

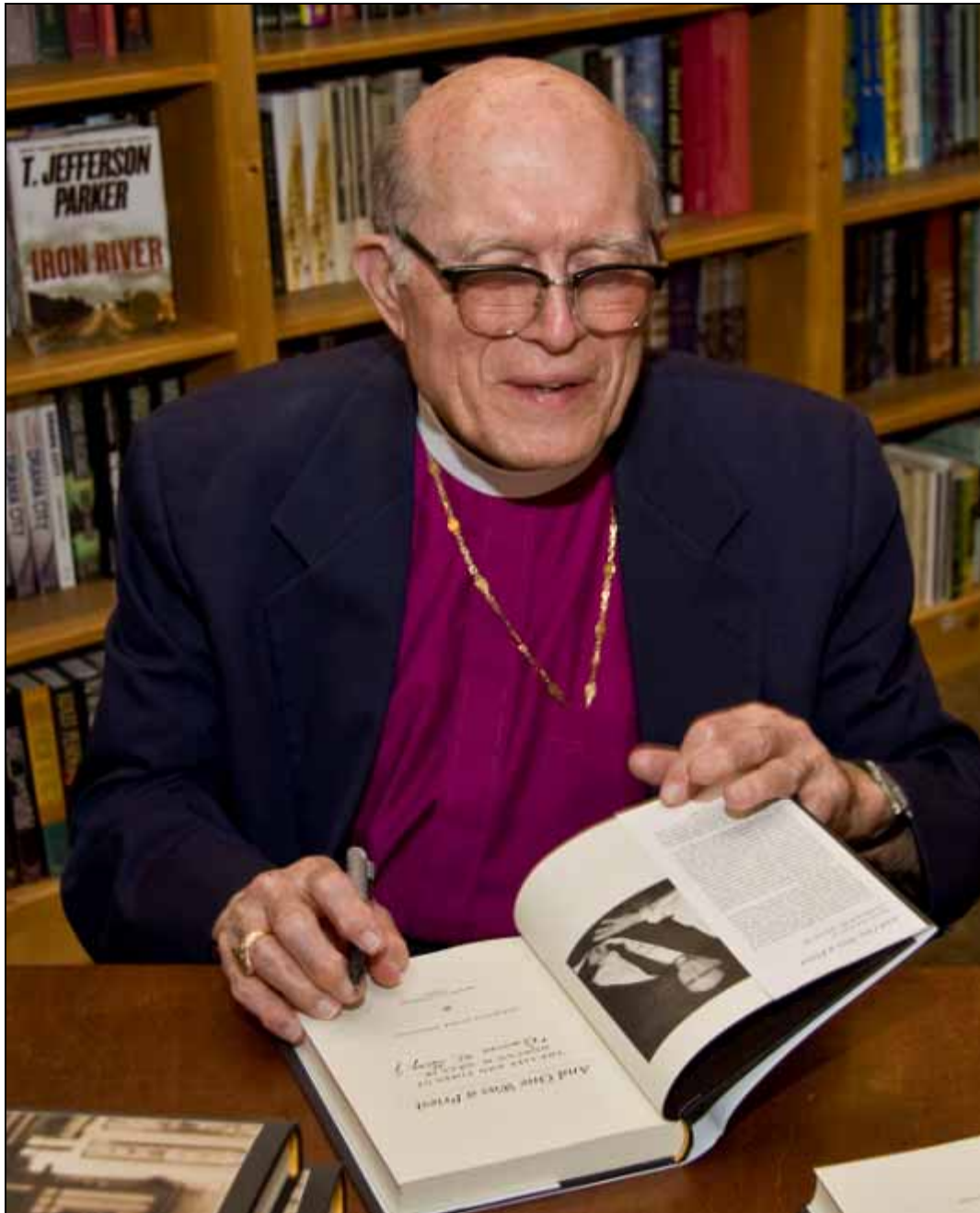


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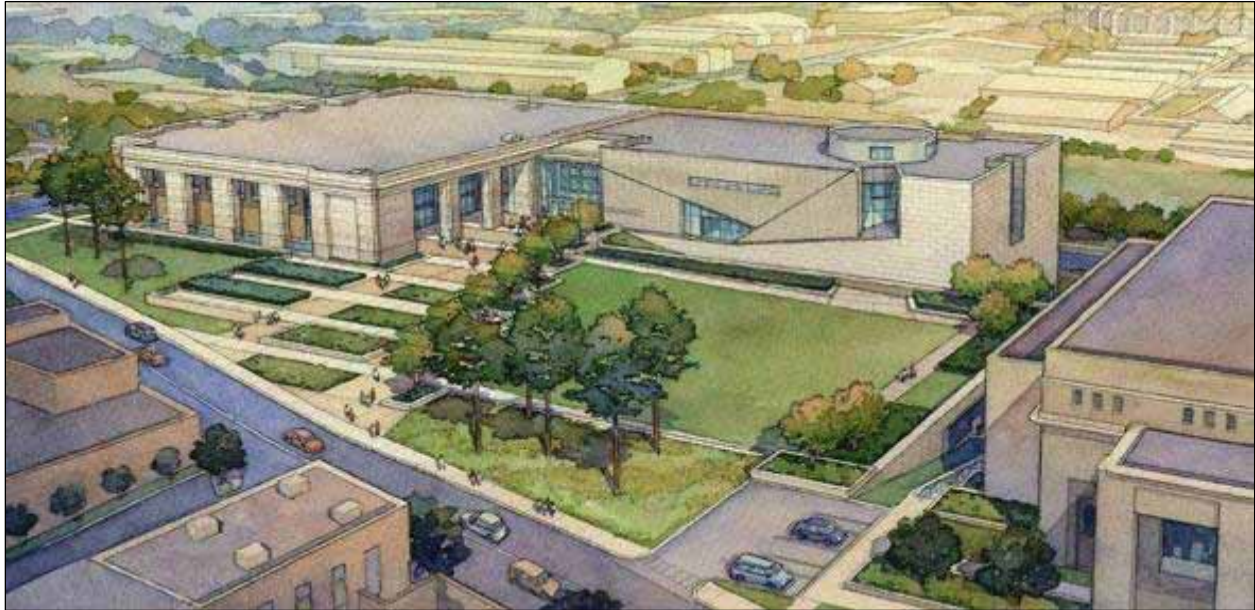
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**The Rt. Rev. Duncan Gray, Jr.**

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## Mississippi Civil Rights Museum The Rt. Rev. Bishop Duncan Gray, Jr. to be Honored



On Sunday, February 1, St. Alban's is hosting guest speakers, Hank Holmes and Trey Porter, from the *Mississippi Department of Archives and History*. They will present a PowerPoint presentation featuring the *Mississippi Civil Rights Museum* that is now under construction.

There is a special reason for asking Hank and Trey to speak to us on the first day of February. February is designated *Black History Month*— an appropriate time to introduce the museum to St. Alban's Community. The diocese is proud that a portion of the museum will be dedicated in honor of Bishop Duncan Gray, Jr., whose leadership played a significant role during the turbulent era of the *Civil Rights Movement*.

In 1962, Bishop Gray took a brave stance against segregation —a stance that came with great risks to his life and the safety of his family. At the time, people did not hold his position in high esteem and many were outwardly angry for his efforts. But, Bishop Gray was unwavering when it came to living the Gospel way of life as proclaimed in Holy Scripture: “*Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . and love thy neighbor as thyself.*”

The *Mississippi Civil Rights Museum* and the *Museum of Mississippi History* are under construction in the midst of downtown Jackson and are scheduled to open in December 2017 as the centerpiece of the state's bicentennial celebration.

