St. Francis Anglican Church First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2020

Holy Baptism

Processional Hymn: We three kings of Orient are See page 8 for words and music

Acclamation

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations.

People: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

The First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." ⁵ This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

- 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 Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Earth has many a noble city*

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Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Celebrant: (+) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily Fr. Matt Garrison

The Baptismal Exhortation

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that *this Candidate*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *this Candidate* that which by nature they cannot have.

The Presentation

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Infants and Younger Children

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents: I present Margaret Elizabeth Knowles to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant:

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as *she* is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *She* must come to put *her* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *her* soul. When *she* has embraced all these, *she* is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *she* may publicly claim the Faith for *her* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents: I am, the Lord being my helper.

Profession of Faith

Question: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and

destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil and lead you into the light

and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and

New Testaments?

Answer: I do.

Question: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days

of your life?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The celebrant then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in

Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with this candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal

confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People: I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy

Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died, and was buried: He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to indee the liming and the dead

judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Litany for the candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this Candidate who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: That this child may come to confess her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That this Candidate may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the

breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That this child may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which she has been called, ever

growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That *she* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *she* falls into sin, repent and return to

the Lord.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That she may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and

broken world.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That as a living member of the Body of Christ, she may grow up in every way into him who is

the head.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That, looking to Jesus, she may run with endurance the race set before her, and at the last

receive the unfading crown of glory.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Prayers for the candidate

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *this* your *servant*. Wash and sanctify *her* through your Holy Spirit, that *she* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *she* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.People: And with your spirit.Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

The Baptism

The Celebrant continues: Name this Child.

Margaret Elizabeth Knowles, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Margaret Elizabeth Knowles, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, received *her* as your own *child* by adoption, made *her* a *member* of your holy Church, and raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *she* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Celebrant continues: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ

crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal

priesthood of all his people.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

"Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King."

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit. *Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues:

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory, that He might bring us out of darkness and into His own glorious light. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

(+) Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration (the people may kneel)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. (+) Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen*.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. *Amen*.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving (the people may kneel)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

Blessing (+)

Closing Hymn As with gladness men of old

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

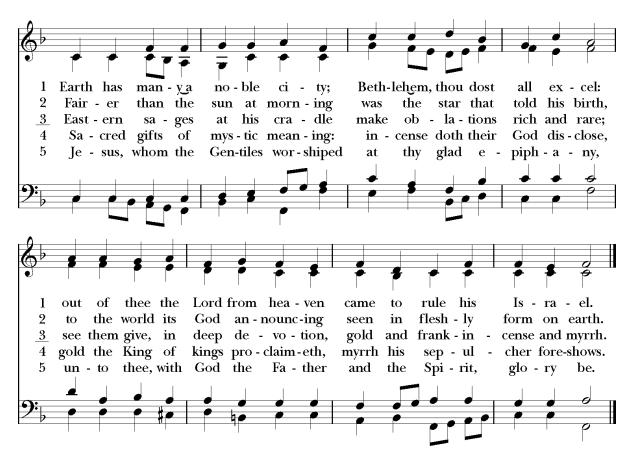
We three kings of Orient are



The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: Three Kings of Orient, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

Earth has many a noble city



Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928) Copyright © by permission of K.D. Smith. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

As with gladness men of old



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

Announcements

Sunday School - All classes will meet today.

Check out - Look for Bob Nelson's slide show at coffee hour.

Choir Practice - Today at 4:00 pm.

Holy Eucharist – Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Family Promise – Sue Comstock is seeking help for the nights of January 26th and 27th. Sue will be there and would love to have volunteers there to help out and experience the fulfillment of "spending the night". Additionally, Sue needs two meals for this event.

JANUARY 2020 WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS



Pizza night and a movie Monday, January 13, 5:30 pm St. Francis Fellowship Hall



We'll be watching "I Can Only Imagine," a movie about the story behind the powerful song written by Bart Miller of the Christian band, MercyMe. A troubled relationship with his abusive father eventually leads to healing for both father and son and inspires the writing of the song. Come and enjoy pizza with various toppings, and of course, no respectable movie night would be complete without popcorn and movie candy! So that we may provide enough food, please sign up on the women's bulletin board (near the piano in the Fellowship Hall).

"GIFTS OF THE MAGI"-AN ESSENTIAL OILS CLASS



Saturday, January 25, 2:30 pm



St. Francis Fellowship Hall

In the context of the season of Epiphany, Rebecca Peterson will offer an opportunity to learn what the Magi's gifts represent and their prophetic significance. We'll explore the multitude of ways essential oils were used in Scripture AND learn how we can use oils as a Biblical solution for our own and our families' health. (We rescheduled this event because many indicated an interest but were unable to attend in November.) No cost for the class, with optional opportunities for additional classes. Signup sheet on the women's bulletin board, and friends are most welcome.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

Candy Torgerson	Jennifer	Chase Serry
Martha Connolly	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	*Karen Tatum
*Paul Dempster	Donna Norman	Joe Lawrence
Dennis Wicker	Brent Sloan	Murray Ingerham
Kris	Aiden Hague	Tommy McDonald
Billie Edwards	Claudia Key	David Kimmons
Larry Wicker	RD Carson	*Charles Wick
Mabel M.	Ed McCoy	Marjorie J
Lisa Anne Callis	Chad Blackwelder	Joann Duke
James Cox	Beth Main	Linda McCaskle
*Ted Lawrence	Mina Townsend	Gordon Caldwell
*Ann Hodges	Robyn Milano	Tom Daughtrey
Sallie Daughtrey	Tim Young	Dan Abernathy
Ethan Martin	Brent Jackson	*Lew Andersen
	*Member of St. Francis	John Wood

To add or remove a name from the prayer list contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com.

Pray for strength and divine guidance: Jason, Shannon, Cindy and Joseph.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Brian Gille, George Walter, Jim Makepeace, Rick Smith, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos, Eliza, Josh Pratt, Greg, Ben Gumpton, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin, Jared Oldham, Noah Gibson, Nick Stavlund, Jason Williams, Fortune Egbulefu, James Rozak, Logan Peterson, Levi Whiteman, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given by Foster and Kendall Knowles to the Glory of God and in memory of Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knowlen Knowles, Sr.

Pray for the departed: Allie Wilkins, Karl Johnson, Derrick Smith.

Those serving today:

Ushers: Tom Reese and Michael Crumpton
Chalice Bearers: Amy Davis and Mark Mahaffey
Lectors: Judith Edmonds and Scott Bruce
Acolytes: Morgan Gille and Kaleb Gordon

Coffee Hour: Annette and Kurt Heinz

Nursery: Katie Kerley
Music Director: Audrey Hanna
Organist: Rosemary Parten

Altar Guild: Tammy Bennetts, Beth Puckett, Carolyn Washburn and Mari Hann

Vestry

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Clerk, Marty Pate, Senior Warden Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn, Junior Warden Through 2022: Oliver Crawley, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett St. Francis Parish information website: http://stfrancisnc.org