



The Messenger

A place for worship and Christian growth in the knowledge and love of God

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Variation of Worship during the Season of Advent as we enter the church Sunday morning.

During this season of Advent, beginning Dec 2nd and ending Dec 23rd (Advent I – IV), as we enter into worship on Sunday mornings we will experience a variation in how we prepare our hearts and our minds for worship and the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Finding a balance within the differences each of us have as we enter into worship can sometimes be quite difficult. For several of us, entering into the church, particularly the atrium, greeting our friends and visitors is of utmost importance prior to our worship experience. This is often a joyous occasion filled with conversation and laughter as we greet one another in love. At the same time, many parishioners often enter into the house of worship with the desire to pray quietly within the silence; preparing their hearts and their minds for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the liturgy, and the Word of the Lord. All of us prepare in different ways, and at times they balance one another well. At other times, one may become a distraction to the other.



I write this in advance so that we, as a congregation, will know what to expect as we enter into the worship services during the season of Advent this year. I encourage you to enter into the church at least five minutes before the service begins at 10:00am if possible. While this variation may not be something you enjoy, I encourage you to give it a chance. At the least, please be mindful of others around you knowing that this variation is only during Advent.

There is a hymn we have used multiple times at St. Francis entitled, “Peace Before Us...” This hymn, written by David Haas, seems to have become a favorite among parishioners to the point where we used this hymn as requested on a weekly basis for months during the 2017 year. This hymn is also used during the Taizé services in Lent. At a parish I used to attend, the congregation entered into worship singing this song prior to the beginning of every Sunday service. This was one of the most powerful variations I have ever experienced as an entire congregation prepared for worship. The details are below:

- **Please enter the church in silence.** While in the atrium, though I am not requesting silence, please be mindful that others are already in the church focused on silent prayer.
- A few minutes before 10:00am, the choir will lead the congregation in singing, “Peace Before Us.” Remaining seated, I encourage you to join as desired.
- At 10:00am, the service will continue as normal with an opening Processional Hymn.

May the lyrics and melody of this hymn become written on our hearts during this season of Advent... *“Peace before us, Peace behind us, Peace under our feet...Peace within us, Peace over us, let all around us be peace...”*

With the love of Christ,

Tim +

AT ST. FRANCIS

At St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, our Sunday mornings begin at 9 a.m. with Christian formation for adults in the conference room, and children's Sunday School in the Sunday School classroom. Worship is at 10 a.m. with nursery provided. We utilize both Rite One and Rite Two Holy Eucharist, with organ and choir. Refreshments and conversation take place after the service in the Parish Hall. The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated at Noon every Wednesday.



ST. FRANCIS ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi for Seniors

Free Tai Chi classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Atrium.

St. Francis' Readers

Meet the third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Library.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

All women are invited on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Women of St. Francis (WOSF) Luncheon

Takes place the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. All ladies are invited. Please bring a lunch item to share.

Hospice Card Crafters

Meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. No experience needed.

Monthly Parish Supper

This month's supper is on Wednesday, November 28 at 6 p.m. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share and join your fellow parishioners for supper.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

Senior Moment Café

Meets Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Great Room.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

ECW meetings are on the second Saturday of the month. in the Parish Hall.

Prayer Shawl Guild

Meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

Adult Education

Meets at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room on Sundays.

Children's Sunday School

Meet at 9 a.m. in the Big Classroom.

