

THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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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 wellsarren@msn.com

Serving This Week

Sharon Cleary and Hugh Thompson, *Ushers*
Betty Weldon, *Altar Guild*
Kathy Haynie, *Lay Reader*
Kay Dickey, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*
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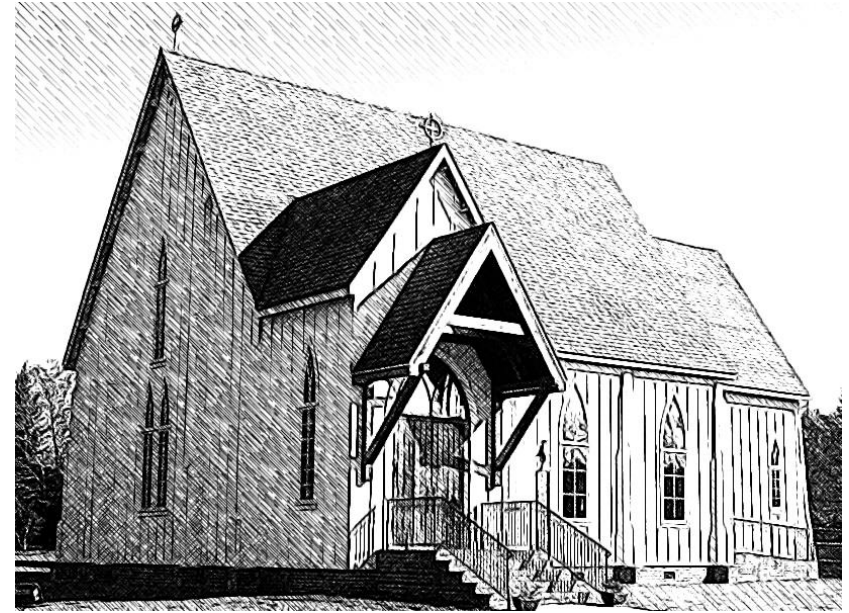
In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Nancy Jones, Mary Southern, Randy Norris, Michael Williams, Virginia Nordon, Rita Whitman, Lannon Poole, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Rachel Russo, the McCord family, Troy Warlick, Ethleen Bazzell, and Kimberly Gordon. And we remember the victims of flooding and blizzards.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember our own Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee and the Church of the Epiphany in Gunterville; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Oge; and the Diocesan Council.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

A Festival Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Third Day of January
In the Year of Our Lord 2016

*O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
In you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
And blest are you, his holy Son.*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

A Festival Holy Eucharist

The Service of Lights

Only the Christ Candle is lit when the service begins. One of the ushers will ring the church bell for the beginning of worship.

Piano Prelude *Caleb Hart*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

All stand, and Father Wells greets the People with these words: Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

A Reading *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

Processional *As With Gladness Men of Old* *Hymn 119*

Prayers for Light

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron* *Hymn 26*

Acclamation *Page 355, BCP*

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* *Hymn S-280*

Salutation *Page 357, BCP*

Collect for the Epiphany *Scripture Sheet*

Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament *Isaiah 60:1-6* *Scripture Sheet*

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Deus, iudicium* *Psalm Insert*

Epistle *Ephesians 3:1-12* *Scripture Sheet*

Sequence *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* *Hymn 497*

Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12* *Scripture Sheet*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Page 358, BCP*

Prayers of the People, Form VI *Page 392, BCP*

Confession

Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory *Caleb Hart*

Holy Communion

Presentation *Love Divine* *Hymn 657:1*

Eucharistic Prayer D *Page 372, BCP*

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* *Hymn S-129*

Consecration of the Elements

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

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *O Lamb of God* *Hymn S-158*

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer *Page 366, BCP*

Blessing

Recessional *We Three Kings of Orient Are* *Hymn 128*

Dismissal

Piano Postlude *Caleb Hart*

Announcements



The Year 2015 comes to a close, and we begin a new year in the sure and certain hope of Jesus Christ. Thanks to our wardens, vestry members, parishioners, and friends for a very good year.

Please Join Us in the Little House right after the service for the Parish Dinner and our All Member Meeting!

Many Thanks to Mike Harber for leading the Stewardship Series during the Season of Advent. Today is the in-gathering of pledges of time, talent, and treasure for 2016.

Beans & Rice continues in 2016 with food purchasing and shelf-stocking on the third Thursday (Jan. 21); and food distribution on the third Saturday (Jan. 23). Thanks to all of our volunteers and contributors, and particular words of appreciation to Lee Borden for serving as the Beans & Rice Coordinator!

The Lessons for Epiphany Sunday

Collect for the Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Deus, iudicium*

Psalm Insert

Epistle *Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and

sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.