Jacksonville area. One day as I was wrapping up a visit with a home bound parishioner and getting ready to enter my vehicle, I heard a voice from across the street call out – Pastor. Looking in the direction from whence the call came, I saw this frail looking gentleman beckoning me to join him. As soon as I joined him, he began telling me that he used to visit St. Philip's, but now his poor health prevented him from doing so. Mind you that part of the city was considered dangerous and I had been previously warned not to linger there. Somehow, I felt comfortable enough doing so that day and before long, others joined the conversation. There was this particular brother who said very little, but kept observing me, almost causing me to become uncomfortable. When he finally spoke, he asked whether I recognized him. I told him not really. He then proceeded to remind me of a particular incident that had occurred some time ago in our Fellowship Hall one Wednesday as we fed the homeless. An argument broke out between these two men over a despicable

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comment made about a certain female. A knife was produced and without realizing what I was doing, I jumped between the two men (quite unwisely). Fortunately the temperature was lowered, everyone returned to their seats and we continued with the meal. The gentleman who related the story said to me, that was a brave thing to do – upon reflection I thought foolish. He ended up by saying, that those men are now fast friends, and “will let them know I saw you.” I walked away thinking (and promising myself not to engage in that kind of heroics again), that if we wait, our God in his own time will truly make this world a place of love, joy, peace and understanding – the message He wants us to have even as we look for his promised Messiah.

Fr. Hugh+

Suggested daily Readings for the week of the Third Sunday of Advent Dec 16 – Dec.21

Mon.	Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a	Psalms 25:3-8	Matthew 21:23-27
Tue.	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13	Psalms 34:1-8	Matthew 21:28-32
Wed.	Isaiah 45:5-8(9-17)18-25	Psalms 85:8-13	Luke 7:19-23
Thurs.	Isaiah 54:1-10	Psalms 30	Luke 7:24-30
Fri.	Isaiah 56:1-8	Psalms 67	John 5:33-36

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

Summer Camp 2020 Dates and Fees

Session	Ages	Dates	Cost
Mini Camp	6-10	June 10-13	\$335
Senior Session	15-18	June 14-20	\$580
Session 1	7-14	June 21-27	\$580
Session 2	7-14	July 5-11	\$580
Session 3	7-14	July 12-18	\$580
Session 4	7-14	July 19-25	\$580
Session 5	7-14	July 26 - August 1	\$580
Stayover 1	7-14	July 11-12	\$80
Stayover 2	7-14	July 18-19	\$80
Stayover 3	7-14	July 25-26	\$80

Register by January 31st to receive the Early Bird Discount! Senior Session and Sessions 1-5 will be \$555 and Mini Camp will be \$315 before January 31st.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT –Please note that the Bible Study Group will be in recess effective December 18 and will resume January 8, 2020.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January 1 – New Year Service at 12:00 pm.

January 7 – Said Mass at 12:15 pm. (Contemplative Eucharist)

January 8 – First Wednesday Supper at the Kearney Center at 6:30 pm. Please wear closed toe shoes and a hat or cap.

January 13 – Vestry Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Brooks Room.

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

Mutual Ministry Review Survey

Just a friendly reminder to please complete the Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) Survey which is due today, 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 at 850.294.1755 (c)

Rector to Celebrate

The Rector will celebrate his 41st anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate on Sunday December 22, 2019 during the mass that day. Come join him in celebration.

Grace Mission

The Grace Mission Christmas service will be on Dec. 19 and we need help purchasing the food items for the meal that evening. We need turkeys (10) and hams (10), as well as Large cans of Green Beans (8) , butter, bags of potatoes (50#), sour cream tubs (2) and coffee creamer (8). If you can possibly help us we would greatly appreciate it! We are also in need of coats, blankets and sweaters. If you are cleaning out your closets remember Grace. We take all donations. Thank you – call 850-224-3817 to drop off.

LITURGY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC

Instrumental Prelude

Choral Prelude O Come O Come Emmanuel *Candles and Carols*
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*

Lighting of the Candle on the Advent Wreath:

Readers: Camille Usher , Nicolette Nottage, Omar Mongerie

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem where we behold the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our turning away from him until the time of our redemption in the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, born a child, living among us, and dying to set us free. Let us give thanks for the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, we pray for the needs of all people, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he gives his life, even now here in this country, in this city, and in this congregation.

And because he loves us so much, let us remember in his name the poor, the helpless, those this day who are cold and hungry, the oppressed, the sick, those who mourn, those who are alone, the aged, little children, and all people who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his mother, Mary, and Joseph journeying on the road to Bethlehem, persons chosen to bear the life of Christ into the world, to raise him up in the ways of goodness and right, and the whole multitude of persons which no one can number, whose hope remains in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, summing up these petitions, let us pray in the words which our Lord Christ himself has taught us, saying: *Our Father....*

May God the Father bless us with his grace, find us receptive to goodness and mercy in his Son our Lord, and bring us all in the power of his Holy Spirit to the joy of his everlasting Kingdom. *Amen*

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:4b-9 and 15-25 Laureatte Scott
God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.