AT ST. FRANCIS



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Daylight Saving Time Ends: 2 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

**Ingathering Service
(Pledges due please)**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

**Parish Budget Meeting: 10:45 a.m.
Parish Hall**

DECEMBER 2, 2018

**Annual Parish Meeting: 10:45 a.m.
Parish Hall**



Shown here are a couple of photos from our Blessing of the Animals and Family Festival on October 6.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SCRIPTURE

November 2018

November 4
All Saints'
Sunday

November 11
25th Sunday
After Pentecost

November 18
26th Sunday
After Pentecost

November 25
Last Sunday
After Pentecost

December 2
First Sunday
of Advent

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-9	1 Kings 17:8-16	Daniel 12:1-3	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalms 24	Psalms 146	Psalms 16:5-11	Psalms 93	Psalms 25:1-9
Revelation 21:1-6a	Hebrews 9:24-28	Hebrews 10:11-25	Revelation 1:4b-8	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
John 1:32-44	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-36

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Averette Culver Diane Petoskey	Don Johnson John Boden	McGee Lorren Diane Petoskey	Nancy Storey Mary Jo Mann	John Boden Neil Merrifield
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ACOLYTES

David Stratford Nancy Storey Leon Mayberry	Finn Youberg Averette Culver John Griffing	Lonnie Lorren Averette Culver David Stratford	John Griffing Barbara MacNeil Leon Mayberry	John Griffing Averette Culver David Stratford
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LECTORS / INTERCESSORS

Mark MacNeil Tricia Briska Barbara MacNeil	Bob Menzer Gordon Sprague Cathy Griffing	Jack Grimley Hannah Grimley Kim Grimley	Bob Brownlie Brad Wilson McGee Lorren	Ann Woll Brad Wilson Pat Rooney
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USHERS/GREETERS

Chip Wood Janet Wood	Jim Arnold Diane Arnold	Freida Palmer Carol Stark	David Stratford Sally Weber	Chip Wood Janet Wood
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OBLATIONERS

John Boden Carol Boden	Lucy Daniel Patsy May	Mark MacNeil Barbara MacNeil	Neil Merrifield Ann Merrifield	Nancy Storey Rosemary Spain
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NURSERY MINISTRY

Sarah Backus	Lindsey Hutto	Alice Davis	Dana Miller	Alice Davis
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ALTAR GUILD

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	1 st Sunday
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HOSPITALITY

Potluck Sunday!	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Potluck Sunday!
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TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE PARISH HALL OR CALL CHRIS MILLER @ 932-2861 OR HELEN LAUCELLA @ 850-501-7411. (SUBMIT RECEIPTS TO CHRIS IN THE OFFICE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.)



WORSHIP SCHEDULE ~ November 2018

Sunday, November 4	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, November 7	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Averette Culver Lector: David Stratford
Sunday, November 11	Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One
Wednesday, November 14	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: David Stratford Lector: Kim Grimley
Sunday, November 18	Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, November 21	Day Before Thanksgiving No Service
Sunday, November 25	Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Wednesday, November 28	12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson Lector: Kim Grimley
Sunday, December 2	The First Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two

PRAYER LIST

November Birthdays: 11/6: David Brown, 11/7: Linda Youberg, 11/8: Sarah Ann Smith, 11/10 Marcia Brownlie, 11/11 Allison Macy, 11/12 Janet Penniman, 11/14 John Boden, 11/15 Brad Peterman, 11/17: Keith Mann, 11/18: Jennie Smith Mooney, Finn Youberg, 11/20: Karen Owen, 11/22: Angie Dufort, 11/23: Gene Miller, 11/24: Davis Wood, Reagan Belcher, 11/28: Dick Lyon, 11/30: Freida Palmer, Patrick Rooney, Linda Belcher

November Anniversaries: 11/2 Karen & Michael Owen, 11/20 Leo & Beth Cyr, 11/25: Irene & David Macy, 11/28: Reagan & Linda Belcher

Pray for Healing: Martha Antoun, Mandi Bailey, Lonnie Barlow, Wyatt Blancheri, George Bokas, Stephen Barona, Dennis Brooks, Marcia Brownlie, Alan Bunt, Tammy Cantrell, Penny Carter, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Bill Delavan, Marzell Ellis, Jan Flanigan, Edie Garcia, Valorie Griffing, Clauzell Holloway, Mary Howard, Josephina Jimenez, Nicole Kostic, Kristie Kroh, Brenda Lawrence, Bob Maskell, Cline May, Liza McKee, Bryan & Karen Noa, Rosemary Noel, Mariah O'Hara, Lynn & Sue Parker, Marlina Peña, Kathy Price, Jan Reddit, Deane Rook, Katlynn Salzman, Marianne Stanky, Savannah Stanky, Sandy Starr, John Stearns, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., 'D' Thompson, Amy Tober, Genia Weidler

