



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*
Mike Rallo, *Vestry Member*
Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*
Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*
Betty Weldon, *Treasurer*
Elizabeth Harber, *Clerk of the Vestry*

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

Kay and Mike Dickey, *Ushers*
Elizabeth Harber, *Altar Guild*
Amanda Borden, *Lay Reader*
Lee Borden, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Everyone, *Christmas Party in the Little House!*

In Our Prayers

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

We remember the sick and those recovering from illness or surgery, including Dolores, Barbara, Jere, Jimmy, Vincent and Diezel.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And a Happy New Year!



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CHRISTMAS EVE

A Festival Holy Eucharist

TOGETHER WITH THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

Six o'clock on Sunday Evening
The Twenty-fourth Day of December
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

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.

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The Carols of Christmas

Please remain seated for the Carols of Christmas.

<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>Hymn 79</i>
<i>Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming</i>	<i>Hymn 81</i>
<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	<i>Hymn 89</i>
<i>While Shepherds Watched their Flocks</i>	<i>Hymn 94</i>
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	<i>Hymn 96</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>Silent Night</i>	<i>Hymn 111</i>
<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	<i>Hymn 112</i>
<i>What Child is This</i>	<i>Hymn 115</i>

Liturgy of the Word

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

Words of Peace	
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>Hymn S-280</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>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	<i>Hymn 93</i>
Gospel Lesson <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	
The Sermon	

The Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form III	Page 387, BCP
Confession and Absolution	
The Peace and Announcements	
Offertory	

Holy Communion

Presentation <i>Phos hilaron</i>	<i>Hymn 26</i>
Eucharistic Prayer A	Page 361, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Hymn S-129</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer <i>Traditional</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 366, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Joy to the World!</i>	<i>Hymn 100</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

Announcements

No Christmas Morning Service. Join us on the First Sunday after Christmas, December 31, 2017, at 10:30 am for Christmas Lessons and Carols!

Many Thanks to all who provided Christmas refreshments in the Little House following our worship tonight. And thanks to Esther Hart, our beloved and most talented pianist!



The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, with a Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am, All Member Meeting, Election of Vestry Members, and Parish Luncheon. Don't miss this wonderful celebration! (No Sunday School this morning.)

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.*

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.

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.

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.