

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Sixteen Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

143rd. Anniversary Celebration

Service of Confirmation
And Reception
Presiding
The Rt. Rev. William “Chip” H. Stokes



SOLEMN HIGH MASS

The Right Reverend William “Chip” H. Stokes, Celebrant and Preacher

Assisting Bishop—Diocese of Florida

The Rev. Hugh William Chapman—Concelebrant

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

A130, the Angels Keep a-Watchin’

Spiritual

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

H618, Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Bishop says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA (sung)

L243, Glory, Glory

Haywood

Refrain: Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. **[Refrain]** 4. You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; 5. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, 7. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **[Refrain] Amen.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS (The people sit)

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 28:10-17

Insert

Psalm 103:19-22 (sung)

Anglican Chant



19. The LORD has set his throne in heaven,*
and his kingship has dominion over all.

20. Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,*
and hearken to the voice of his word.

21. Bless the LORD, all you his hosts,*
you ministers of his who do his will

22. Bless the LORD, all you works of
his, in all places of his dominion;*
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation 12:7-12

Insert

GRADUAL HYMN H282, v 1-2, Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels

Caelites plaudant

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:47-51)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

SEQUENCE HYMN H282, v3, Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels

Caelites plaudant

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. William "Chip" H. Stokes

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

A=African American Hymnal (Ivory), H=1982 Hymnal (Blue), L=Lift Every Voice and Sing, (black/red)

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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Bishop **The Candidates will now be presented.**

Presenter I present John Henry McClendon for Confirmation and Eugene Harris who desires to be received into the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates We do

Bishop Do you renew your commitments to Jesus Christ?

Candidates We do, and with God's grace we will follow him as our Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life with Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Holy catholic Church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Mr. Byron Greene

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Reception

We recognize you as a member of the holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion, God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and ever living God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM V

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Bishop Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Bishop Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE PEACE **L210, Down by the Riverside** Spiritual

OFFERTORY **A270, Your Grace and Mercy** Williams

DOXOLOGY **L56, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow** Hatton

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below. Paise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

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 **L217, He's Got the Whole World** Spiritual

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C Pg. 361-363

SANCTUS **L254, Holy, Holy, Holy s (sung)** MaultsBy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER **L264, The Lord's Prayer (sung)** Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (Sung)

L268, Christ our Passover

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. (x3)

Facing the people, the Bishop says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by Faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN 1

H324, Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

COMMUNION HYMN 2

H336, Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

MEDITATION HYMN

A113, Total Praise

Smallwood

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

H625, Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

DISMISSAL

Rector Our worship has ended Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

USHER & GREETERS

Ms. Yankelis Nogvera

Ms. Ashanti Watkins

Mrs. Linda Billups

Ms. Cherish Redd

Mrs. Sharal Jigger



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, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, 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, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick & Veronica Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Devonias Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Ann Dupree, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Will Baker, Ellie Potter, Lennie Helfand, Victor Laurie, Martha Laurie, Pamela Richards, Al Washington, Jesse Stewart, Catherine Davis, Zachery Smith, Julia Joyner, Anne Powell, Proctor Ford, Johnnie Flowers, Leonard Williams, and Ethan Pritchard.

For those who care for the sick

Especially all doctors, nurses, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Robinson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Dr. Zollie White III, Zuri A. White, Cheston Williams, and Edwina Johnson.

For those in the Military

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

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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 PRAYERS

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right use of thy bountiful goodness 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.**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Cassandra Grayson (9/29), Delois Abraham (10/2)

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Pentecost: Sept 29 to Oct.5.

Mon.	Hosea 2:14-23	Psalm 89:1-18	Luke 5:1-11
Tue.	Hosea 4:1-10	Psalm 97, 99, {100}	Luke 5:12-26
Wed.	Hosea 4:11-19	Psalm 101, 109:1-4	Luke 5:27-39
Thurs.	Hosea 5:8-6:6	Psalm 105:1-22	Luke 6:1-11
Fri.	Hosea 10:1-5	Psalm 102	Luke 6:12-26
Sat.	Hosea 11:1-9	Psalm 107:33-43	Luke 6:27-38

Serving Today Sunday September 28.

Verger:& MC: Mr. J. Byron Greene

Crucifer: Mr. Zollie White, Jr.

Acolytes: Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan
Mrs. Laureatte Scott

Gospel Book Bearer: Mr. Kareem Usher, Jr.

Bishop's Candle: Mr. Santiago Mejias

Wardens & LEMs: Mr. James Fort
Mr. Joseph Sams, III

Altar Guild: Dr. Delores Lawson
Mrs. Delois Brown

Lectors: Ms. Chioma Onyeozili
Ms. Leslie Warren
Mr. James Fort

Vestry: Mrs. Pamela Davis Greene

Organist: Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

Trumpet: Mr. JoJo Aboderin

Trombone: Mr. Matias Quiceno

Bass: Mr. Myles Robinson

Drums: Mr. Lawrence Turner

AV: Ms. Leslie Warren

Biography of The Right Reverend William “Chip” H. Stokes

The Right Reverend William "Chip" H. Stokes served as the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey from 2013 - 2023. During his tenure as Bishop, Stokes was an active leader known for his passion for Christ's mission, racial reconciliation, and lifelong Christian formation. A recognized preacher and Christian educator, he has served at many levels of governance within the Episcopal Church including serving as Clergy Deputy from the Diocese of Southeast Florida at three General Conventions.

Before being elected Bishop of New Jersey, he served as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, Florida, for 14 1/2 years. Prior to that he served as Associate for Christian Formation at The Episcopal Church of Bethesday-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach (1995 – 1999), and prior to that as Curate and School Chaplain at Grace Episcopal Church and Day School in Massapequa, Long Island (1990 – 994). Following his retirement from the Diocese of New Jersey in June 2023, he and his wife, Susan, moved to St. Augustine, Florida. Since then, he has continued his ministry as an assisting bishop in the Diocese of Florida. He and Susan have four grown children and three grandchildren who all live in Florida.

A Special Welcome

On behalf of our parish family I bid a warm welcome to the Rt. Rev. William “Chip” Stokes, Assisting Bishop of our Diocese. Thank you, Rt. Rev. Sir. for joining us as we celebrate. To all those who traveled from near and far, just to be with us at this time, we count it a privilege to have you share in our worship experience and the other festivities planned for today.

Finally, let me offer recognition to the visiting choir from our sister Church of the Advent, joining our choir for this special occasion. *Fr. Hugh+*

Contemplative Eucharist

With the return of the rector from vacation, the Eucharist will be celebrated on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm. Do join us for a contemporary approach to studying the scripture.

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 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.