

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*First Sunday of Advent*  
*December 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m.*



***THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN***

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

**H56, O come, O come Emmanuel**

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in our Diocese of Florida for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**L9, On Jordan's stormy banks**

American Melody

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH: LIGHT OF HOPE

*Narrator:* For the people of the Old Testament awaited the Promised Messiah. God sent prophet after prophet to deliver this message of continued hope: "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give hope and a future. Those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Therefore, be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

In gratitude for the prophets and for all who bring the message of hope to our world, we light this candle.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news of the gospel, who preach glad tidings." For yesterday's prophets and today's messengers who proclaim the hope of salvation to people everywhere, we give thanks.

### THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

GRADUAL HYMN

**L7, v 1, I Want to be Ready**

Spiritual

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 13:24-37**

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**L7, v 2, I Want to be Ready**

Spiritual

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*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>L18, Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</b>	Spiritual
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**HOLY COMMUNION**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>L20, When We All Get to Heaven</b>	Wilson
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DISMISSAL

*H=1982 Hymnal (blue).*

*L=Lift Every Voice and Sing (black/red)*

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING

### **For those at Home**

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie and Renee White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, r. Terrance Rosheuvel, Kurt Blyden and Ashley Rodgers.

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

Dourest & Joann Robinson, John Melville, Lauren Sapp, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick & Veronica Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Bill Bush, Luann Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, Fritz Roy, Mark Thomas, Daniella Greenway Thomas, Terrence Harris, Barbara Stovell, Lynn Kimmel, Will Baker, David Thomas Wiley, Barbara Lynn, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Spencer Stapleton, Ellie Potter, Randy Frazier, Lennie Helfand, Fabienne Bailey Brown, Patrick Charles, Dr. Bill Cody and Hansel Tookes.

### **For those who care for the sick**

Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Robinson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Dr. Edwin Thorpe, Zuri A. White and Cheston Williams.

### **For those in the Military**

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson, and Douglas Sampson.

## SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYERS

### **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 couples 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*

## SPECIAL PRAYER

### 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.**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

Karen Goodlett (12/9), Fr. Hugh & Genevieve Chapman (12/6).

### Serving today, Sunday, December 3.

**LEM:** Mr. Mr. Byron Greene

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mr. James Fort

**Crucifer:** Mr. Joseph Sams

**Vestry:** Ms. Kimberly Douglas

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Kate Wasson

Mrs. Karen Goodlett

**Lectors:** Mrs. JoAnn Robinson

Mr. Zollie White II

Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

**Organist:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

**AV:**

### Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 4 to December 9.

Mon. Isa. 1:10-20

Psalm. 1, 2, 3

Luke 20:1-8

Tue. Isa. 1:21-31

Psalm 5, 6

Luke 20:9-18

Wed. Isa. 2:1-11

Psalm 119:1-24

Luke 20:19-26

Thurs. Isa. 2:12-22

Psalm 18:1-20

Luke 20:27-40

Fri. Isa. 3:8-15

Psalm 16, 17

Luke 20:41 – 21:4

Sat. Isa. 4:2-6

Psalm 20,21:1-7(8-14)

Luke 21:5-19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Return of Pledge Cards**

The pledge cards being returned today will be blessed in your presence. If you did not receive one in time, it is not late to submit yours.

### **Capital Area Justice Ministry Update**

The CAJM collaborative is getting ready for the Action Kick Off planned for Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Saint Paul's, UMC (1700 N. Meridian Rd). We gather at 6:00 pm and this meeting is open to everyone. To prepare for this meeting, the Gun Violence Initiative Sub-committee will meet on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to review the following two documents:-

1. A study paper written by David Kennedy—State Violence, Legitimacy, and the Path to True Public Safety.
2. A Civil Citation Effectiveness Review from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Do join us.

### **Service of Lessons and Carols/St. John's Episcopal**

Our friends over at St. John's Episcopal will hold their service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. A special prelude concert by the Bach Parley will precede the service at 6:30 pm.

### **Service of Lessons and Carols/SMAA**

As we have done previously, our service of Lessons and Carols will be held this year at the Eucharist on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to DL LaSeur and her ministry team for making all the arrangements. We hope to involve the little ones in our congregation in that service. Help us invite others to come join us that day.

### **Building With Christ**

Under the auspices of the Capital Campaign Committee, SMAA has launched a special fundraiser, the proceeds of which will go directly to this effort. We ask that you share the flyer released with your family members, colleagues, and friends. All we ask for is a donation of \$18.82, a symbolic reminder of when SMAA began its journey back in 1882. This small offering (and you can give lots more), will be the seed money to help kick start phase one of this ambitious project.

Fr. Hugh+

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### Left Asking why?

The first word this Advent Season is Hope. Indeed we believers are people of Hope regardless of the setbacks, and the unfortunate circumstances that pervade our lives. Yet we are left asking very often, why? Some of us are still trying to understand why October 7<sup>th</sup> happened in Israel, when supposedly they have the best Intelligence Service in the world (Mossad). So how could HAMAS, a terrorist organization with limited resources and certainly not the military hardware that Israel has in its arsenal, breakthrough Israeli's defense and inflict such pain and suffering? Mind you HAMAS's leadership live daily with the fear of assassination at the hands of Israeli commandos. So how did they find the time to plot such a near perfect scheme which resulted in the deaths of some 1200 Israeli citizens and well over 250 persons kidnapped and taken to tunnels in Gaza. Why did that happen? We know why 14,000 plus Palestinians have died on account of the merciless bombings their homes and shelters were subjected to. For me the more fundamental question is, why this conflict that dates back to biblical times continues to persist, yes why have these sons of Abraham not found a way to live peacefully beside each other?

Surely like me, you have kept asking yourselves why bad things happen to good people—a deeply philosophical question, the answer to which eludes us all? Again the question surfaced for me when I heard that Dr. Bill Cody, who served the Jacksonville Community some years ago, was diagnosed with myelofibrosis (a rare form of leukemia). The Codys as a family have suffered much. Shortly after we got to Jacksonville, their daughter, a student at UF, was tragically murdered. Shortly thereafter the wife, Betty, contracted breast cancer all the while caring for Bill who by that time discovered that he had prostate cancer. Their son got married and the child he and his wife welcomed, was discovered to be suffering from leukemia. Thankfully he survived and is now leading a normal life. A few years ago, Betty complained of feeling unwell, and after she was taken to ER, it was found that she had a malignant tumor. As Betty will tell you, her life has been nothing short of tragic. When she was only a child, her parents' home was completely destroyed by fire and as fate would have, her mom subsequently died, leaving her to care for her two siblings. Betty must now care for Bill once more. Again I ask why this man who devoted his life to the care and nurture of many, now must face an uncertain future punctuated by anxiety, uncertainty, and sadness. Do pray for the Codys this week and especially for Bill.

*Fr. Hugh+*

## 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 our newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please add your email address also.*

### *About Us*

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#### *Our Clergy and Administration*

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*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.