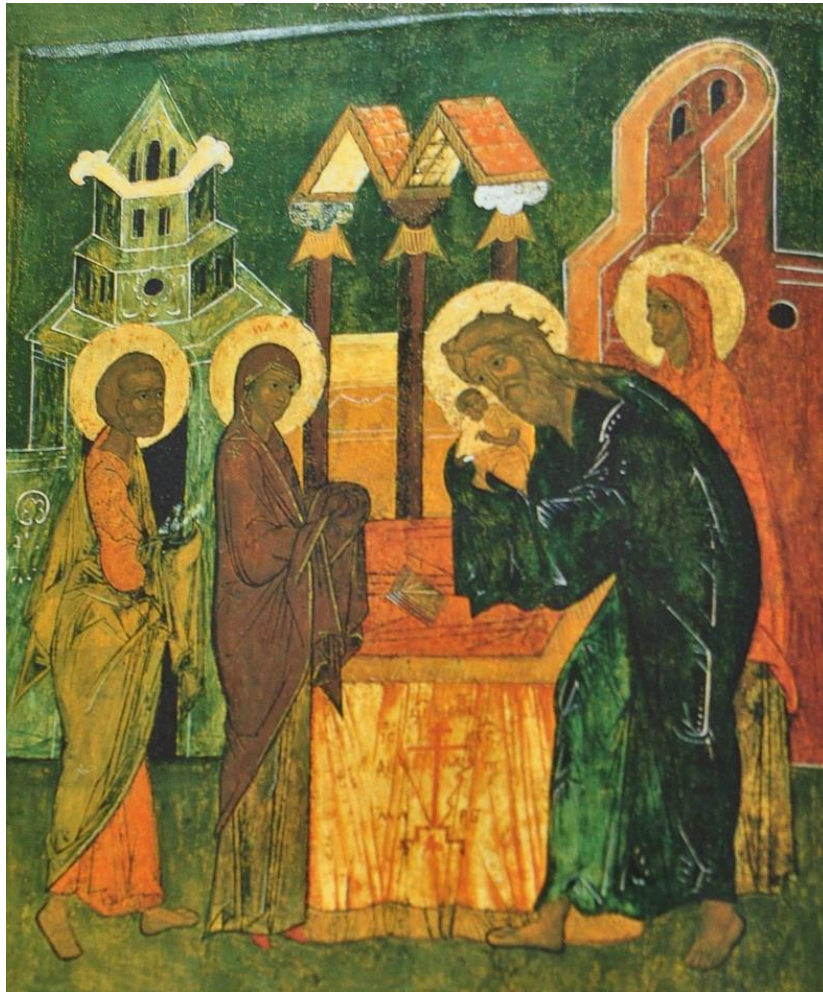


St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ
February 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m.



HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

OPENING PRAYER

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A124 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Insert

THE LESSONS

Congregation is seated

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hebrews 2: 14-18

GRADUAL HYMN

A460 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me, v1-2

PILOT

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

A460, Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me, v3

PILOT

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

L188, It Is Well with My Soul

Bliss

Please be seated for the Offertory.

OFFERTORY	A498, Let There Be Peace on Earth	Miller
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	A108, This is the Day	Garrett
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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AGNUS DEI		
THE INVITATION		

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN	A546, Steal Away	STEAL AWAY
MEDITATION HYMN	A455, Just A Closer Walk With Thee	CLOSER WALK
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	A559, Rock of Ages	TOPLADY
DISMISSAL		

A= African American Heritage Hymnal (ivory)
L = Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (black/red)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING

For those at Home

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, Fr. Terrance Rosheuvel, Kurt Blyden, Ashley Rodgers, Sandra Todman-Hart, Teresa Thomas, Elroy Todman, Christopher Marrow, Sean Gray and Debra Wynn.

For those in the care of the Doctor

Dourest & Joann Robinson, John Melville, Lauren Sapp, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexes 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, Devonias Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Bill Bush, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, Fritz Roy, Mark Thomas, Terrence Harris, Barbara Lynn, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Will Baker, Ellie Potter, Lennie Helfand, Fabienne Bailey Brown, Patrick Charles, Sean Warren-Bailey, Victor Laurie, Martha Laurie, Pamela Richards, Al Washington, James Gay, Jennipher Francis, Eileen Corona, Nia Williams, Bishop Charles Davidson, Peyton Toussaint, Jesse Stewart, Catherine Davis, Lorna Willabus, James Varlack, Michelle James, Ivan Rosheuvel, Zachery Smith, Julia Joyner, Tom Hitchcock and Donald Pinder Sr.

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.

ERD seeks support for Southern California Wildfire

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with affected dioceses as they assess needs in their communities. In addition to our continuing prayers, ways to support this effort may be found at their website: engagement@episcopalrelief.org.



Use this QR code to support ERD's Southern California wildfires response.

SPECIAL 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.*

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!

Sherman Erefah (2/5), J. Byron Greene (2/5).

