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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.

If you need a priest, call or text Father Wells at (334) 332-3222, or email him at wellswwarren@msn.com

Serving This Week

Lee and Amanda Borden,
Ushers
Lavonne Hart, *Altar Guild*
Maurice McCord, *Lay Reader*
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*
Esther Hart, *Violinist*
Laura Williams, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Cathy Jones and Barbara Trogdon, *Stewards*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Barbara Trogdon, Norma Johnson, Rita Whitman, John Rand, Jim Rand, Bobby Dupree, Betty's mother Louise, Jimmy's niece Allison, Eleanor Lloyd, Lynn Dubay, Eddie Harper, Lannon and Charlotte Poole, and Robin and Clint Darby who mourn the death of their baby Evelyn Rose

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember The Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Heflin, and Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Opelika; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Oge; the Diocesan Department of Finance and the Diocesan Disciplinary Board.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



2602 Gilmer Ave. Tallassee, Alabama 36078 (334) 252-8618

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Seventh Day of December
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low.
-Isaiah 40:2

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer. Please note that we are using service music from All Saints' Chapel in Sewanee, published by St. James Press.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *On Jordan's Bank*

Hymn 76
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Penitential Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria*

St. James
Page 357, BCP
Scripture Sheet

Salutation

Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the Lessons and the Psalm, and we stand for the Gospel.

Old Testament *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Scripture Sheet

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

Scripture Sheet

Epistle *2 Peter 3:8-15a*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Hymn 67

Gospel *Mark 1:1-8*

Scripture Sheet

The Sermon

Father Wells

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form V

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Presentation *Now Thank We All Our God*

Hymn 396:1

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

St. James

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

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Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

St. James

Invitation

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *Thy Kingdom Come*

Hymn 615

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

Announcements

Many Thanks to all who took part in cleaning the Church, Little House, and Grounds after worship last Sunday! We are beautifully prepared for the Season of Advent.

Contact Pam Van Etten if you have someone to include in the Prayers of the People, or an event to announce in the bulletin. We want to be sure that we name those who are sick, recovering from illness or surgery, getting married, or preparing for baptism.



Conversations on Stewardship are going on each Sunday in the Season of Advent, from 9:30 to 10:05 am in the Little House. Please join us for this low-key, no-pressure approach to giving. The first Sunday's conversation was on "What

the Bible Says About Stewardship." Earlier this morning, we talked about "What Our Anglican Tradition Tells Us." Next Sunday will be a talk about "Wills, Bequests, and Final Arrangements."

Advent and Christmas Events ...

Today at 2 pm

Handel's Messiah

Sally Blackwell, choir director at First United Methodist Church in Wetumpka, has graciously agreed to direct Messiah this year. *Singers welcome!*

Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 2014

(Wednesday)

Carols of Christmas at 6 pm

Festival Holy Eucharist II-D at 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Party following worship

Jan. 4, 2015

Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany Sunday

No Sunday School.

Festival Holy Eucharist

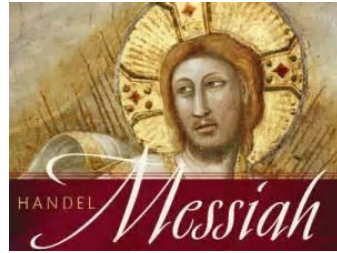
Epiphany Sunday Dinner

Annual Church Meeting and Vestry

Elections

Reports from Priest, Wardens and

Treasurer.



The Lessons for the Second Sunday of Advent

Collect of the Day

Second Sunday of Advent Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
*for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

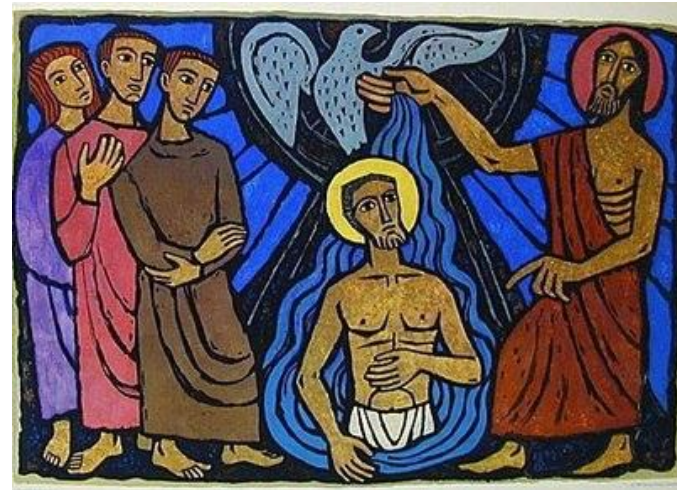
The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Epistle *2 Peter 3:8-15a*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.



Gospel *Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



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New Letter of Membership Updated Information

Full Name _____

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Last Church attended _____

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