## Annual Council

**Jackson Convention Center  
Friday, February 6 – Sunday, February 8**



What is Annual Council? It is a statewide weekend gathering of Episcopalians that includes worship, church business, homecoming with old friends and the opportunity to make new friends. St. Alban's Parish pays the registration fees for clergy— Rev. Billie, Deacon Josie, delegates and alternate delegates who are required to attend the business meetings and vote on issues that are presented.

If you are not registered, there is plenty you can do! You may attend Friday night's worship service and hear the *Bishop's Address*. This session does not require registration. During the service, David Pruett will be installed as *Lay Worship Leader*. Following Friday night's service, the "Council Gang" will meet for dinner at *The Mayflower Restaurant* on West Capitol Street. Lots of fun!

On Saturday, you do not have to be registered to shop at the vendor's booths or to attend the workshops. On Sunday, the closing Eucharist begins at 10:00 AM. and you do not have to be registered to attend. You don't want to miss this service! The Eucharist offers a tangible experience of oneness with God and with our entire diocese as we worship together and receive the Eucharist. The music is spectacular! At this time, Bishop Duncan Gray will officially hand over his crosier, the staff that the bishop carries in worship services or celebrations, to Bishop Brian Seage. This is a symbolic act of passing church authority from one bishop to another. Our "Council Gang" usually goes out for lunch together after the close of the Sunday Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Kelsey Artman, Betsy Selby & Susan Price will serve as Council delegates and Charlie Brantley, Sharon Hanks and Richard Price as alternate delegates.



## 188th Annual Council Workshops

Saturday, February 7, 2015

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Jackson Convention Complex

### Basic Technology



For the new user to be introduced to the technology available for improved communications, social media access and other helpful hints (What is Twitter, Facebook, etc. This would be for the person who has heard about social media, but does not necessarily use it.)

Led by the Tech Team

### How to Incorporate Technology in Church Life

#Church

Led by the Tech Team, this will be a more advanced technology session for those comfortable with the basics (This would be for the ones who probably already tweet, but may need some good ideas of how to broaden that use.) Come share ideas on how your congregation utilizes technology in the daily life of the church.

**Tech Team:** CJ Meaders, Walton Jones, Jeff Reich, Will Oakes

### Doing Evangelism

Practical "take-away's" for evangelism in the 21st century. Opportunity for sharing experiences and discussion of what has worked for you.

Led by Carol Mead.

**EVANGELISM**



### TENS and Stewardship

The diocesan membership in The Episcopal Network of Stewardship allows congregations to access online resources on the TENS website. The membership includes relevant perspectives, ministry tools and practical resources for every size congregation. Led by Rick Felton, Executive Director of TENS



### Congregational Websites



**DIGITAL FAITH**

communities. connected.

Come meet the Founder of the Digital Faith Community. Learn how to build an engaging and informative site and implement the best of class design standards. Discover the features of the system, which were designed to be easy to use. We'll get started by learning the basics of the DFC Content Management System. Then, stick around and get hands on help with your site. So bring your list ... and your computer!

Led by Patrick Herold

### Diocesan Giving

What is the history of our Voluntary Proportionate Giving system? What ministries are funded through the diocesan budget? What other opportunities are there for giving? Should we move to a different method of funding the ministry of the diocese? The Executive Committee is exploring other ways of diocesan giving.

Led by the Task Force on Diocesan Giving



### Parish Business and Canons 101



This workshop is suited for all vestry members and lay leadership. What do our canons say about how we operate as an Episcopal Church? What are the financial responsibilities of the vestry? Led by Canon David Johnson and Canon Kathryn McCormick

## Episcopal Church Women

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is an organization within the Episcopal Church that is open to all women of the church. This is not an exclusive club. There is no application. There is no age limit. There is no initiation. The only requirements are to show up and enjoy fellowship and offer suggestions for outreach and in-reach. Dues for ECW are \$36 a year, which covers contributions to worthy causes, one of which is *Meals on Wheels*.

