

THE
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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.

Serving This Week

Betty and Jimmy Weldon,
Ushers
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Betty Weldon, *Lay Reader*
Lavonne Hart, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
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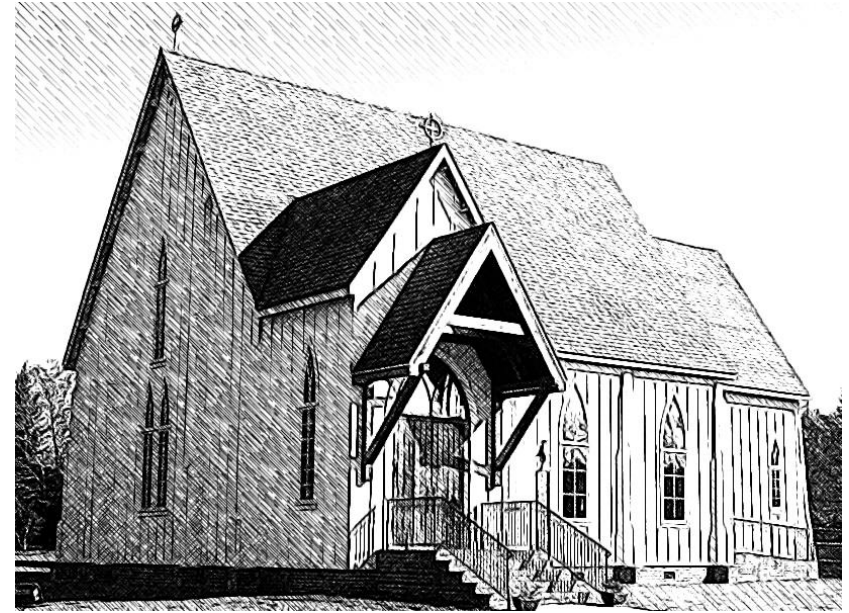
In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Alan McCord, Barbara Trogdon, Norma Johnson, Rita Whitman, John Rand, Jim Rand, Bobby Dupree, Jimmy's niece Allison, Lynn Dubay, Eddie Harper, Lannon and Charlotte Poole, Robin and Clint Darby, and Randy Norris's mother Ronnie Taylor.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember Trinity Church in Demopolis and St. John's Church for the Deaf in Birmingham; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops Zaché and Oge; for the Diocesan Commission on Ministry; the Department of Christian Formation, and all youth ministers and EYC advisors.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

A Festival Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The First Day of February
In the Year of Our Lord 2015

"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

A Festival 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.

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness</i>	<i>Hymn 437</i>
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>St. James</i>
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>Malachi 3:1-4</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 84 <i>Quam dilecta!</i>	<i>Psalm Insert</i>
Epistle <i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness</i>	<i>Hymn 339</i>
Gospel <i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI	Page 392, BCP
Confession and Absolution	
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

Eucharistic Prayer B	Page 367, 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>O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	<i>Hymn 493</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

Sunday School for Adults
 Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Little House for Close Reading of the Book of Genesis led by Father Wells.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

ALL ARE WELCOME!

BOOK OF GENESIS

No Sunday School this morning, but join us next Sunday at 9:30 am!

The Lessons for the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Malachi 3:1-4*

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

Psalm Insert

Epistle *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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