Pray for the Departed: Carol Lewis, Emily Ellis, Jimmy MacKinnon

Pray for Active Duty Military: *Pray for Active Duty Military:* Martin Bunt, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Daniel Lane, Bryan Lucas, Kenneth Marshall, Tyler Mathews, Shane Murtha, Anthony Olson, Josh Payne, Dylan Price, Jason Pritchett, Ryan Schuler, Karri Styron, T.J. Teicher, Kevin Walsh



NOVEMBER 3, 8-12 P.M

It is time to break out the yard tools and feather dusters again to spruce up the garden and inside the church for the upcoming holiday season. Now that the hottest weather is over, join us, and we can get a lot done together!

NOAH'S NURSERY



Birth-Kindergarten (age 0-5) meets in the nursery during the church service. "Busy Bags" are in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those children attending church.

November Nursery Assistants

9:45 a.m. til Communion

- November 4 Sarah Backus
- November 11 Lindsey Hutto
- November 18 Alice Davis
- November 25 Dana Miller
- December 2 Alice Davis



The laying on of hands has been a symbol of conveying God's essence from ancient times to present and this gift of healing is among those received from God, a practice commonly used throughout the New Testament. Anointing provides a vivid, sacramental expression of God's love in time of illness and troubles.

This month's service is on Saturday, November 17 at 10 a.m., and everyone is invited to attend.



CARING AND SHARING OF SOUTH SANTA ROSA COUNTY

St. Francis will be participating in Caring & Sharing's Food Drive this month as well as The Giving Tree (Angel Tree) in December. Please bring your non-perishable, non-expired food items to the church no later than **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**. A box will be set up in the Atrium. All food will be picked up on Friday, November 16.

If you would like to help with food sorting and box filling, volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. at Oriole Beach Elementary, 1260 Oriole Beach Road, Gulf Breeze (lunch will be provided).



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving (November 19-23).

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know, I, your Junior Warden, as a teenager in 1966, broke ground on our current sanctuary? To encourage raising the funds to build the new sanctuary, we had a board with squares representing the money needed and the junior and senior Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) groups raised money to fill in a square. I was selected to dig a shovelful of dirt at the groundbreaking as a representative of the youth groups.

Little did I know that in less than 10 years, I would take my wedding vows in that same sanctuary. From that day in 1966 forward and over the next fifty years, I and my St Francis family would see both my children baptized and confirmed, my daughter's wedding as well as many funerals. All the momentous events in my life, both joyous and sad, have taken place in our sanctuary. And to think it all began with a few shovelfuls of dirt!

Helen Laucella



Before we had a chance to deliver everyone's donations, Bay Breeze became overwhelmed with the outpouring of help and handed the effort over to a Medical Group that provided several drop off locations. Upon contacting one of the locations, we could not find anyone that seemed to know what was going on. We changed directions on how to handle the donations after learning that the areas affected by Hurricane Michael were not accepting clothing.

Clothing has been taken to Interfaith Ministries Thrift Shop. Interfaith gives vouchers to individuals and families in need of clothing. The vouchers are then taken to the thrift shop and clothing selections made. The remaining donations are being picked up by the Diocese's Hurricane Michael Relief coordinator who will take them to Panama City and surrounding areas affected.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations!



JOHN APPELYARD TO ADDRESS PARISH SUPPER ON NOVEMBER 28, 2018

John Appleyard, prolific author, historian, civic leader and Pensacola living legend, will be the featured speaker at November's St. Francis Parish Supper. His topic will be "Northwest Florida since the Arrival of Don Tristan de Luna in 1559". You will not want to miss this event. If you do not have transportation, please call Leo Cyr (850-889-3517).

