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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 wellswarren@msn.com

Serving This Week

Jim and Kara Shea Davis, *Ushers*
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Esther Hart, *Violinist*
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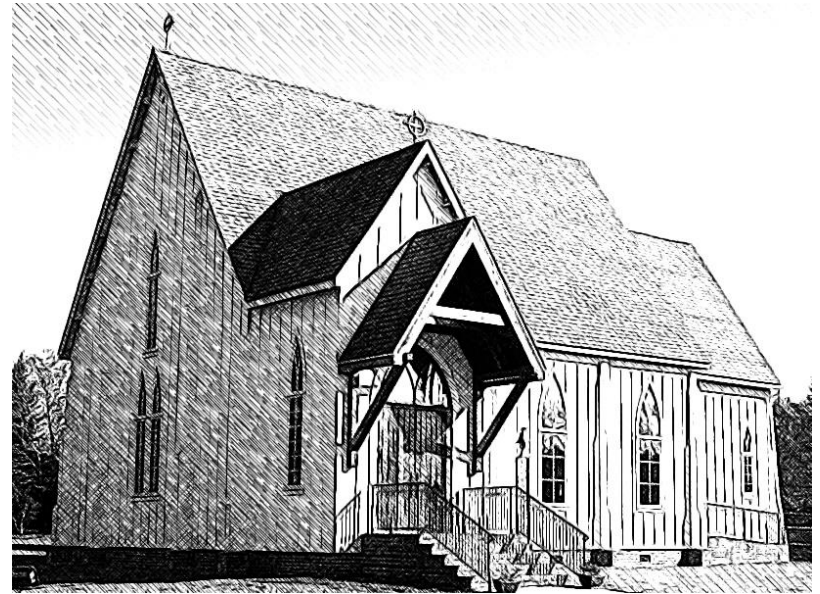
In Our Prayers

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.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember Grace Episcopal Church in Woodlawn; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Oge; for all those ordained to the priesthood this week; all retired bishops and clergy; and all widows and children of deceased clergy.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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

John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal."

THIRD 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 *Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* Hymn 59

Penitential 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 *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

Scripture Sheet

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Hymn 60:1-3

Gospel *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Hymn 60:4-6

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

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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

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Blessing

Recessional *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Hymn 65

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

Announcements

Many Thanks to our talented singers for a wonderful Community Messiah last Sunday afternoon! Can we do this again next year?

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.



This Morning's Stewardship Conversation at 9:30 in the Little House was a talk with our Senior Warden, Jere Van Etten, about "Wills, Bequeaths, and Final Arrangements." Our fourth and final Stewardship Conversation will be a low-

key, no-pressure look at "Personal Finances"—our resources, priorities, limitations, and charitable giving. Don't worry, we will be using a "Typical Alabama Household" as our model, so your privacy is completely respected.


Please join us for
**ADVENT
LESSONS
CAROLS**

The Students and Friends of St. Dunstan's

Invite you to join us in Auburn for

**The Advent Festival of
Lessons & Carols**

Six o'clock in the Evening
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2014



CHRISTMAS EVE
The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Come Home for Christmas!
The Carols of Christmas at 6 pm.
Festival Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm.

**The Lessons for the
Third Sunday of Advent**

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and

Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