The first meeting for 2015 was held Saturday, January 25, with nine in attendance. Officers were elected: Sharon Hanks, President; Beth Guynes, Vice-President and Cassandra Price, Treasurer. The treasurer reported cook book sales of 135 sold reported, profit of \$1,200 from *Dinner on the Grounds* given to rector and deacon discretionary funds and future plans discussed. Please plan to join us the second Saturdays of each month. Some of our meetings will be fun-filled field trips to destinations to be determined.

## The Bishop's Purse

As a means to express gratitude for the ministries of Bishop Duncan Gray & Kathy the gift of a cash purse is going to be presented to them by Bishop Seage during Friday night's opening service at Annual Council.

If you wish to make a donation, please make a check payable to the Diocese of Mississippi with "Bishop's Purse" noted on the memo line. Or you may place a check on Sunday, Feb. 1st in the offertory plate at St. Alban's Church. Make the check payable to the Diocese of Mississippi and **NOT to St. Alban's**, designating your check for the "Bishop's Purse."

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## † Billie's Corner

It is the beginning of the New Year; a perfect time to renew a much needed ministry—Eucharistic Visitor. What are Eucharistic Visitors? The Eucharistic Visitors take the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. Home communion visitations can take place any day of the week, but Sunday is an especially meaningful day because the Eucharistic Ministers are sent forth by the congregation with these words of prayer: *My brother/sister in Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in communion of Christ's Body and Blood; for though we are many we share one Bread and one Cup. Amen.*

Prior to the close of the Eucharist, the Eucharistic Ministers receive the communion kit and exit the church to minister to those who await them. Their departure during the Eucharist symbolizes the unity of those who are homebound with those who remain in church.



The role of the Eucharistic Visitors is to take the presence of Christ to those they visit — both by the sacrament of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, as well as their pastoral presence. The Eucharistic Visitors have the holy task of taking worship, prayer, companionship and Holy Communion to members of St. Alban's who are unable to get to church. The Eucharistic visit is reassurance that although they are homebound and cannot physically make it to church, they are still very much a part of our church community.

God uses the Eucharistic Visitors as *Christ Bearers* to connect those who are at home, in the hospital or a nursing home not only to our church community, but to the corporate Body of Christ through the act of sharing one Bread and one Cup.





Give the ministry of becoming a Eucharistic Visitor some prayerful thought. Is God calling you to be a link that connects our community one to another?

I will provide training for anyone interested. It is recommended that Eucharistic Visitors go to homes, hospitals or nursing homes in pairs. You will not only provide the holy nourishment of the sacrament of Holy Communion, you will give the gift of your time and attention—priceless!

In Peace

Billie+

## † Josie's Journal

*...study the Holy Scriptures, seek nourishment from them ...*

This phrase from my ordination vows is found in the *Book of Common Prayer*. In an effort to find nourishment from the Scriptures, I have just finished a Thursday night study of Acts taught by the Rev. John Stone Jenkins on VHS tape dated 1980.

Community was one facets of the study that caught my attention because everything seemed to revolve around love in our relationship with others. God gives us the tools to make it right, but we fail to read the directions and make a mess of it. This sentence in my planner says it best: *The psalmist reminds us that, if we're not careful, we can miss out on something that can be soul-nurturing: waiting in silence for God.*

I am currently preparing for Lent. One of my favorite disciplines during Lent is *Lent Madness* which started in 2010 as the brainchild of The Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest. He was trying to develop a fun way to encourage people to learn about the saints, men and women, in the Church's Calendar of Saints. If you look at our Episcopal calendar, almost every day honors a saint.

The format of *Lent Madness*: Thirty-two saints are placed in a tournament-like elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set *Round of the Sainly Sixteen*. Eight advance to the *Round of the Elate Eight*, four make it to the *Faithful Four*, two advance to the Championship and the winner is awarded the *Golden Halo*.

