



THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU

The Clergy

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*
Jimmy Weldon, *Junior Warden and Vestry Member at Large*
Lee Borden, *Vestry Member*
Michael Dickey, *Vestry Member*
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*
Hugh Thompson, *Vestry Member*
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*
Betty Weldon, *Treasurer*
Elizabeth Harber, *Clerk of the Vestry*

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

Amanda and Lee Borden, *Ushers*
Betty Weldon, *Altar Guild*
Maurice McCord, *Lay Reader*
Mike Harber, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Laura Williams and Cathy Jones, *Stewards*
Laura Williams, *Refreshments*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Michael, Tom Price, Eddie Harper's cousin Gary; and Jimmy Weldon's nieces, Terrie and Debbie, and their parents. We also pray for Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Dolores, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Billie, Troy, Vincent, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

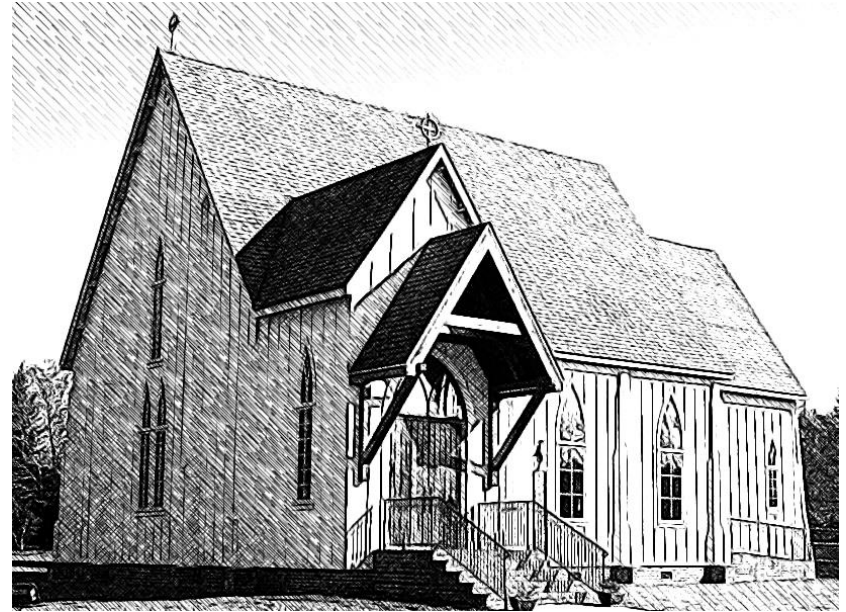
We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Thanks to the People of Epiphany for your unselfish acts of kindness to our poor and needy neighbors.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY EST. 1994



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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

A Festival Holy Eucharist
Together with the Service of Lights

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Eighth Day of January
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

*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 lighted when the service begins. The Usher will ring the bells for the beginning of worship.

Piano Prelude
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*

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Prayers for Light
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, judicium* *Scripture Sheet*

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 III *Page 387, BCP*
Confession and Absolution
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory
Presentation *O Gracious Light Phos hilaron* *Hymn 26*

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A *Page 361, 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
Postlude *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* *J.C. Bach*

A Word from St. Dunstan's about Beans & Rice



The Beans & Rice outreach program which Epiphany Church has operated for years has become a passion and a ministry for the Students and Friends of St. Dunstan's as well. We are honored to devote our time, talent, and treasure to your good work. Our worshipping community of students, faculty and staff, young adults and families, and friends has contributed to Beans & Rice an amount of \$50.00 from our first Sunday offering to help purchase food from the Montgomery Area Food Bank. And in November and December we raised \$1,080 in additional funds to buy holiday food, assemble 120 "care packages," deliver them to Tallassee, and give food away to 60 needy families. *Many thanks for letting us join you!*

WORSHIP & EVENTS IN JANUARY

Sunday, Jan. 8 **Epiphany Sunday**
No Sunday School this morning
Festival Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am
Epiphany Sunday Dinner
Annual Church Meeting and Vestry Elections
Pledge In-Gathering, and Reports from Wardens,
Treasurer, Vestry (SWEEPS), and Father Wells

Monday, Jan. 9 BCS Championship Bowl

Saturday, Jan. 14 Sacred Harp Singing
St. Dunstan's, 9 am

Sunday, Jan. 15 **2 Epiphany Sunday**
Sunday School at 9:30 am
Holy Eucharist II-C at 10:30 am
Refreshments at 11:30 am

With the election of Bishop Santosh to the Diocese of Eaton, Bishop Kee has not been able to visit all the parishes. We volunteered to delay our visit until June 2017, since we have no confirmations scheduled.

Sunday, Jan. 22 **3 Epiphany Sunday**
Sunday School at 9:30 am
Holy Eucharist II-C at 10:30 am
Refreshments at 11:30 am
Vestry Meeting and Election of Wardens at 12:00 noon

Sunday, Jan. 29 **4 Epiphany Sunday**
Sunday School at 9:30 am
Holy Eucharist II-C at 10:30 am
Refreshments at 11:30 am

Please talk with Lee Borden about serving on Sunday morning as an usher/steward, lay reader, lay eucharistic minister, altar guild member, or refreshments person.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 8, 2017

The 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.

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

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

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.