Silence to be observed

H398, I sing the almighty power of God *Forest Green*
Congregation and Choir

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 Jo Ann Robinson
God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Silence to be observed

O Come to Set Us Free *Veni Emmanuel*
Choir arr by Mary McDonald

THIRD LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 Joseph Sams
God promises a new covenant which will be written upon the hearts of the people

Silence to be observed

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind *Repton*
Choir arr by Hugh Livingston

FOURTH LESSON Micah 5:2-4 Ivana Kenny Carmola
The one who is to rule Israel will be born in Bethlehem

Silence to be observed

O Little Town of Bethlehem *St. Louis*
Sean Warren, French horn | TJ Frazier, Alto Sax
Constance Mele, *Viola*

THANK YOU –Our Hospitality Committee has prepared a Lite Fare for fellowship. hour after service today. All are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

December 23 –Capital Campaign Evening Prayer from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Potted poinsettias are being requested to adorn the altar and church for the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Plants should be placed on the Parish Hall breezeway on Sunday 12/22/19 no later than 12 noon. Thanks, Altar Guild.

Capital Campaign Committee

As our St. Michael Capital Campaign prepares to build a focus on corporate and pacesetter contributions in support of our planned renovations and expansion, members of the Pacesetter and Leadership Gifts Sub-Committee will convene for a meeting on this Sunday, December 15th immediately following Eucharist Services. Your continued prayers are requested that efforts of this sub-committee and parish may be abundantly blessed with the deliverance of corporate and pacesetter gifts and donations. Congregants and friends of St. Michael are encouraged to identify and recommend potential corporate and pacesetter donors to any sub-committee co-chair (Linda Dilworth, Cassandra Grayson and Delores Lawson) or member. A central listing of potential corporate and pacesetter donors will be maintained and coordinated by this committee to avoid duplicate contacts or oversights. The Capital Campaign Pacesetter and Leadership Gifts Sub-committee is grateful for your prayers, support, assistance and recommendations. Through God's divine grace, mercy and deliverance, our church family can do this! For questions please contact Linda Dilworth (850.508.1794 - mobile), Cassandra Grayson (850.294.1755 - mobile) or Delores Lawson (850.509.6060 - mobile).

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, Malcolm 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 and Melva Griffith, and Kenneth Johnson.

For those in the Military:

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

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 that 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.*

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

FIFTH LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Neil James

The Lord will be among us, we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Silence to be observed

There Will Be Joy

Antioch arr by Schram

Omar and Sierra Mongerie | Camille and KJ Usher | Colton and Claire Wasson

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1:5-25

Kathleen Rodgers

An Angel tells Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth, will bear a son.

Silence to be observed

H265, The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Basque carol

Congregation and Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8 and 19-28

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

Special Address

The Nicene Creed

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

H712, Dona Nobis Pacem

Traditional

Offertory Selection

Little Drummer Boys

Traditional

Omar and Sierra Mongerie | Camille and KJ Usher | Colton and Claire Wasson

Dominique Carmola | Roland Frazier | Xavier and Lucas LaSeur

Doxology & Procession

A650, Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow

Duke Street

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

Stuttgart

The Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Malotte

The Breaking of the Bread

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Prayer of Humble Access

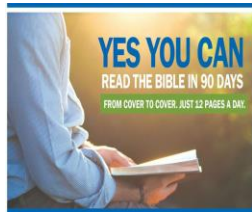
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HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 1	H58 , Lo! He comes, with clouds descending	<i>St. Thomas</i>
Communion Hymn 2	H304 , I come with joy to meet my Lord	<i>Land of Rest</i>
Communion Hymn 3	H336 , Come with us, O blessed Jesus	<i>Werde munter</i>
Post Communion Prayer		339
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers		
Announcements		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	H74 , Blest be the King	<i>Valet will ich dir geben</i>
Dismissal		

H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

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



The Episcopal Diocese of Florida invites you to accomplish something millions have said is a life goal — read through the entire Bible. The Bible in 90 Days Bible program takes you from Genesis to Revelation in just 12 pages a day. Join Bishop John Howard in a weekly discussion and study beginning **January 8, 2020** as we experience the Bible together.

Hot chili. Cold beer. Warm people. What better way to celebrate MLK Weekend? Bring the family and your appetite to Episcopal Church of the Advent for Bowls & Brews, Saturday, January 18, 4 to 7 pm, 815 Piedmont Road, Tallahassee. Chili competition, homemade cornbread and desserts, and a family movie. Kids 10 and under eat free. \$10 admission for the rest of us will help fund diversity scholarships for Advent Parish Day School. Craft beer available for purchase. To compete as a chili chef or a team, enter at advent-church.org or email bowl.brews@gmail.com.

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!

Joseph Sams (12/18), Prokop Hruda (12/21), Pennela Chapman (12/23), David & Anne Powell (12/22), James & Pamela Fort (12/23).

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*