The biographical information on each saint is found in a book called *Sainly Scorecard*. The scorecard is on order and will arrive before Lent. Last year was the first year for the *Sainly Scorecard*. Previously you had to go online and read the information on the *Lent Madness* website before casting your vote. Lastly, there is a wall bracket poster for *Lent Madness* that I will display in the parish hall so those who are participating in *Lent Madness* can track their favorite saint.

If you don't see your favorite saint, please keep in mind that some saints are ineligible such as the entire field of *Lent Madness* for 2014, the saints who made it to the *Round of the Elate Eight* in 2013 and 2012, and those from the *Faithful Four* from these past years. I am looking forward to learning and sharing *Lent Madness* with you during the 2015 Lenten Season.

Christ's Peace,

Josie+



## In Memory of John Scott



**Lifelong Member of St. Alban's Church**

April 7, 1931 — November 28, 2014

## Schedule of Events

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
 Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM  
 Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM  
 Children's Chapel during the 11:00 AM Eucharist

#### Tuesday

Crafter's Gathering, Home of Penny Freund, 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM  
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM  
 Choir Practice following the Healing Service & Eucharist

#### Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon  
 Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

### February

**Sunday, February 1**—Special Guest Speakers from the Mississippi Archives of History, 8:30 & 11:00 Eucharist

**Friday, February 6–Sunday, February 8**—Diocese of Mississippi Annual Council, Jackson Convention Center

**Sunday, February 8**—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, Bolton. Choir from the *Mississippi School of Performing Arts*. 4:00 PM

**Sunday, February 15**—*What is Ash Wednesday all About? What is Lent all About?* Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, February 18**—**Ash Wednesday**. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes, Noon & 6:00 PM

**Friday, February 20**—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

**Sunday, February 22**—*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You—A People Called Episcopalians*, Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

***Come to the Country . . . Come to St. Alban's Church for Lent***

**What's Going on at St. Alban's During Lent?**

*Holy Hospitality is the answer to that question. We are offering holy hospitality to visitors and to each other.*

**Sunday mornings**, Adult Sunday classes continue the series learning about the Episcopal Church. Newcomers from outside our community are invited to "visit" the Episcopal Church and old-timers are invited to "revisit" the Episcopal Church.

**Wednesday evenings** feature *Lenten Arts Programs*, beginning with The Healing Service at 6:00 PM, a Soup Dinner at 6:30 PM followed by performances by a wide variety of artists, including vocalists, a violinist and a dramatist at 7:00 PM.

**Friday evenings**, Deacon Josie and Theo Williams will lead the prayerful journey of Jesus as he makes his way from his trial through the streets of Jerusalem, to the hill outside the city where he is crucified. We pray the reality of Jesus' death that leads us to the reality of His resurrection.

**Wednesday, February 25**—*Lenten Arts Program*. Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, *Thulani Mnisi, Tenor Vocalist* from Mississippi College, accompanied by *Kipp Gill, Organist*, 7:00 PM

**Friday, February 27**—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

**March**

**Sunday, March 1**, *Being a Christian—How It Starts and How It Grows*, Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, March 4**—*Lenten Arts Program*. Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, *Mississippi Girlchoir*, 7:00 PM

**Friday, March 6**—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

**Sunday, March 8**—*Episcopalians & The Book of Common Prayer*, Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

**Sunday, March 8**—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton, Vocal Rendition of the Stations of the Cross*, Mississippi College Vocalists, 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 11**—*Lenten Arts Program*. Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, *Temperance Babcock-Steiskal, Violinist*, 7:00 PM



- Friday, March 13**—**NO** Stations of the Cross, Parish Weekend at The Big House, Gray Conference Center, Canton
- Sunday, March 15**—Pick and Choose Your Place of Worship—Morning Prayer at St. Alban's Church or at the Big House, Parish Weekend, Gray Conference Center, Canton. More Details forthcoming.
- Wednesday, March 18**—*Lenten Arts Program*. Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, *John Maxwell, St. Paul Monologue*, 7:00 PM
- Friday, March 20**—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, March, 22**—*Community Life at St. Alban's Church*, Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, March 25**—**The Feast Day of the Annunciation**, *Lenten Arts Program*. Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, *Viola Dacus, Ave Maria Medley*, 7:00 PM
- Friday, March 27**—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM

