SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

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Light the candle of Efforts

10:00 a.m.

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HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

H56, O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Hollis Sams

OPENING PRAYER

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop and all other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

| Processional Hymn | H71, Hark! the glad sound! | Bristol |
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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

LIGHT OF HOPE

Narrator: For the people of the Old Testament awaited the Promised Messiah. God sent prophet after prophet to deliver this message of continued hope: "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give hope and a future. Those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Therefore, be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

Narrator: In gratitude for the prophets and for all who bring the message of hope to our world, we light this candle.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news of the gospel, who preach glad tidings."

Narrator: For yesterday's prophets and today's messengers proclaim, who proclaim the hope of salvation to people everywhere, we give thanks.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATIONBCP Pg. 323GLORIAInsertCOLLECT OF THE DAYInsertTHE LESSONS [Congregation is seated]Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14GRADUAL HYMNH454 v1&2, Jesus came, adored by angelsLowryTHE HOLY GOSPELMatthew 24:36-44The Reverend Hugh Chapman

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| Sequence Hymn | H454 v3&4, Jesus came, adored by angels | Lowry | |
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| The Sermon | | The Reverend. Hugh Chapman | |
| THE NICENE CREED | | BCP Pg. 326 | |
| The Prayers of the People Form V | | BCP Pg. 392 | |
| CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION | | BCP Pg. 330 | |
| THE PEACE | H712, Dona Nobis Pacem | Dona nobis pacem | |
| Doxology & Processic | H43, v3, All praise to thee | The Eighth Tune | |
| 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 | H68, Rejoice! rejoice, believers | Llangloffan | | |
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| | THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | | | |
| EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I | | BCP Pg. 333 | | |
| Sanctus | | | | |
| The Lord's Prayer | | | | |
| The Breaking of the Bread | | BCP Pg. 337 | | |
| Agnus Dei | | | | |
| The Invitation | | | | |
| HOLY COMMUNION | | | | |
| COMMUNION HYMN | L14, Soon and Very Soon | Crouch | | |
| MEDITATION HYMN | L13, My Lord, What a Morning | Spiritual | | |
| Post Communion Prayer | | BCP Pg. 339 | | |
| BENEDICTION | | | | |
| Announcements | | | | |
| Recessional Hymn | H640, Watchman, tell us of the night | Aberystwyth | | |
| DISMISSAL | | | | |
| H=1982 Hymnal (blue) Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal (black, green, red) | | | | |

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING

For those at Home

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie R. White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevie Vaughn, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Sam & Sharal Jugger, Allan Johnson, and Fr. Terrance Rosheuvel.

For those in the care of the Doctor

Andre Simon, Dourest & Joann Robinson, Leslie Baker, John Melville, Lauren Sapp, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marva Davis, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamelia Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick & Veronica Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush, Nohemy Reid, Luann Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Leslie Warren, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, David Wiley, Julie Embleton, Fritz Roy, Geraldine Smith Baker, Mark Thomas, Daniella Greenway Thomas, Terrence Harris, Barbara Stovell, Lynn Kimmel, Brittany & Emmanuel Highley Sr., Will Baker, David Thomas and Barbara Lynn.

For those on the front lines in the fight against the Coronavirus Pandemic

Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Grayson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Zuri A. White and Cheston Williams.

For those in the Military

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

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WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL

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!

Alyssa Lewinson (11/29), Calvin Barnes (11/30).

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.*

Person of the year Award

The vestry has agreed that we should revive this award and therefore ask that nominations be made by all parishioners. Please send in your nomination to the parish office.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Month begins December 4th!

We will observe Stewardship Month here at SMAA beginning Sunday December 4th. Do look out for your pledge cards in the mail (surface) or online. We remind you that our parish encourages us all to be good stewards in the giving of our time, talent, and treasure to the work of God's church in the world. In order for the vestry to prepare a budget for 2023, we need your pledges! As a reminder, those of us who are still to send in our contributions for 2022, please do so at your earliest convenience, before we begin our Christmas shopping in earnest.

Funeral Arrangements for Fred Hickman

A memorial service will be held here at SMAA on Saturday December 10th, when we give thanks to God for the life, work, and witness of Fred Hickman. That service will commence at 10:00 a.m., and we ask that as many of us as possible be on hand to help console Sheila (former junior warden), Mack, Gabrielle and all those who will come from near and far to celebrate Fred. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bishop Coadjutor Elected

As a Diocese we were able to elect last Saturday a Bishop Coadjutor through the vote of both clergy and lay delegates. The Rev. Charlie Holt emerged winner after just one round of balloting and his win was verified per our Canons and Roberts Rules of Order. The next step would be for the Standing Committees across the National Church to give assent to Charlie's election and finally the House of Bishops must also approve. Let us remain in prayer for Fr. Charlie and his family as well as our Diocesan Family as prepare for new leadership come next year.

