



**THE
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CHURCH**

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The Rt. Hon. & Most Rev. Justin Welby
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*
Betty Weldon, *Treasurer*
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FOR 21 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

Pamela and Eddie Harper,
Ushers/Stewards
Betty Weldon, *Altar Guild*
Hugh Thompson, *Lay Reader*
Laura Williams, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Jean Kerr, *Refreshments*

In Our Prayers

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

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



The Season of Epiphany continues to March 1st.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY EST. 1994



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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Nineteenth Day of February
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>Christ is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	Hymn 518
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	Hymn S-280
Salutation	Page 357, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet

Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament <i>Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 119:33-40 <i>Legem pone</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>	Hymn 516
Gospel <i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form III	Page 387, BCP
Confession and Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Piano Offertory	
Presentation <i>O Gracious Light Phos hilaron</i>	Hymn 26:1,3

*O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shown.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.
Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
Wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven
adored.*

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C	Page 369, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	Hymn S-129
Consecration of the Elements	
The Lord's Prayer <i>Contemporary</i>	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>O Lamb of God</i>	Hymn S-158
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 366, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	Hymn 344
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

The Celebration and Blessing of Your Home

One of my favorite “new” traditions at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is the Celebration and Blessing of a Home whenever we gather for Foyer Dinner. If you're not familiar with this liturgy, it's found in the Book of Occasional Services, a supplemental text to the Book of Common Prayer.



A House Blessing is an occasion to invite friends and family for a meal, fellowship, and prayers for the happiness, health, safety, and security of your home. We walk through your entire house, blessing each room. We bless the garden and yard. And we celebrate a simple Eucharist to conclude the liturgy.

We read from the Book of Genesis, the story of Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to three strangers, who turn out to be angels, or even the LORD himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let Mike Harber know if you want to schedule your House Blessing in 2017.

Peace, Wells+

anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The School of Theology is located in Sewanee, Tennessee, and is an institution of the University of the South.

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service.



I've been a part of EFM since 1979 and I've been an EFM mentor for 16 years. I believe in Education for Ministry, and I love it! EFM is one of the best things the Episcopal Church does for out-of-school adults. Talk to me, or any of the current and former members of EFM about enrolling for the 2017-2018 academic year! The class begins September 6, 2017. Tuition is \$350 per year, check or credit card. We meet Wednesdays for the Fall and Spring semesters, 6:30 to 9:00 pm. *Peace, Wells+*

LESSONS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 19, 2017

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18*



The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you

shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23*



According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future--all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel *Matthew 5:38-48*

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if