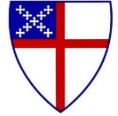


St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



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



*The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

## 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

**H76, On Jordan's bank**

*Winchester New*

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

Narrator: An angel of the Lord appeared to simple shepherds, saying "today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Suddenly the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom His favor rests."

In gratitude for the shepherds who were the first to see the Prince of Peace, we light this candle of peace.

The announcement of His birth was not to royalty, nor to the famous, but to the simple, common people of the day. After they had seen Him lying in the manger, the shepherds told everyone they met about this Child. The bearer of peace. Hear the word of the Lord: "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace, for there is a future for the people of peace.

For yesterday's simple shepherds and for today's ordinary people across the globe who welcome peace and work on its behalf, we give thanks.

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP pg. 323

THE KYRIES

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Insert

THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

GRADUAL HYMN

**H66, v 1-2, Come, thou long expected Jesus**

*Stuttgart*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 1:1-8**

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**H66, v 3-4, Come, thou long expected Jesus**

*Stuttgart*

THE SERMON	The Reverend Hugh Chapman
THE NICENE CREED	BCP Pg. 326
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM V	389
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION	330

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY	<b>Good King Wenceslas</b>	arr by John Stainer
	<i>Sean Warren on French Horn</i>	

DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION      **H43, v4, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**    *The Eight Tune*  
*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>H554, 'Tis the gifts to be simple</b>	<i>Simple Gifts</i>
-------------------	--	---------------------

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1		BCP pg. 333
SANCTUS		334
THE LORD'S PRAYER		336
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		337

AGNUS DEI

THE INVITATION

**HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN	<b>H65, Prepare the way, O Zion</b>	<i>Bereden vag for Herran</i>
MEDITATION HYMN	<b>Christmas Concerto Op 6, No.8, 4<sup>th</sup> Movement</b>	Corelli
	<i>Sean Warren on French Horn</i>	

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>H68, Rejoice! Rejoice, believers</b>	<i>Llangloffan</i>
------------------	---	--------------------

DISMISSAL

*H=1982 Hymnal (blue).*

## **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 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 PRAYER**

### **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.*

**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!** 

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

**Serving today, Sunday, December 10.**

**LEM:** Mr. Prokop Hruda

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Crucifer:** Mr. Byron Greene

**Vestry:** Mr. Charlie Clark

**Altar Guild:** Dr. Edith Oneyezili

.....Mrs. Delois Brown

**Lectors:** Ms. Chenikka Usher

Mr. Prokop Hruda

Mrs. Pamela Greene

Ms. Margaret Edwards

**Organist:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

**AV:**

**Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 11 to December 16.**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Isa. 5:8-12,18-23</b>	<b>Psalm. 25</b>	<b>Luke 21:20-28</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Isa. 5:13-17,24-25</b>	<b>Psalm.26, 28</b>	<b>Luke 21:29-38</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Isa. 6:1-13</b>	<b>Psalm 38</b>	<b>John 7:53-8:11</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Isa. 7:1-9</b>	<b>Psalm 37:1-18</b>	<b>Luke 22:1-13</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Isa. 7:10-25</b>	<b>Psalm 31</b>	<b>Luke 22:14-30</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Isa. 8:1-15</b>	<b>Psalm 30, 32</b>	<b>Luke 22:31-38</b>

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Appeal for Poinsettias**

The Altar Guild has begun making plans for Christmas. We thank God for the special ministry they offer to us here at SMAA. So we issue this appeal asking that we all consider donating Poinsettias for Christmas. You can drop them off at the parish office and do let us know when you plan to so do.

### **FAMU Concert Choir**

FAMU Concert Choir will present an Annual Holiday Concert on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> (6:00 pm) at Lee Hall Auditorium. This is a free concert. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to get into the holiday spirit.

### **Daniel to Graduate**

Daniel Erefah will graduate from Florida State University on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelor in Studio Arts (Design). Our church family is very proud of Daniel and all that he has achieved.