The November dinner menu is:

Garden Salad
Chicken, Wild Rice and Corn Casserole
Dessert Bar:
7-Layer Bars, Lemon Bars and Brownies
Coffee, Iced Tea & Lemonade, or BYO Beverage
Tickets are \$8 per person in advance

We will not have ticket sales at the door, however, tickets will be on sale at the parish office beginning November 15, or, in the Atrium before & after services on Sunday November 18 and 25. Refunds will not be possible once our food order is placed.

Parish Supper Season tickets are available as a package by request for \$40 per person. The package covers November (2018), January, February, April and May (2019). Call (850-889-3517) or see Leo Cyr. The primary advantage of buying the "package" is the convenience of reserving your place for the entire 2018-2019 Parish Supper Season.

The Lenten Supper Series will supersede the March 2019 supper and there will be no suppers over the summer. The 2019-2020 Parish Supper Season will begin September 2019.



ANNUAL PARISH Meeting

At the Annual Meeting, on Sunday, December 2 we will be voting on two new Vestry members. The nominees this year are: Kim Girylyuk Kim Grimley and Nancy Storey. Please take a moment to read their bios on the bulletin board in the hall, introduce yourself to them if you haven't met before and get to know them.

The 48th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast will be held Thursday, February 14 to Saturday, February 16 at St. James Episcopal Church in Fairhope, Alabama. We will also nominate and vote on three lay delegates to attend the convention during the Annual Meeting.

Delegates are asked to attend one of the pre-Convention meetings where Bishop Russell and Dwight Babcock, our diocesan administrator, will discuss budget, pre-filed resolutions, upcoming bishop's priorities for the year, and what to expect as a delegate attending Convention, among other important topics. Dates will be announced soon and will be posted on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF September 30, 2018

	<u>Sep. 18</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD BUDGET</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>
Pledged Offerings	\$15,950	\$164,555	\$175,719	\$234,292
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 2,243	\$ 19,580	\$ 18,462	\$ 24,616
Previous Year Pledge	\$ 0	\$ 400	-0-	-0-
Other Income	\$ 630	\$ 12,428	\$ 10,595	\$ 14,127
Total Income	\$18,823	\$193,963	\$204,776	\$273,035
Expenses	\$23,837	\$213,724	\$211,759	\$282,345
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 5,014)	(\$ 19,761)	(\$ 6,982)	(\$ 9,310)
Non-budgeted Income	\$ 0	\$ 2,697	\$ 5,476	\$ 7,300
Non-budgeted Expense	(\$ 736)	(\$ 1,188)	(\$ 750)	(\$ 1,000)
Total Net Income	(\$ 5,750)	(\$ 18,252)	(\$ 2,256)	(\$ 3,010)
Checking/Savings/Investment	\$22,484			
Endowment Fund	\$222,706.06 (statement balance as of 09/01/18)			

September's total income was \$18,823 and expenses were \$23,837 resulting in (\$5,014) net ordinary income.

For the first nine months of the year, pledge offerings are \$164,555, which is (\$19,761) under budget and open plate offerings are \$19,580, \$1,118 over budget. Expenses are \$213,724, which is \$6,982 over budget.

The September financial statements are posted on the bulletin board for your review. Let me know if you have questions, and let Chris know if you would like a copy of the financials.

Leon J. Mayberry, Treasurer

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YOUR 2018 VESTRY

Averette Culver, Sr. Warden

Helen Laucella, Jr. Warden

Leon Mayberry, Treasurer

Amy Guidry, Clerk

John Boden

Helen Laucella

John Petoskey

Rosemary Spain

Carol Stark

Vestry Support

Phyllis Ham, Asst. Treasurer

McGee Lorren, Financial Consultant

St. Francis' Staff

The Rev. Tim Backus, Rector

Angie Dufort, Children's Sunday School Teacher

Cathy Griffing, Organist and Choirmaster

Bill Lucas, Sexton

Chris Miller, Parish Secretary