



THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU

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27th Presiding Bishop
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SINCE 1994, 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 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 and Barbara Trogdon, *Ushers/Stewards*
Laura Williams, *Altar Guild*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Jim Rand, *Lay Reader*
Kay Dickey, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Leigh Warren, *Refreshments*

In Our Prayers

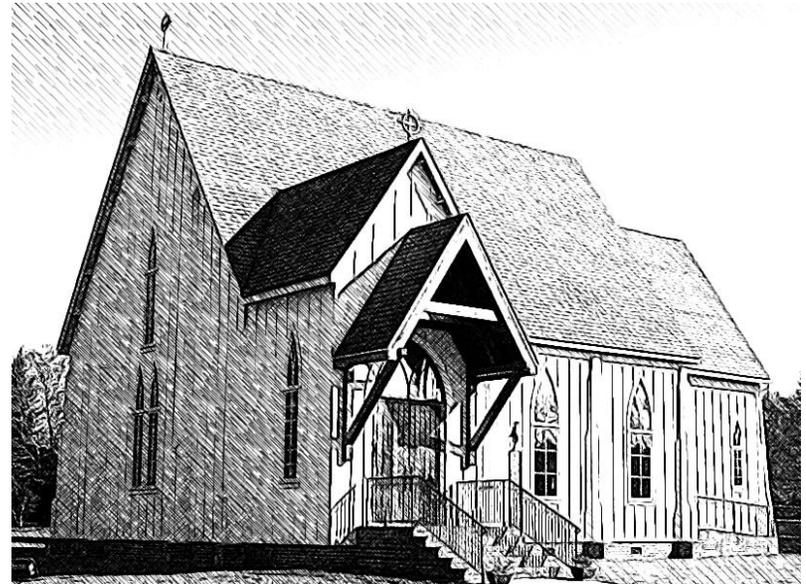
We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose. We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Dolores, Michael, and Gary. We also pray for Braxton, Vincent, and Dezsél; for Jere, Doris, Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Robert, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, and Carly.

Hurricane Relief for the US Virgin Islands

St. Dunstan's in Auburn has joined Epiphany Church in a partnership with St. Ursula's Episcopal Church on St. John's Island in the US Virgin Islands. Their church was badly damaged by Irma, and Marie all but finished the job. Please write a check to Epiphany Church with HURRICANE RELIEF in the memo line.

Many thanks to Hugh Thompson, our Parish Coordinator for Hurricane Relief.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Tenth Day of December
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee. We return to the Hymnal for our service music in the Season of Advent. The "S-Hymns" are found in the first section of the Hymnal 1982, the Blue Book. "BCP" stands for the Book of Common Prayer, the Red Book.

Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>	<i>Hymn 65</i>
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>Hymn S-280</i>
Salutation	Page 357, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament <i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 <i>Benedixisti, Domine</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>2 Peter 3:8-15a</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>There's a Voice in the Wilderness</i>	<i>Hymn 75</i>
Gospel <i>Mark 1:1-8</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form III	Page 387, BCP
Confession of Sin	Page 360, BCP
Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Presentation <i>Phos hilaron</i>	<i>Hymn 26</i>
Eucharistic Prayer B	Page 367, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Hymn S-129</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer <i>Contemporary</i>	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>O Lamb of God</i>	<i>Hymn S-158</i>
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 365, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People</i>	<i>Hymn 67</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

Announcements



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Beans & Rice for the month of December could possibly be a repeat of our all-time record in November—82 families served and more than 3,000 lbs. of food given away. We will have the Christmas Care Packages from St. Dunstan's as well. Food purchase at the Montgomery Area Food Bank will be Thursday morning, Dec. 14. Please come if you can help stock the shelves that afternoon! The Christmas food distribution will be Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9-11 am.

Now's the time we need everybody's help to care for the poor.

Remember that Christmas Eve at Epiphany includes the Carols of Christmas at 6:00 pm, followed by Festival Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm, and a Christmas Party in the Little House. (No service on Christmas Day.)

LOOKING AHEAD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Holy Eucharist II-B at 10:30 am



CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

The Carols of Christmas at 6 pm

Festival Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm

Christmas Party in the Little House!



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 31, 2017

The Carols of Christmas

At 10:30 am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Festival Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 7, 2018

At 10:30 am

LESSONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Epistle 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”