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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

Laura Williams, *Altar Guild*
Ramona Heil-Norris, *Lay Reader*
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*
Esther Hart, *Violinist*

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 Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, and Christ Church in Albertville; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Oge; and all ministries to infants and young children.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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CHRISTMAS EVE

A Festival Holy Eucharist

Together with the Carols of Christmas

Six o'clock on Wednesday Evening

The Twenty-fourth Day of December

In the Year of Our Lord 2014

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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The Carols of Christmas

Please remain seated for the Carols of Christmas.

<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	<i>Hymn 89</i>
<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	<i>Hymn 93</i>
<i>While Shepherds Watched their Flocks</i>	<i>Hymn 94</i>
<i>Away in a Manger</i>	<i>Hymn 101</i>
<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	<i>Hymn 102</i>
<i>God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen</i>	<i>Hymn 105</i>
<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i>	<i>Hymn 107</i>
<i>The First Nowell</i>	<i>Hymn 109</i>
<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	<i>Hymn 112</i>
<i>What Child is This</i>	<i>Hymn 115</i>
<i>Silent Night</i>	<i>Hymn 111</i>

Liturgy of the Word

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

Words of Peace	
Lighting of the Advent Candles	
Processional <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	<i>Hymn 83</i>
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Salutation	
Collect for Christmas Eve	Scripture Sheet
Old Testament Lesson <i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 96 <i>Cantate Domino</i>	<i>Psalm Insert</i>
Epistle Lesson <i>Titus 2:11-14</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>Hymn 79</i>
Gospel Lesson <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	
The Sermon	

The Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI	Page 392, BCP
Confession and Absolution	
The Peace and Announcements	
Offertory	

Holy Communion

Presentation <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	<i>Hymn 396:1</i>
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.	
Eucharistic Prayer D	Page 372, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
The Lord's Prayer <i>Traditional</i>	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>Joy to the World</i>	<i>Hymn 100</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude	

Announcements

Come Home for Christmas! We are very happy indeed that you are at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany tonight for worship in the beauty of holiness on Christmas Eve. Please join us in the Little House afterwards for a Christmas Party!

Beans & Rice was successful and busy once again. On Saturday, Dec. 20, we gave more than a ton of food away to 55 families in the area, including a Christmas Care Package each from the Students and Friends of St. Dunstan's in Auburn.

The Feast of the Epiphany will be Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, at 10:30 am, followed by our Annual Meeting and Dinner. Please come!

The Lessons for Christmas Eve



O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Old Testament *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Epistle *Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Gospel *Luke 2:1-20*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!