



# ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*We welcome you in the name of the Lord!*

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*The mission of St. Benedict's Church is to "know Christ's love and to make His love known"*

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One  
January 7 AND 8, 2017

### Weekend Schedule

**Saturday:** Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** Morning Prayer - 7:45 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am

Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 am

*(With Sunday school for Children and Youth of all ages)*

### Weekday Eucharist/Prayer in Community

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8:00 am

Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist/Healing Service – 7:00 pm

Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 8:30 am

**Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)**

### **The Collect**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I

give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino***

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### **The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:13-17)**

#### **All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

**Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday:**

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**Prayers of the People: 6:00 pm & 10:00 am: Form I; 8:00 am (BCP 328)**

**Blessings for anniversaries and birthdays and the laying on of hands for healing**

**The Great Thanksgiving: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 361); 8:00 am (BCP 333)**

**Post Communion Prayer: BCP, 365 (8:00 am BCP, 339)**

### **Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**Celebrant:** N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with (names).

**People:** *May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

**Celebrant:** May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **People:** *Amen.*

### **THE HEART OF BAPTISM**

Do you remember your Baptism? Probably not, because most of us were baptized as infants. The downside of that is so many of us have never really appreciated the importance of Baptism. In its heart, Baptism is not merely the pouring of water; that is the sign of Baptism. Baptism is the initiation of a candidate into the Body of Christ, and so begins the candidate's transforming into becoming a child of God. It means the baptized must begin to lead a Christly life. But how can an infant change her/his lifestyle? This is a life-long process depending in large part on the example of the parents and others in her/his life. So, especially on this Sunday, we renew our own Baptism, and transform again our lives as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. - *Norm Carroll*

### **COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S**

**We will have a Guest Speaker in honor of the Martin Luther King Celebration** on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 AM Service. The Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart is an Episcopal Priest who spent 20 years working as a police officer for the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department. She joined the department in 1972, four years after riots destroyed parts of the city following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. At the time, African-Americans made up 70 percent of the people living in the nation's capital. Her decision to join the police force baffled friends and family. The department had a bad reputation, she said, and "my friends weren't happy because some of them had had negative interactions with police in D.C." – She is a gifted speaker and we are blessed to welcome her as a guest speaker on such a significant weekend as we pray for an end to every form of violence, bigotry, and racial hatred in our world...

**Pledge Envelopes for 2017 are still on back-order due to delays in the envelope company. For today, please use the blank envelope in the pew with your name and your 2016 envelope number, or put your check directly in the plate.**

**God calls us to generosity... Don't forget to fill out your Pledge Cards for your annual PLEDGE to the parish.** Everyone is being asked to "step up in faith" and increase their generous giving... Nothing is impossible with God and we are certain all will respond with faith and love to this appeal. Your church really needs you!

#### **First Communion and Confirmation Classes:**

All our children 4 and up will be welcome to celebrate First Communion in the Spring. We also invite our teenagers in High School and all Adults wanting to receive Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church to sign up for these special programs. Children and Youth will complete necessary preparation on Sundays with Deacon Debra. Adults are asked to attend our Wednesday Night Rector's Forum beginning on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and ending April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Canute Morrison from his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May your soul continue to rest in peace.

**Adult Ed and Theological Reflection: Exciting News!** Begin the new year by exploring the impact of the Life of Christ on your life. Our first discussion will take place in the chapel Monday, January 9 at 7 PM. **Sunday Scripture:** Enjoy Sunday Eucharistic proclamations as never before. Probe their real meaning, and be transformed. Join our discussion Sunday at 9:20 AM in Our Lady's Chapel.

**Without faith, without works**, we too quickly become that man in the mirror staring at his face but then forgets the way he looks as soon as he turns away. (James 1:23-24) Christ came down from His throne to dwell among us not only for the forgiveness of our sins and our reconciliation with God the Father, but also to model for us what it is like to live as a Christian. On January 13, we will begin our Friday morning Bible Study on the Book of James. The book of James is filled with practical wisdom for Christians, calling us to live out genuine faith through good works. If you have any questions call (954-530-0901)

**Faith in Music Ministry:** *Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be studying 19<sup>th</sup> century American Christmas Music, featuring the style of the "Southern Harp."*

**The clergy of the Diocese of Southeast Florida will be on retreat from January 1—12.** Fr. Albert asks for your prayers, that this may be a spiritually fruitful time for the bishop and clergy.

**NEW STARTING DATE: Join us every Wednesday, starting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, for our "all new" RECTOR'S FORUM...** Father Albert will be conducting Anglican/Episcopal Theological reflections and Q & A sessions. We will use the book "What Episcopalians Believe" by Fr. Sam Wells as our guide. You can obtain it at a discounted price from our St. Benedict's Book Stall. Please join us for a lively and prayerful discussion...

**The Mothers' Union** will meet on the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on January 15<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 am Mass in St. Luke's Room.

**If you are interested in serving as a Chalice Bearer** or wish to know more about what we do, there will be a meeting on Sunday January the 8th after the 10 am service for 1 hour. Chalice Bearers help serve the holy sacraments at communion. They also help with the service. You must be 16 and confirmed to be a Chalice Bearer. Acolytes can come if they are 15, but cannot serve until they are 16 and confirmed. If you have any other questions about serving, you can ask Jon Farley; as well as, Dennis Kelly at 6 pm, Christine Clifford at 8 am, Winston Plummer at 10 am, and Hazel Mitchell at 10 am. They are the Masters of Ceremonies of each service. Also, if you have any questions about acolytes, you can ask, Hazel Mitchell or me. If you have any questions about the Chalice Bearer workshop, please call or email me at [Joncandy@comcast.net](mailto:Joncandy@comcast.net) or 954-474-4730. Jon Farley, Head of Altar Ministries.

**ECW Meeting on Sunday, January 8th after the 10 am service.** Please plan to attend - lots of things going on that we want all women to be aware of. Refreshments will be served

**Winter Wonderland** is coming on Sunday, January 29th immediately following the 10 am service. We will have a Dunk Tank (dunk your favorite Priest and others), Bounce House, Frozen themed activities, face painting, food and more! Entrance/Activity wristband - \$5.00, Meals - Dinner \$5.00 or Hot Dogs and chips \$3.00. Sponsored by ECW to benefit our Senior Scholarship Fund.

**It's back...the Valentine Day Raffle!** We will be raffling tickets for dinner for two at a 5-star restaurant, limo ride to and from restaurant, bottle of wine and box of candy! Tickets: 1 for \$15.00 and 2 for \$25.00. All proceeds to benefit our Senior Scholarship Fund!

**UTO Corner:** Many thanks for your donations to the United Thank Offering Ministry. The total donations received for 2016 is **\$1,608.09**. Blessings and Peace to all in 2017!

**MISSION OF THE MONTH is the Jubilee Center:** Jubilee Center is a daily soup kitchen and counselling center, located in Hollywood. Their goal is to provide meals to the hungry and social services to the neediest in the community, as well as clothing, food and emergency aid.

**Spiritual Thought for the Week:** *"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."* ~Sir Winston Churchill

**Our offerings to God for December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!**

Operating Fund: \$7,667.50

Building Fund: \$1,435.00

**Total: \$9,102.50**

Weekly Total Operating Costs/Budget: \$9,900

*Deficit for the week: \$704.50*

**Please turn in your PLEDGE CARDS for 2017 today:** We need every pledge to come in so we can do God's work!