

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*December 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m.*



*The Birth of the Messiah*

## HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE ONE

PRELUDE

**Come, O Come Emmanuel**

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**A199, O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ADESTES FIDELES

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH: LIGHT OF JOY**

**Narrator:** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, magi from the East came seeking Him and asked, “Where is the One Who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him.

And the star they had seen went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, the magi were filled with joy.

In gratitude for wise men and seekers everywhere in search of Christ, we light this candle of joy.

Hear the word of the Lord: “I will turn your mourning into gladness; I will give you comfort and joy instead of sorrow. I will tell you the truth: you may weep and mourn while the world rejoices; you may grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”

For the magi of yesterday who crossed the expanse of nations, and for those today who bridge chasms of the heart, earnestly seeking the Source of everlasting joy, we give thanks.

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Psalms 146:4-9**

**James 5:7-10**

GRADUAL HYMN

**A220, v1-2 What Child Is This?**

GREENSLEEVES

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 11:2-11**

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**A220 v3, What Child Is This?**

GREENSLEEVES

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DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	<b>A650, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	Hatton
<i>Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said:</i>		
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>A616, Jesus Loves the little Children</b>	CHILDREN
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RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>A622, I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy</b>	I'VE GOT THE JOY
POSTLUDE	<b>Joy to the World</b>	ANTIOCH
DISMISSAL		

*A=African American Hymnal (Ivory).*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE, HEALING AND PROTECTION**

### **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, Devonia 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, Ethan Pritchard and, Annie DePutron.

### **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.

## **SPECIAL OCASSION 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.*

### **Congratulations to our Graduates**

On Friday of this week, Abigail Erefah will graduate from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and History of Art. Also Marissa McKetty, daughter of Noel and Marcia, (St. Philip's Episcopal Church), will graduate from F.S.U. with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing (Cum Laude) from the Business College. So proud of these young people.

## 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!**

Joseph Sams III (12/18), Adanna Anwuri (12/19), Paul Edwards (12/19), Ja'Shanti Douglas Lyons (12/19).

### **Serving today, Sunday, December 14.**

**Crucifer:** Mr. Omar Mongerie

**Acolytes:** Mr. Kareem Usher, Jr.  
Mr. Santiago Mejias

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Ms. Sierra Mongerie

**LEM:** Mr. Zollie White, Jr.

**Vestry:** Mrs. Pamela Davis Greene

**Altar Guild:** Ms. Marie Roberts  
Mrs. Nadira Sams

**Ushers & Greeters:** Ms. Camille Usher  
Ms. Raeyah Ford  
Ms. McKenzie Odili  
Ms. JaLaysia Bartley  
Ms. Ayania Lane  
Ms. Ja'Shanti Lyons

**Lectors:** Mr. Collin Laurie

Ms. Camille Usher

Mr. Kareem Usher, Jr.

Ms. Sierra Mongerie

Mr. Omar Mongerie

**Organist:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

**AV:**

**Musicians:** Mr. Sam Lawson, trumpet  
Mr. Santiago Mejias, vocal  
Messrs. Xavier & Lucas LaSeur

### **Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 15 to December 20**

Mon.	Isa. 8:16-9:1	Psalm 41, 52	Luke 22:39-53
Tue.	Isa. 9:1-7	Psalm 45	Luke 22:54-69
Wed.	Isa. 9:8-17	Psalm 119:49-72	Mark 1:1-8
Thurs.	Isa. 9:18-10:4	Psalm 50	Matt. 3:1-12
Fri.	Isa. 10:5-19	Psalm 40, 45	Matt. 11:2-15
Sat.	Isa. 10:20-27	Psalm 55	Luke 3:1-9

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Schedule of Services

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/16/25	Contemplative Eucharist	12:15 pm
12/22/2025	Rector's Anniversary	12:15 pm
12/24/25	Solemn Eucharist	10:00 am
	Christmas Eve Service/Eucharist	8:00 pm
12/25/25	Christmas Day Eucharist	10:00 am
12/28/25	Holy Innocents Day	10:00 am
12/30/25	Contemplative Eucharist	12:15 pm

### Ushers & Greeters

Sister Sharal Jugger, the coordinator of the Ushers & Greeters Ministry, is seeking volunteers for Sunday mornings. Look out for an invite to serve.

### Appeal for Poinsettias

The Altar Guild has begun their planning for the Christmas Services. They are appealing for Poinsettias to decorate the altar as usual. Let us respond to that appeal as generously as we have done in the past.

### Grace Mission Christmas Tree

Grace Mission has completed and delivered its 2024 "CHRISTMAS WISHES TREE" for our consideration this season. The tree has been adorned with their wish list "ornaments". Please select an ornament and help bring joy to someone this season. The tree will be in our vestibule on Sunday, December 14th.

### Contemplative Eucharist

Every Tuesday at 12:15 pm a mass is said at which a reading for the previous Sunday forms the basis for the interactive reflections shared. Actually the liturgical format for the service is different with a focus on prayer. If you are available do join us.

### Special Prayers being Sought

Do pray for the family of Henry Okafor, as they laid to rest their mother recently in Nigeria. May Felicia Alaba rest in peace and rise in glory. Pray also for Annie DePutron (wife of Robert (NJ), who did have triple bypass surgery on Friday in New Jersey and also for Errol, brother of the rector, who lives in London with his family. He collapsed at his home on Wednesday and had to be rushed to I.C.U. Pray for Lona (wife), for Angie (daughter) and husband Demetre and their daughter Jaada, and Dr. Annalee Chapman (daughter).

## **FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**

### **CAJM Research Kickoff**

Last Tuesday evening, the CAJM family gathered at Jacob Chapel on Lake Bradford Road. After a sumptuous meal, we turned our attention to the agenda for the evening. After an opening prayer led by Imam Reshad Majahid, Bryan Stringer helped the gathering understand how we can approach the research process that is to be completed by the various committees to be appointed:-

1. Affordable Housing
2. Gun Violence
3. Food Insecurity & Hunger
4. Mental Health
5. Immigration

Discussions engaged in, were mutually satisfying and allowed for individual sharing.

Before the evening came to a close, Apostle Otis Young (co-president) drew to the attention of everyone, the following that:-

1. upcoming congregational team meetings are set for January.
2. Congregational network meetings are to be held in February.
3. The Nehemiah Action is planned for Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> (6:30 pm) at the Old West Florida Enrichment Center and the CAJM Celebration on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (6:00 pm) at Jacob Chapel Baptist Church.

Finally, the closing prayer was led by African American Rabbi, Mr. Garland.

Fr. Hugh+

### **New Year's Day at Grace Mission**

As a congregation, we have embraced the opportunity the Lord has provided us, to feed the homeless population on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at Grace Mission. Here is our challenge, as of now, we have no idea how many persons will actually show up! What we know is that the meals to be served, must be pre-packaged and delivered to Grace in large coolers. In addition, to each meal served, we are asked to add bottles of water, as well as fruits and treats. Let the office know how you plan to support this first outreach effort in 2026. Margaret Edwards has agreed to co-ordinate the aforementioned and is looking for volunteers and donors alike.

## 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 complete a Welcome Card, *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 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.