

**THE
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105th Archbishop of Canterbury
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
27th Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan
11th Bishop of Alabama
The Rev. Dr. John Wells Warren, *Priest*

The Vestry

Michael Harber, *Senior Warden*
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Mike Rallo, *Vestry Member*
Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*
Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*
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SINCE 1994, 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 wellswarren@msn.com

Serving This Week

Charlene and Mike Rallo,
Ushers/Stewards
Jean Kerr, *Altar Guild*
Mark Harris, *Lay Reader*
Lee Borden, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Laura Williams, *Refreshments*
Mark Harris and Jere Van Etten,
Groundskeeping

In Our Prayers

We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Bill Shell's wife Dolores, Michael Williams, and Eddie Harper's cousin Gary. We also pray for Braxton Hemmert; for John and Kathy's grandsons, Vincent and Dezsel, and their parents, Amber and Jared. We pray for Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

Vestry Meeting

The Vestry Meeting has been postponed to next Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 12 noon following worship and refreshments. Please contact any member of the Vestry if you have a question or suggestion to be brought up next Sunday.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Eighteenth Day of June
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion.

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A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

The People are invited to observe a time of quiet prayer. We are using the St. James service music which can be found on the Narthex table as you enter.

Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	<i>Hymn 401</i>
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Salutation	Page 357, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet

The Word of God

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

Old Testament <i>Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 116:1, 10-17 <i>Dilexi, quoniam</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Romans 5:1-8</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>'Tis the Gift to be Simple</i>	<i>Hymn 554</i>
Gospel Lesson <i>Matthew 9:35-10:8</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	Father Wells
Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI	Page 392, BCP
Confession of Sin	
Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	
Presentation <i>Phos hilaron</i>	<i>Hymn 26</i>

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Eucharistic Prayer A	Page 372, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 366, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	<i>Hymn 686</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

It's Time to Begin a New Journey to God.



Education for Ministry (EFM) is a remarkable opportunity for out-of-school adults to make what Saint Bonaventure called, "The Soul's Journey unto God," with a dozen of the closest friends you'll ever have.

EFM is a four-year program of Anglican worship, Bible study, and

Christian community based on the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles ... *they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of the bread and the prayers.*

Offered one year at a time, from September through May, Education for Ministry is a series of weekly seminars hosted by Father Wells at St. Dunstan's. We gather in the McDowell Room on Wednesdays starting with Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm. Then we have a simple supper prepared by a member of the seminar group. From 7:30 to 9:00 pm, we share spiritual autobiographies, discuss weekly readings from texts that span the denominations of Christ's disciples and the Holy Bible, and practice "Theological Reflection" led by Father Wells. Tuition is \$375 per academic year, paid by check or credit card.

spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.



Announcements

Father Wells and Leigh will be on sabbatical for most of the month of July—except for the wedding weekend of Jessica Good and Grant Kirkland, Friday-Saturday, July 14-15; and Sunday, July 16.

The Rev. Judith Comer and the Rev. Fletcher Comer (wife and husband) will celebrate Holy Eucharist with us on July 2, 9, 23, and 30. *Please welcome these Auburn alumni and former church mice with open arms!*

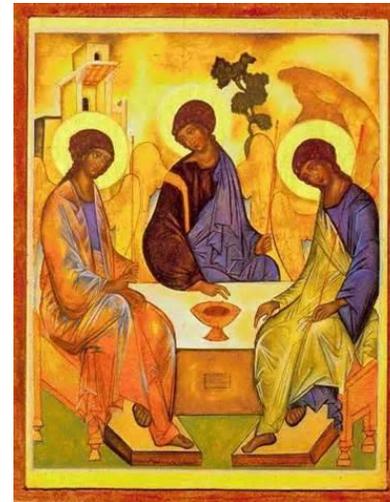
St. Dunstan's Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30 pm in the McDowell Room.

LESSONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *June 18, 2017*

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7*



The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may

pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the

tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.*

How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

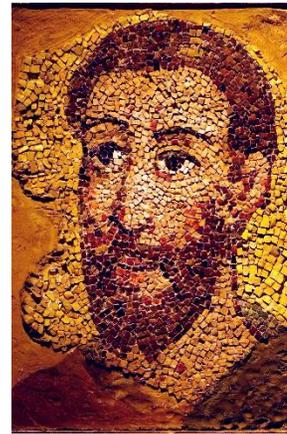
O LORD, I am your servant; *
*I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.*

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Epistle Romans 5:1-8



Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean