CHOIR NEWS - There will be rehearsal every Wednesday at 6:30 pm until further notice.

Suggested daily Readings for the first week after the Epiphany: Jan. 13 – Jan. 18

Mon.	Heb. 1:1-6	Psalm	97	Mark 1:14-20
Tue.	Heb. 2:5-12	Psalm	8	Mark 1:21-28
Wed.	Heb. 2:14-18	Psalm	105:1-15	Mark 1:29-39
Thurs.	Heb. 3:1-14	Psalm	95:6-11	Mark 1:40-45
Fri.	Heb. 4:1-5, 11	Psalm	78:3-8	Mark 2:1-12
Sat.	Heb. 4:12-16	Psalm	19:7-14	Mark 2:13-17

Please note that every third Sunday the open collection will go towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

The Kearney Center is asking for kind donations of Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Sugar, Grits, Oatmeal, and Seasonings, Salt and Pepper. These items are always needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:00 am every Sunday. Please join us in the Parish Hall where breakfast will be served at the conclusion of the class by The Men of the Church.

## **Stewardship Season**

We have begun our stewardship addresses and this Sunday, Byron Greene will share his wisdom with us, as he reflects on the talent aspect. Make sure you collect your stewardship cards/letters and prayerfully complete them before the end of the month.



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#### From the Rector's Desk

#### **Revisiting our Baptism**

On this first Sunday after the Epiphany, the gospel appointed, reminds us of our Lord's baptism at the hands of his fore-runner John-the-Baptist. Indeed the gospels highlight a number of awkward moments in Jesus' life, such as when Mary his mother, tried to get him to help save a bridegroom from embarrassment, as the wine ran out at his wedding party. She asked him to help, to which Jesus replied, "Woman, my hour is not yet come!" To which a confused Mary says to the servants, do whatever he tells you, and walks away. We can also think of when Jesus (St. John 6ff) tells his disciples that he is the bread of life that came down from heaven! Some of those who heard him, declared that this was a hard saying, and as a consequence, walked away from him. Looking at Peter, Jesus asks, "do you want to go too?" To which a bewildered Peter responds, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We have a similar occurrence in the gospel appointed for today, where Jesus "shows up" seeking baptism at the hands of John. This was as we would say today, an are you kidding me moment. A surprised John says as Jesus joins the line, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" John knew who Jesus was, so this was unsettling to say the least! To which Jesus replied, "let it be so for now". St Matthew in telling this story, records that as Jesus steps out of the water, "the heavens were opened to (Jesus) and (John the Baptist) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Jesus. John, and perhaps the crowd with him, and by implication all readers of this story, hear a voice saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased (Mt 3:17).

Meditating on the Baptism of Jesus should cause us to meditate on our own. Though we may not remember the moment, we may with gratitude trust the good intentions of our parents or guardians, sponsors and godparents and our home congregation who made solemn vows on our behalf and as such, entrusted our lives to God. We all began a journey with Jesus on that particular day, that saw us "clothed ourselves" with the Christ (Gal 3:27). St. Paul argues in that very moment our vocation unfolded, and we became God's children by adoption and grace. More than that, we became witnesses for the rest of our lives. As Paul would argue, "He (God) chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4).

**SPECIAL PRAYERS** 

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.* 

# **Capital Campaign Prayer**

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** – The Committee is serving lite-fare today after service. Also, the New Year is here and our time together in fellowship after The Holy Eucharist on Sundays is a time for our family to continue the connection that is made during our worship service. Please consider sponsoring our Hospitality efforts by signing up on the chart posted on the kitchen door.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 13 – Vestry Meeting from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Brooks Room. January 14 – Said Mass at 12:15 p.m. (Contemplative Eucharist).

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT** – Bible Study Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. at 6pm in the Brooks Room.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 19 – Capital Campaign Meeting immediately following the Eucharist.
January 19 – African American Genealogy Meeting from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
January 20 – Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
January 21 – Said Mass at 12:15 pm (Contemplative Eucharist).