### **Pray for the Presiding Bishop**

We are learning that Archbishop Michael Curry sustained a fall in Syracuse, N.Y, hit his head and had a brain bleed that required surgery. Mercifully he is back home in North Carolina recuperating.

### **Angela Bruton and Family Mourns**

Angela and her family are mourning at this time Dr. Alice Murray Jamison (aunt) who died on November 26, 2023. Her funeral is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> in Washington DC. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Advent/Christmas Schedule of Services**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/10/23	Solemn Eucharist	10:00 am
12/17/23	Service of Lessons and Carols	10:00 am.
12/24/23	Solemn Eucharist	10:00 am
	Christmas Eve Service/Eucharist	8:00 pm
12/25/23	Christmas Day Eucharist	10:00 am.
12/26/23	St. Stephen's Day Said Mass	12:15 pm
12/28/23	Holy Innocents Day/Said Mass	12:15 pm
12/31/23	Christmas 1/Solemn Eucharist	10:00 am

### **From Crisis to Compassion to Comfort!**

The one thing I always remember is how my mother corporately chastised me, she was not abusive by no stretch of the imagination, but rather she was a strict disciplinarian. My mother believed that appropriately and adequately applying the board of education to the seat of the problem was her way of training and teaching me the truth and giving me wisdom about the importance of obedience. To this day, even though my mom recently transitioned to rest in that land where travelers are never known to return, I am eternally thankful to my mom for her punishing me as she deemed necessary.

As a student of the Old Testament and mental observer of Israel's behavior towards God, I am not convinced they learned from God's punishment of them, Did Israel not understand nor believe what Jehovah said in the Book Deuteronomy about behavior that brought blessings and behavior that brought a curse upon them? However, throughout their history I am convinced there were a few Israelites (called "the remnant") who did learn to trust and obey God.

The Old Testament lectionary text for this Second Sunday of Advent is one the most significant and soul-stirring texts reveling God's continuous love, yearning, and His passion for His disobedient children. The Isaiah 40.1-11 text is a joyful refrain that introduces this unexpected reversal of fortunes for Israel. Persia maintained colonial control over the peoples in the ancient near east, but people were allowed to live in their native lands as long as they remained loyal to the Persian government. Isaiah attributes this foreign policy to the workings of their God, Yahweh, who now chooses to change the status of the displaced Jews. The verses before us today opens the second part of the Book of Isaiah, which contains poems reflecting the impact of the Persian expansion under Cyrus the Great on the peoples living in exile after the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem.

*Rev. James Vaughn.*

*To be continued*

### **Angel Tree**

We are being asked again to support Grace Mission's effort to share a little joy with the children they minister to. An Angel Tree sits in the vestibule and on it are suggested gifts we can donate, or if you so desire, you can send a cash donation to the treasurer.

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*

---

#### *Our Clergy and Administration*

The Standing Committee  
Diocese of Florida

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

**Rector**

340.513.1123

[Frhugh\\_chappy63@yahoo.com](mailto:Frhugh_chappy63@yahoo.com)

#### *Our Vestry & Staff*

Dr. Shaun Laurie, M.D., **Senior Warden**

850.570.5789

Charlie Clark, **Junior Warden**

850.631.0780

Linda Billups

Kimberly Douglas

Margaret Edwards, **Vestry Clerk**

Laureatte Scott, **Treasurer**

Dr. Kathleen Rodgers, **Financial Secretary**

Ivana Kenny Carmola and

Debralee LaSeur-Helfand, **Organists**

Chris White, **Drummer/Choral Director**

John Grayson, **LEMs Coordinator**

J. Byron Green, **Outreach Coordinator**

Elizabeth Humes, **Administrative Assistant**

*Location:* 1405 Melvin Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

*Phone:* 850.681.0844

*Office Hours:* Monday to Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Email:*

[office@stmichaelandallangels.org](mailto:office@stmichaelandallangels.org)

*Website:*

[www.stmichaelandallangels.org](http://www.stmichaelandallangels.org)

*Follow us on Instagram@smaa\_tally*

*Find us on Facebook*

*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.