Serving today, Sunday, February 2

Acolytes: Mr. Byron Greene, Mr. James Fort,
Mr. John Grayson

Lectors: Dr. Cyndy Stewart

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

LEM: Mr. John Grayson

Dr. Neil James

Gospel Book Bearer/MC: Mr. Byron Greene

Organist: Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

Crucifer: Mr. James Fort

AV: Mrs. Sherika White

Vestry: Ms. Margaret Edwards

Altar Guild: Mrs. Delores Lawson

Ushers & Greeters:

Mr. Charlie Clark, Mr. Al Lawson Jr., Mr. Ebenezer Erefah, Mr. Gustavo Mejias, Dr. Neil James

Suggested daily Readings for the Week of Epiphany 4: February 2 to February 8.

Mon.	Gen. 19:1-17(18-23)245-29	Psalm 56	John 6:27-40
Tue.	Gen. 21:1-21	Psalm 61	John 6:41-51
Wed.	Gen. 22:1-18	Psalm 72	John 6:52-59
Thurs.	Gen 23:1-20	Psalm 71	John 6:60-71
Fri.	Gen 24:1-27	Psalm 69	John 7:1-13
Sat.	Gen. 24:28-38, 49-51	Psalm .75	John 7:14-36

From the Rector's Desk

The Politics of Jesus vs. Ours

First let me say that it is a joy to be back! My month-long sabbatical afforded the opportunity for many moments of intentional prayer, thoughtful reflection and of course rest. I plan to share with the vestry first, some of the visionizing that I engaged in and as time goes by, the same with the rest of us. Today, let us reflect together on the topic - the politics of Jesus. Was Jesus a political person? Can we detect from His sayings that He had any such inclination? Maybe the closest He came to making a political statement, was when He said – “give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s (taxes), and to God the things that are God’s (tithes and offerings). Is that enough for us who wonder what advice He would give to us seeking to practice our faith in 2025? A good starting point is the prophecies of Isaiah who lived thousands of years before Jesus. We have to do so because in His first sermon, Jesus actually quoted Isaiah – “the spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor (jubilee), and so on and so forth. Perhaps we have far too long spiritualized that message, maybe ignoring intentionally what Jesus said in another place – I have come that they may have life in all its fullness! When politics is practiced properly, in any given society, God’s people are afforded the opportunity to enjoy life in all its fullness. Jesus’s approach however was to heal broken lives, broken bodies, broken dreams – and that was His platform – a message that He proclaimed in word and deed. The people of His day, needed a word of encouragement, indeed a word of hope if they were to survive the shackles the Roman government placed upon them. Come to think of it, and as we look at our circumstances, they like many in our day, allowed fear and uncertainty, to dominate their lives. Many in Jesus’ day had a fatalistic view of life, saying to themselves, nothing is going to change. Jesus opened their eyes to what God is able to do - set captives free from fear and intimidation. Jesus abhorred violence, maybe explaining why Judas betrayed Him in the end (Judas was an assassin) and could not wait on God to change the circumstances of His people’s lives. Indeed and maybe without mentioning it, Jesus advocated patience (the reference to Isaiah’s “waiting on the Lord”). His message – while you wait, care for those in need, befriend the stranger, bring comfort to those who are being left behind, and yes condemn

From the Rector's Desk (continued)

every form of exploitation/wrong doing! Politics friends, is the simple art of properly organizing one's society, so that all are made to feel that they matter! Jesus' message was that everyone mattered in the eyes of God, everyone needed to be cared for, everyone needed to be loved and made to feel special, yes even the leper! In our context, it would be those who differ from us in terms of political affiliation or sexual orientation. So I ask, in this supercharged political arena we live in, could we truly practice our faith as Jesus challenges us to do? Or will we allow ourselves to be influenced by those who mouth "Christianity" but their actions betray something quite different when it comes to the stranger, perhaps the immigrant and certainly the needy among us.

Fr. Hugh+

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presiding Bishop to visit our diocese this week

The Most Reverend Sean W. Rowe, presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church is scheduled to visit with the Diocese of Florida on Monday, February 3, 2025. He will meet with the clergy at Camp Weed in an all-day session beginning at 9 A.M. This setting will afford clergy an opportunity to hear from the Presiding Bishop and more specifically about the vision he has for the Episcopal church going forward. Our own Father Hugh Chapman has been invited to lead the Midday Devotions. Do pray for the clergy of our diocese as they meet with our presiding bishop.

Student Sunday

Student Sunday will take place next Sunday, February 9, 2025. During the service we will celebrate our students and pay homage with traditional African American Spirituals. Immediately following the service, a fellowship will be hosted by the SMAA Campus Ministry in the parish hall. **Optional attire: Collegewear Casual.**

Return of Pledge Cards

If you have not already done so, please remember to return your pledge cards. If you did not receive your card in the mail, do let us know, so we can send another. There are additional cards waiting for you in the vestibule.

Your Offering

Please note - anyone who missed placing their contribution in the collection plate, must indicate the same to our ushers or the vestry person on duty and they will ensure that your contribution is properly recorded.

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.*

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OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body, and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.