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 Cathy Jones, *Vestry Member*  
 Laura Williams, *Vestry Member*  
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 Pamela Van Etten, *Clerk*

Wells and Leigh drove to Cleveland, Tennessee, this past Thursday to purchase 125 Cabbage Patch dolls for school girls in Haiti and deliver them to Carpenter House.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

### Serving This Week

Eddie and Pam Harper, *Ushers*  
 Laura Williams, *Altar Guild*  
 Laura Williams, *Lay Reader*  
 Caleb Hart, *Pianist*  
 Esther Hart, *Violinist*  
 Maurice McCord, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*  
 Maurice McCord, *Refreshments*  
 Michael and Laura Williams, *Stewards*

### In Our Prayers

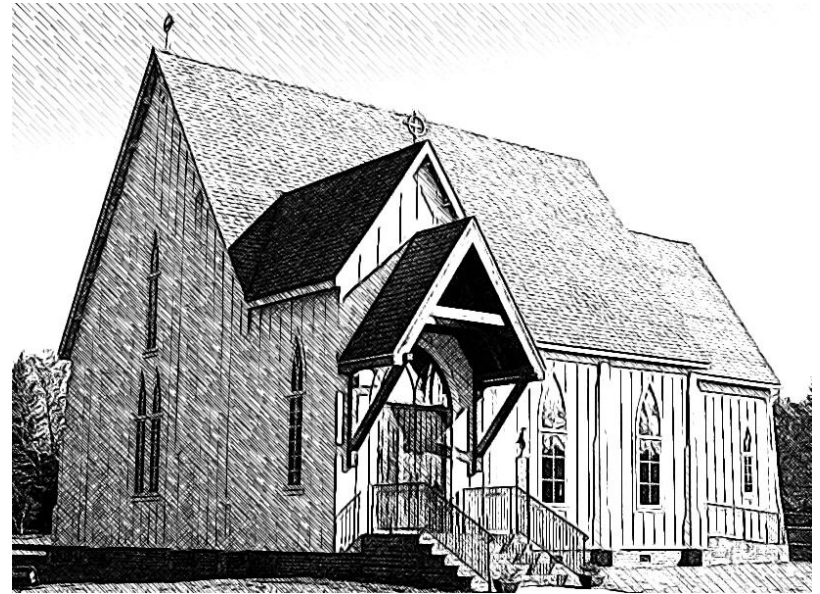
We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Dr. John Rand, Bobby Dupree, Betty's mother Louise, Jimmy's niece Allison, Lynn Dubay, Eddie Harper, and Lannon and Charlotte Poole.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Alabaster.

We pray for our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Ogé; for the Alabama Faith Council; and for the clergy and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Many thanks for your generous help for the Clergy Spouse Haitian Christmas Project and our own Beans & Rice Outreach Program!

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
 The Sixteenth Day of November  
 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.*

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## *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.*

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st* Hymn 598

Acclamation Page 355, BCP

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* St. James

Salutation Page 357, BCP

Collect of the Day Scripture Sheet

### Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament *Judges 4:1-7*

Scripture Sheet

*Psalm 123 Ad te levavi oculos meos*

Scripture Sheet

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* Hymn 339

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

Scripture Sheet

The Sermon

*Father Wells*

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form IV

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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 A Page 361, BCP

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* St. James

Consecration of the Elements

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

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* St. James

Invitation

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer Page 366, BCP

Blessing

Recessional *Not Here for High and Holy Things* Hymn 9

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

### Announcements



**Remember** we are having Thanksgiving Dinner together after church on Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 23. Bring a dish to share—and invite your friends to join us!

**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.

**The ACTS Christmas Box Program** provides Christmas food for the needy in our area. The cost is \$30 for each box. Please write a check to Epiphany, and Betty will write one check to ACTS. The deadline for donations is Dec. 1, 2014.

## Mark Your Calendar for These Coming Events ...

### Christ the King Sunday

Last Pentecost Nov. 23, 2014

No Sunday School

Festival Holy Eucharist II-D at 10:30 am

Covered Dish Thanksgiving Dinner at 11:30 am.



1 Advent Nov. 30, 2014

*Father Wells will lead four Conversations on Stewardship.*

Christian Formation at 9:30 am

Holy Eucharist II-B at 10:30 am

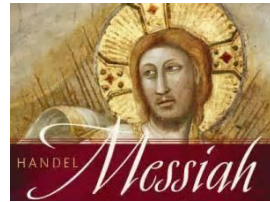
Refreshments at 11:30 am.



2 Advent Dec. 7, 2014 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 needed!*



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 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

### Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Old Testament *Judges 4:1-7*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

### Psalms 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

**Epistle** *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Gospel** *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the

one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."