Thanksgiving Baskets

We are grateful to all those who brought their donations to the Fellowship Hall or sent donations by PayPal or in the mail. The baskets/boxes were filled up on Monday of this week and distributed thereafter. Thanks again.

Service of Lesson and Carols at St. John's

Our sister church of St. John's Episcopal has extended an invitation for us to join them on Sunday December 11th for this annual observance. There will be a pre-service at 5:00 pm followed by the choir's presentation.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Celebrating Fred Hickman - (continued from last week).

After Fred's long run at CNN, his career turned peripatetic causing him to do relatively short stints at YES, ESPN and Fox Sports South, where he hosted Atlanta Braves programming, as well as TV stations in New Orleans, Baton Rouge LA, and Hagerstown, MD. In Baton Rouge and Hagerstown he served as a news anchor, which helped satisfy his love of political coverage. Sheila confessed that this constant shift to jobs at local stations was a bit of a shock to Fred. "None of the networks were biting, she said, "he felt he was a network guy." Fred's final job before retiring was as an anchor for the Black News Channel from 2020 until earlier this year, shortly before it went off the air. At the time of his death, Fred was working on a memoir that he hoped to complete – it was not to be. In addition to his wife, Fred who lived in Poinciana, FL, is survived by a daughter, Gabrielle, a son Mack, a sister Luann Hickman, and a stepbrother Stevie Archie.

This tribute was paid to Fred by Vince Cellini, who in 1998 became his partner in 1998 as they cohosted "Sports Tonight" — "Fred was the most naturally talented person I've ever worked with on television. He had an electricity that jumped through the screen."

It is interesting I find that no mention is made to Fred's life as an Episcopalian, so no tribute can be complete without passing reference being made to the fact that Fred was a man of Faith. Not that he wore it on his sleeves, but as soon as you struck up a conversation with Fred Hickman, you just sensed it, as I discovered. Some of us, speak about our relationship with the Lord, Fred demonstrated it in the way he regarded and treated others. In my almost two-year relationship with this cultured and truly accomplished individual, I was struck by his knowledge of sacred scripture and his ability to discern the hidden meaning behind much of what we find in Holy Writ. Needless to say, our conversations regarding the Church's history, liturgy and practices were often spread over long hours, often before dinner or afterwards. To say that Fred was well read, was to be guilty of overstating the obvious. Despite his great achievements, Fred remained as humble a man you could ever hope to meet. When asked to be a lector at the Eucharist, he checked with me about the pronunciation (correct) of words/names therein. If for any reason, he arrived late after the service had begun, he would wait at the door until it was the appropriate time to take his seat, bowing reverently before doing so. And he always addressed me as his friend – indeed I felt that spiritual bond between us. He was clear eyed as they come, and was determined to pattern his life after the Jesus who called him home recently – and as I have said elsewhere, Fred was ready to go when the Lord called. Indeed, Fred saw death as the gateway to larger life, a life to be lived in the nearer presence of God. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right us of thy bountiful goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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*.

Collect for the Coronavirus Pandemic

Almighty God, Heavenly Healer, we bring to you all who are affected by our present pandemic; for the infirm and infected, the anxious and afraid. By your power defend us and heal us. Let us see one another not as vectors of infection, but as opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: November 28 – December. 3

| Mon. Isa. 1:10-20 | Psalm. 1, 2, 3 | Luke 20:1-8 | | |
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| Tue. Isa. 1:21-31 | Psalm 5, 6 | Luke 20:9-18 | | |
| Wed. Isa. 2:1-11 | Psalm 119:1-24 | Luke 20:19-26 | | |
| Thurs. Isa. 2:12-22 | Psalm 18:1-20 | Luke 20:27-40 | | |
| Fri. Isa. 3:8-15 | Psalm 16, 17 | Luke 20:41 – 21:4 | | |
| Sat. Isa. 4:2-6 | Psalm 20,21:1-7(8-14) | Luke 21:5-19 | | |
| Serving today, Sunday November 27 | | | | |

| Acolytes: | LEM: John Grayson |
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| Crucifer: Hollis Sams | Lectors: Laureatte Scott, Leslie Warren |
| Vestry: Linda Billups | Ivana Kenny Carmola |
| Gospel Book Bearer/MC: Joseph Sams | Organist: Ivana Kenny Carmola |