



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"

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
November 18 and 19, 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

If you wish to follow along, please use the Book of Common Prayer (Red Book) in your pews...

Order of Service: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am Rite II (BCP 355) – 8:00 am Rite I (BCP 323)

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

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

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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)

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.**

WOMAN!

Such difficult days for women: molestation, degradation, and bias. Could this sexism manifest one more form of sinful control by one human segment over another? Jesus certainly stood for equal justice. Recall his words "That all may be one!"; "Son, behold thy mother!"; "Woman, go free!" Where did Jesus learn such revolutionary talk? Certainly, he knew the Hebrew Testament including today's first proclamation of Deborah. All human history, especially Hebraic, reveres Deborah the prophetess who summons Barak to defeat the powerful Canaanite commander, Sisera. After victory, Deborah sings in joy: "So, perish all your enemies, O Lord!" Surely, as Christians, we treasure women and men equally for their competence and Christliness as well as their gender. - Norm Carroll www.spiritualsummit.net

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

A BRIEF HISTORY OF "HARVEST SUNDAY"

The gathering of things planted, a natural time of reaping in joy what has been produced during the year in an agricultural community. Jesus reflects the Bible's theological viewpoint on harvest when he enjoins believers to ask the "Lord of the harvest" for laborers (Matt 9:38). God stands in control of the harvest time; it is part of his work (Jer 5:24).

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE at St. Benedict's will be on Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 am.

All are welcome to join us after our Thanksgiving service! Volunteers and donations of side dishes are needed. Please see Dwight Douglas or Cheryl Burley. You may also contact the church office. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. Donations of prepared dishes needed: Ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied yams, cooked vegetables (greens, mixed vegies), macaroni and cheese, corn bread stuffing, dinner rolls and butter, green beans, cranberry jelly, apple cider, punch or iced tea, cake and pies.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Our Annual Thanksgiving Service with all our faith communities in Plantation will be this Tuesday, November 21st, at Temple Kol Ami on Peters Road - just west of University Drive. Starts at 7:00 PM.

Sunday School takes place every Sunday during the 10:00 am Service. Spread the word in our community that we have the best Sunday School around.

Youth Group: Our middle and high school youth meet each Wednesday evening in the Teen Room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We invite all Youth to attend youth group.

Nursery Volunteers needed for one Sunday a month. Please see Cheryl Burley or email ckburley@bellsouth.net for more information.

New Weekday Service! Join us for Evening Prayer from Monday-Friday at 6:30 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. Evening Prayer allows us to develop the daily habit of "praying in community" and it is one of the most ancient Christian customs.

Sunday at 9:30 am: Come to the chapel to explore with your church brothers and sisters the in-depth meaning of Sunday's proclamations.

Understanding Paul: Participate with all of us in our unique prayer service Monday at 6:30 pm in the chapel followed by an amazing look into the life and teaching of Paul according to the best scripture scholars of the day.

Faith in Music Ministry: We will be listening and studying sacred classical music this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Bible Study: Fridays from 9:30 am-11:00 am Paul's letters to the Corinthians mirror the problems and issues that we encounter in the church today simply because Corinth was a city that mirrors the world we live in today. Paul gives us answers to the questions we have living in a world dominated by secularism. Join us in the study of 1 Corinthians. Call 954-530-0901.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The meeting scheduled for this Sunday, November 19th has been cancelled as the Brotherhood will be assisting with the Harvest Festival.

Please take note that the Labyrinth Walk will be at 7:00pm in Deshaies Hall on November 28 instead of November 21. "Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to stumble." Psalm 55:24. We all have burdens that we could rid ourselves of and walking the labyrinth is an excellent way to cast your burdens upon the Lord.

Relay for Life: It's time for the Relay for Life! We are in need of a new Team Captain for 2018. Relay is a team fundraising event where teams take turns walking around a track to "Walk Out Cancer." Plantation Relay is 16 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that CANCER never SLEEPS. Please see or call Donna Carty at 954-801-3814. Relay for life will be April 20-21, 2018 at Central Park, Plantation, FL.

We are looking for more volunteers for our Greeter's Ministry, particularly for the Saturday 6:00 pm service and the Sunday 8:00 am service. These are the individuals that welcome new guests and attendees in the narthex prior to each service. For more information, please contact Cheryl Hill 954-292-8700.

UTO 2017 Corner: Please pray for the continued restoration of our communities and our Caribbean brothers and sisters. We thank the Lord for all he has done for us here at home. Please continue to make a donation into your little blue boxes until December 3, 2017.

Father Bob and Deborah invite you to join them on a 15 day cruise aboard Princess Star on March 4, 2018. Prices starting at \$1,649.99. Please see information sheet, pricing and itinerary on the back table. Call Father Bob for more information at 954-591-6800.

The Mission of the month for November is Seafarers' House: Seafarer's House at Port Everglades, USA is open every day of the year as a safe, friendly place where mariners can connect to their families, relax, and ask questions about the community, and get emergency help if needed. St. Benedict's is a participant in their Mariner Friendly Congregation Program and provides donations for their Shoebox Christmas program each year.

Stewardship Thought for the Week: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Malachi 3:10

Our offerings to God for November 11 and 12, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating:	8,657.00
Building Fund:	1,250.00
Total:	9,907.00
Operational Costs:	9,900.00
<i>Over Budget for the week:</i>	7.00

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