Fr. Hugh+

Acolytes: Hollis Sams, Crucifer Abigail Erefah, Torch Bearer Daniel Erefah, Torch Bearer Camille Usher, Gospel Book Bearer Nicolette Nottage, MC

Serving today Sunday, January 12

Next Sunday, January 19 at 10:00 am

#### Acolytes:

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 Vestry: Charlie Clark
 Organist: Monique Alleyne

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NOTE: If you are unable to serve on the Sundays assigned, please ask someone else to serve in your place.

January Altar Guild: Dawn Freeman and the Altar Guild Members.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

For those confined to Health Care Facilities:

Brandi LeLand and Randolph James.

## For those at home:

Delois Brown, Ophelia and Robert Scarbough, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, Herma Watson-Taylor, Sam Oliver Sr., Jewell Robinson, Rich Pouncey, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie R. White, Louis Venson, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Laveria Bogan, Charles Walton, Arelia Donaldson, Malcom Preston, Joan Jackson Taylor and Howard Vincent Lewis.

# For those in the care of the Doctor:

Jo Ann Robinson, Williemae Jackson, Sharal Jugger, Clifford Willabus, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marva Davis, Scott Allen, Kaleb Way, Delores Brown, Louis Chapman, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Mark Wilson, Arthur Rhodius, Lurreta Blackshea, Janet Owens and the Worthen Family, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rasheen Jamison Richardson, Kurt Lieblong, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Kenneth Johnson and Melinda Milles.

## For those in the Military:

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson and Thandi Williams

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude

# **Opening Prayer**

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

Processional Hymn H119, As With Gladness Men of Old Dix THE WORD OF GOD **Opening Acclamation** 355 The Collect of the Purity Gloria Collect for the Day The Lessons Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Gradual Hymn H128 v 1-3, We Three Kings Three Kings of Orient The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17 The Reverend Fr. Hugh Chapman Sequence Hymn H128 v 4-5 Stewardship Address Mr. Byron Greene The Nicene Creed 358 The Prayers of the People Form III 387 Confession of Sin and Absolution 360 The Peace May the Peace of the Lord Nolan May the peace of the Lord bring: Joy, Love, Comfort, Hope, Rest, Life May the peace of the Lord surround you. May the peace of the Lord go with you. Amen. Special Address by Mr. Byron Greene Christopher White, soloist Offertory Doxology & Procession A650, Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow Hatton Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation Hymn The Great Thanksgiving Sanctus	<b>L65</b> , Bless The Lord	Crouch <b>361-363</b>			
The Lord's Prayer The Breaking of the Bread/Fraction		364			
The Invitation					
	HOLY COMMUNION				
Communion Hymn 1	L152, Let Us Break Bread Together	Spiritual			
Communion Hymn 2	L154, Taste and See	Moore			
Meditation Hymn		365			
	Post Communion Prayer				
Birthday, Anniversary, Tra Announcements					
Benediction					
Recessional Hymn	H127, Earth Has Many A Noble City	Stuttgart			
, Choral Postlude	, , ,	5			
Dismissal					
A=African American Hymnal (Ivory)					
H=1982 Hymnal (Blue)					

#### **Bowls & Brews Chili Competition**

L=Lift Every Voice & Sing (Black, Green & Red)

The Episcopal Church of the Advent, 815 Piedmont Drive, Tallahassee will host their annual Chili Competition on Saturday January 18, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. This fundraiser will benefit diversity scholarships at Advent Parish Day School. We need some cooks from SMAA to participate.

#### KJ wins Award

Our own Kareem Jr won the Yellow Jacket Award as an Outstanding Student at Conley Elementary School. He was chosen from his Kindergarten Class. Proud of you KJ.

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# WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.

**OUR VISION** is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

**OUR MISSION** is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God's blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

J. Gerald Grayson (1/18).

#### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Douglas, who passed on Saturday January 4, 2020. There will be a musical tribute at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday February 15, 2020.

Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercies of God, rest in peace.