

## The Vestry and Staff

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## The Work of the People

Ushers: Jim and Kara Shea Davis  
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord  
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr  
Eucharistic Minister: Kara Shea Davis  
Refreshments: Betty and Jimmy Weldon  
Stewards: Debra and Maurice McCord

*Thanks for this list each week, Lee!*

## For More Information

Reach the Church during the week by telephone at (334) 252-8618 or (better) online at [www.epiphanytallasse.org](http://www.epiphanytallasse.org)

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Our Church Calendar is now available on the web site: [www.epiphanytallasse.org](http://www.epiphanytallasse.org)  
Look on the left side for "Epiphany Calendar."

## Updates and News

Please send your updates, corrections, and changes to the Prayers of the People, as well as church events and news, before Wednesday of each week to Pam Van Etten [pjv\\_gma@yahoo.com](mailto:pjv_gma@yahoo.com)



## FEED THE HUNGRY

### Beans & Rice

Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." We need your help to unload and stock on third Thursdays at 3 pm. And third Saturdays to give out food from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

# The EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the EPIPHANY



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## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist  
Together with the Renewal of Marriage Vows*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Seventeenth Day of August  
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

*For 20 years, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany has lived out its mission and ministry to the Tallassee area as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion.*

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

### Gathering of the People

*The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer*

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Jesus Shall Reign where'er the Sun* Hymn 544

Acclamation Page 355, BCP

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* Hymn S-280

Salutation Page 357, BCP

The Collect of the Day Scripture Sheet

### Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament *Genesis 45:1-15* Scripture Sheet

Psalms 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!* Scripture Sheet

The Epistle *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32* Scripture Sheet

Sequence *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Hymn 469

The Gospel *Matthew 15: 10-28* Scripture Sheet

Sermon *Father Wells*

The Nicene Creed Page 358, BCP

The Prayers of the People, Form IV Page 388, BCP

Confession of Sin and Absolution Page 360, BCP

The Peace

Announcements

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Offertory *The Servant Song* Betty and Jimmy Weldon

*Supplemental Hymn 59*

### Holy Communion

Presentation *The Doxology* Hymn 380:3

Eucharistic Prayer A Page 361, BCP

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* Hymn S-129

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional* Page 364, BCP

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God* Hymn S-164

Invitation

Communion *Here I Am, Lord* Supplemental Hymn 61

Post-Communion Prayer Page 366, BCP

Blessing

Recessional *O Zion, Haste* Hymn 539

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

### Announcements

**Time to Paint!** We have given the go-ahead to James Hart to begin painting the church. Epiphany's church building is much in need of mildew removal, caulking, and new exterior paint. *Will you help with this important project by contributing generously to the Painting Fund?* Be sure to write "Painting Fund" on the memo line of your check. Thanks!

**We Pray** for those who are ill or recovering from surgery, particularly Lynne Dubay (Dr. Greg Dubay). Lynne is out of the wheelchair and making a good recovery. We pray for Charlotte Poole, who broke her hip and had surgery last Monday at EAMC. And we pray for Nancy Jones, mother of Nancy Dupreee.



**You Are Invited** by the Students and Friends of St. Dunstan's in Auburn to take part in the Century Cycle, a bicycle ride on the Chief Ladiga Trail. The date is Saturday, Sept. 20, starting at 8 am CDT. Cycle as far as you like,

starting at the Anniston trailhead. Ride to Jacksonville and turn around (10 miles). Bike to Piedmont, eat at the Solid Rock Café, and return (40 miles). Go to Cedartown, Ga. and back (80 miles). Or ride a Century (100 miles) from Anniston to Fish Creek, Ga. and back! Get all the details at [bikesilvercomet.com](http://bikesilvercomet.com) or ask Father Wells!

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### Christian Formation *The Book of Genesis*

Our adult class on the Book of Genesis got off to a good start last Sunday with a discussion of the Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath from Chapter One. We had good attendance and plenty of participation in the conversation, or *midrash*.



This morning at 9:30 in the Little House, we talked about Chapter Two of the Book of Genesis, which is subtitled, "Another Account of the Creation." It is the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, together with the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. And that snake, of course. I wish everybody could have been there!

Next week, we continue with Adam and Eve in Chapter Three, "The First Sin and Its Punishment." It only gets better and better. Please join us!

Peace be with you,

Wells+

## LESSONS FOR 10 PENTECOST

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



### The Old Testament *Genesis 45:1-15*

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a



remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there-- since there are five more years of famine to come-- so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Psalm 133** *Ecce, quam bonum!*

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Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

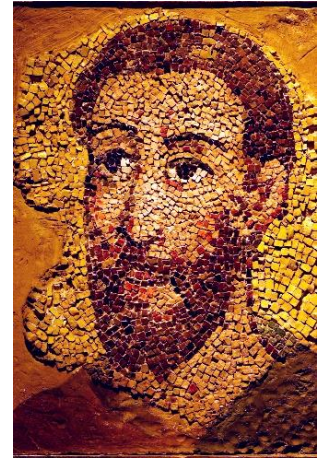
Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**The Epistle** *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.



**The Gospel** *Matthew 15: 10-28*

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

## *A Celebration of the Fifty-fourth Anniversary of the Marriage of Jimmy and Betty Weldon*

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Jimmy and Betty, who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

Jimmy, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Betty in holy matrimony?

*I do.*

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*Jimmy and Betty say together*

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Father Wells then blesses them, saying*

May God the Father, who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh, keep you one. *Amen.*

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. *Amen.*

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. *Amen.*

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