### Holy Week

- Sunday, March, 29**—**Palm Sunday**. *Praying Our Way through Holy Week*, Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM
- Monday, March 30**—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 31**—*Stations of the Cross*, 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 1**—Quiet Day, "*Come In—Be Still—Light a Candle—Say a Prayer—Leave in Peace*" Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM
- Thursday, April 2**—**Maundy Thursday**. Foot Washing, 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 3**—**Good Friday**. 6:00 PM
- Saturday, April 4**—**Holy Saturday**. Morning Service, 8:30 AM.  
**The Great Vigil of Easter**, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, April, 5**—**Easter Sunday**. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM, Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM, Reception in Parish House following both services

### Post Easter

- Sunday, April 12**—*Resurrection Appearance Stories from the Bible—What does Resurrection Mean Now, Today?* Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM
- Sunday, April 12**—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, Bolton, 4:00 PM

## February Birthdays

1 Charlie Brantley	16 Joey Gerache
4 Georgia Turnage	19 Linda Kitchens
5 Sharon Hanks	21 David Selby
6 Michael Abraham	22 Mary Margaret Brabston
11 Bonnie Pruett	Jane Hanks
14 Beth Guynes	24 Ian Ulmer
Charles Langford	25 Walker Biedenharn
16 Joyce Butler	

## February Anniversaries

11 Josh & Maggi McCarthy

## Prayers for the People

### For those Sick or in Need:

Petesy Smith	Sherry Barton	Eleanor Price
Alice Pronger	Cheryl Lloyd	Lucas Guynes
Jackson Monti	Laura	Kristin
Barbara Ramsay	Parker Ramsay	Jim & Sherry Horan
Linda & Jim Dooley	Mikelle Young	Sid & Janet Champion
Brian Robinson	Rachelle Ferris	Tim Goodson
Joyce Butler	Barbara Hampton	Keegan James Concanno
Ronnie McGowan	Rev. John Stone Jenkins	Calvin Fields
Lawrence Fields	The Tryman Family	Billy Graves
Richard Stone	Mary Branciere	Carolyn Ellis Stanton
Margie Scott	Bertha Kolb	Jerry & Kay McWilliams
Jim Dantin	Dalton Glatt	David Johnson
Bill Curtis	Betty Biedenharn	Neill Southall

## Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in February

	<b>Feb 1</b> <i>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>Feb 8</b> <i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>Feb 15</b> <i>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>Feb 22</b> <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
<b>First Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 111	Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	Psalm 50:1-6	Psalm 25:1-9
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Peter 3:18-22
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15
<b>Morning Prayer</b>				
<b>Lay Worship Leader</b>				
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Tommy Skinner		Richard Price	Ann Tompkins
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Theo Williams		David Pruett	Harvey Smith
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Beth Guynes		Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Koury Collins		Jennifer Normand	Beth & Children
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Marci & Children		Marci & Children	Marci & Children
<b>Lector</b>	Ed Shelnut		Mary Carleton	Herb Jones
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Beth Guynes		Penny Freund	Sharon Hanks
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	Artman Family		Jim Drake	Jess Gates
			Becky Drake	Kelsey Artman
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Sara Porter Dalton Thames		Allan Leese Dan Carleton	Richard Massey Charlie Brantley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ed Shelnut			Herb Jones
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Margie Scott Betty Rushing		Bonnie Pruett Butch Mitchell Margo Massey	Sara Porter Dalton Thames
<b>Children's Chapel</b>				
	<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Feb 25</b>
<b>Wednesday Healing</b>	Harvey Smith	David Pruett	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams