

St. John's Episcopal Church



"Have you not known, have you not heard those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles."

Isaiah 40:28,31

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Joel Gregory
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Vestry of St. John's:

Bill Eskridge Sr. Warden
Jimmy McLemore, Jr. Warden

Class of 2020

Dick Arrington
Georgia Holmes
Austin Huffaker
Alice Longshore
Jean Smyth
Bob Young

Class of 2021

Virginia Banister
Richard Bradford
Kathryn Dailey
Mike Jenkins
Stephanie Norrell
Todd Westhauser

Class of 2022

John Carter
Will Gunter
Katie Keller
Mary-Nelms Parsons
Nick Prillaman
Radney Ramsey
Emily Wise

Treasurer

Helen Wells

Clerk of the Vestry

Anne Tippet

Each year at this time I receive a delightful surprise and am able to pass exciting news on to the parish at large. This is the season in which the Nominating Committee brings forward a slate of nominees for election to the Vestry by the parish. Numerous suggestions are made to the committee and they do the hard work of narrowing those suggestions to the final slate. The list is submitted to the Vestry for their approval to ensure that the nominees are qualified by having been Confirmed in the Episcopal Church and that they support the parish with a pledge. Each nominee must also be invited to accept the nomination.

Being Rector of a parish is a little odd in terms of church membership. While I preside at Vestry meetings and charge the Nominating Committee with the responsibility of selecting the slate, I do not meet with the committee nor am I permitted to vote on the slate at the Annual Meeting. My responsibility is simply to serve with those elected by the congregation.

Over the years, I've discovered what a great blessing this system is. I am the beneficiary of the decisions made by the Nominating

Committee and the Parish. I get to serve with the people that you select and there is a real gift in that for me personally. It all helps to remind me that God has a guiding hand in our nomination and election process. Those brought forward and elected serve us so well.

Again this year, I am delighted with the slate of nominees and grateful to each person on that slate for their willingness to serve if elected. Each is well qualified and has very much to offer. Those put forward for your consideration are (listed alphabetically):

Christy Anderson
Nancy Bradford
Phillip Brown
Betsy Cannon
Christi Corsino
Cam Hughes
Cissy Johnson
Brice Johnson
J.R. Marshall
Scott Mitchell
Dudley Perry
Palmer Smith
Will Hill Tankersley

I am also excited to announce that the Vestry has elected Jimmy McLemore to serve as Senior War-

THE LESSONS:

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Canticle 15

THE COLLECT:

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.*

**MINISTERS
SERVING THIS
SUNDAY**

ORGANIST AND**CHOIRMASTER:** Joel

Gregory

ACOLYTES: Sarah Campbell Hughes, John Register, Cate Peeples, Easton Strickler, Holden Habermacher, Gabby Barrera, Susannah Miller, Molly Selman

LAY EUCHARISTIC

MINISTERS: Charlotte Walker, Tracey Campbell, Maria Pacheco-West

LAY EUCHARISTIC VIS-

ITORS: Carolyn Placeway, Mary Hughes

VESTRY: 7:30 Virginia

Banister, 10:30 Bob

Young, Jimmy McLemore,

Mary Nelms-Parsons, Kat

Dailey

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie

Schremser

PASTORAL CARE: Betsy

Cannon, Josie Eskridge,

Michelle Shaw

FLOWER

DELIVERY: Melissa

Carter, Will Gunter, Valerie

Wilkerson

**Flowers by the St.
John's Flower Guild**

den and Radney Ramsey to serve as Junior Warden for 2020. They will lead us well.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2019, at 11:15 am. Prior to that time you will receive a brochure with photographs and a biographical sketch of each nominee to help inform your choice. Meanwhile, please keep each of these nominees in your prayers. May those we elect be equipped with God's grace so that our parish might deepen our vision and mission.

Yours faithfully,

Robert C. Wisnewski, Jr.

NOMINEES FOR BISHOP OF ALABAMA

ON JANUARY 18, CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA WILL ELECT A NEW BISHOP WHO WILL BECOME THE DIOCESAN BISHOP UPON THE RETIREMENT OF THE RT. REV. KEE SLOAN AT THE END OF 2020. THE NOMINEES FOR THAT POSITION ARE: THE REV. GLENDA CURRY; THE REV. EVAN GARNER; THE REV. ALLISON SANDLIN LILES; AND THE REV. AARON RAWLINSON.

LAY DELEGATES FROM ST. JOHN'S ARE: RADNEY RAMSEY; MARNEY GARZON; GEORGE MATHEWS; BETTY MATHEWS; JIMMY MCLEMORE; LAURA MCLEMORE; JOHN CARTER; MELISSA CARTER.

**Christmas Eve Services**

5:00 pm and 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

10:00 am

Children are invited to bring un-

wrapped toys to the 5:00 service to be donated to the Salvation Army.

**FEAST OF LIGHTS**

January 5th

5:30 dinner 6:00 service

Any youth that wants to have a reading part must let Joleen know before Christmas. We are in need of 10 volunteers to read.

The Angel Tree Family gifts are due to the church by December 15th. If you have any questions contact Sarah Collier at sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org

JOY AND CONCERN

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Glenn Price, Christopher Marshall, Sarah Stone, Jim Thomas, Karen Jarrell, Eddie McDowell, Shirley Price, Florence Jordan, Joe McGough, Cynthia Hill, George Wakefield, Frances Condit, Johnny Smith, Carol Pierce.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Rob Ludington, Barry Green-Burns, Gloria Hudgeon, John Robertson, Johnny Smith, Mary Linger, George West, Randy Rushton, Phil Dotts, Doris Thornton, Tommy Oliver, Ruth Jones, Karen & Angelo Pacheco, Acra Hackney Samuels, Margaret (Marty) Hackney, Ed Sellers, Tom Broadhurst, Ricky Hatfield, Willie Fred Gamble, Monica Powell, Chase Pickett, Al Perkins, Debbie Steindorff, Pam Litel, Aaron Hines, Daphne Oliver, Dawn Damato, Dottie Campbell, Scott Bradford, Mary Steindorff, Jack Mitchell, Margaret Carlson, Paula Hamm Roberts, Kim Barnhart, Lavada Spears Persons, Charles Colvin, Cookie Zibilich, Charlie Smith, Clemmon Barlow, Chuck Holley, Sandy Lynn Stevens, Masha Kloberg, Andy Silverman, William Hardwick Ray, Meredith McLemore, Elizabeth McLemore Baker, Ernie Reddick, Vaughan Dozier, Kay Ivey.

Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.

Trawick-Scott Advent Recital Series

20th Season

December 11 Rebecca Taylor, Organ Advent Meditations, music of Bach, Guilain, Langlais, Brahms, Howells and Locklair.

December 18 Mary Speaks, Women's Ensemble Music by women composers and poets, sung by a community ensemble of women.

Music begins at 12:05 pm, simple lunch (\$5) follows.

Church of the Ascension (334) 263-5529

St. John's Cursillo Upcoming Dates:

FEAST OF LIGHTS SERVICE - JANUARY 5TH

-We will be serving dinner to the parish.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - MARCH 11, 2020

St. John's encourages tithing, the giving of 10% of our financial resources to God's work in the world through the Church, because we know that giving is integral to spiritual growth. The Rector tithes and each member of the Vestry is either tithing or working toward that goal. Please identify for yourself the percentage of your resources that you give and develop a plan to become a tither. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

The Flowers on the Altar this Sunday are to the glory of God and in memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hawthorne

Carroll R. Thornton

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:15 am Breakfast in the Parish House
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 4:20 pm Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm EYC Christmas Party
- 9:00 pm Compline on FB Live

MONDAY

- 12 Noon Clergy Led Bible Study in the Small Dining Room

TUESDAY

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:10 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
- 8:30 am Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 am Centering Prayer
- 5:30pm Eucharist

THURSDAY

- 12:05 pm Holy Unction and Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

St. John's Faithfulness

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