



IN EVERY SEASON,

more
HOPE,

more
LOVE,

more
JESUS.

*I am come that they might have life,
and that they might have it more abundantly.*

JOHN 10:10

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

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PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!

December 24 - Parishioner



3 ADVENT

Third Sunday of Advent



Revised Common Lectionary

COLLECT

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Traditional

STIR UP THY POWER, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

STIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

THE WILDERNESS and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed

of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Refrain

Happy are they whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Psalm 146:4-9 *from The Book of Common Prayer*

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| 4 Happy are they who have
the God of Jacob for their
help! * whose hope is in the
LORD their God; | eyes of the blind; * the LORD
lifts up those who are bowed
down; |
| 5 Who made heaven and
earth, the seas, and all that
is in them; * who keeps his
promise for ever; | 8 The LORD loves the righ-
teous; the LORD cares for the
stranger; * he sustains the
orphan and widow, but frus-
trates the way of the wicked. |
| 6 Who gives justice to those
who are oppressed, * and
food to those who hunger. | 9 The LORD shall reign for
ever, * your God, O Zion,
throughout all genera-
tions. Hallelujah! |
| 7 The LORD sets the prison-
ers free; the LORD opens the | |
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Refrain

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

or **Canticle 3 (Luke 1:46-55)**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

or **Canticle 15 (Luke 1:46-55)**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

BE PATIENT, BELOVED, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

WHEN JOHN HEARD in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, December 15, 2025

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Friday, December 19, 2025

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Sunday, December 21, 2025

11 a.m.

- Morning Prayer/no service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

December

17 - Michael Robinson

25 - Sheila Gaillard

26 - Kate LaFayette

28 - Michael Gaillard

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL
& ANGLICAN DIOCESES**

Advent week 3 – Prayer for Joy, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from You. It is encompassed in You, our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' previous name we pray. AMEN

NEWS/EVENTS (www.tuskegee.edu)

Holiday recess.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS (Auburn, Montgomery, Tuskegee)

1) **Christmas Lights Festival** at the Montgomery Zoo. Take a train ride or stroll through the zoo which has been transformed into a winter wonderland. *Dec. 2-27, 5-9pm* tickets req. 2) **Disney's Frozen**, the Broadway Musical, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, *Nov. 26-Jan. 4*, tickets req. 3) **Holiday Cruise on the Harriott II Riverboat**, *Dec. 5, 6, 19, and 23*. Enjoy dinner and entertainment. Tickets req.

A.U. (www.auburn.edu)

Holiday recess.

RESTAURANTS OFFERING CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Auburn-Acre; Botanic; Hamilton's on Magnolia; Aricia Cucina; 1856-Culinary Residence; Piccolo; The Hound, The Depot.

Montgomery-Itta Bena Restaurant; Bonefish Grill; Fillet & Vine; The House Restaurant, Renaissance Hotel; Sinclair's East; Cork & Cleaver; Sommer's Place; One 2 Zero, Doubletree Hotel; Lucille's Eatery.

PRAYER LIST

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STEPHANIE BOSWELL

MARIAN GARMON*

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DIANE KENNEY*

MARGARET 'KATIE' JONES
THERON JONES

*Local Parishioners

** Shut-In Parishioners

THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; Diocesan Council; Diocesan Standing Committee; Diocesan Department of Finance; St. Thomas, Birmingham; and St. Thomas, Huntsville.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

- **ARMED FORCES:** Please pray for our service men and women stationed in the U.S. and overseas, especially, DeRitha Marbory Barber, Sam and Margaret Gunn Bunton, Christopher Childers, Kyle F. Graham, Shavone Marbory Hogan, Jabar and Kenya Lee Steward.
- **PRAYERS:** Continue to pray for those on the Prayer List, friends, family and all humankind afflicted by disease, war and famine. Pray for peace!
- **REMINDER:** Please continue to furnish our Food Basket with non-perishable food items (located on the ground floor of the Education Building).
- **REMINDER:** The link for the Sunday ZOOM Companion service can be reached by dialing: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 671 9532, Passcode: 008810 or click on your email invite.
- **REMINDER:** *Have you returned your Pledge Card?*
- **ATTENTION:** Rev. Mike Harber will be the Celebrant for Vigil of the Nativity, *Wednesday, December 24, 2025* (Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist) at noon. Please mark your calendar.
- **ATTENTION:** If you are the Chairperson or President of a church organization, it's not too early to start writing your organization's 'Annual Report.' The 2025 Annual Parish Meeting is the 4th Sunday in January (January 25, 2026). If you feel nudged toward joining the Vestry (parish governing body) or want to explore what Vestry service looks like, reach out to the Sr. Warden, George Bulls or the Parish Secretary, Denise Dixon. Candidates are formally elected at the Annual Meeting.

**Additional announcements are listed inside the bulletin.*