

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW Parish Events Weekly

January 29–February 5, 2016

This Sunday at Emmanuel–January 31, 2016

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m.—*Lector:* Seth Allen

10:30 a.m.—*Lector:* Tom Rogers; *Intercessor:* Michael Webb

Eucharistic Ministers: Harriett Harty and Tom Rogers

Acolytes: Tucker, Lilley, Rowan, David, Hagan, and Kira

Ushers: Bob Hardee and Barbara Walling

From the Rector

The Church calendar has long since been supplanted by secular calendars. Holy days became holidays. Historically many of the dates for Christian feasts were selected to coincide with pagan. Christmas, for example, coincides with the winter solstice. Forty days after Jesus' birth, his mother would have gone to the temple for the rite of purification (see Leviticus 12: 2-8). So it is that February 2nd came to be the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple as well as the Feast of the Purification of St. Mary. As far back as the seventh century Christians were observing the feast with a candlelight procession and the singing of *Nunc dimittis*, the canticle based on the words of Simeon, who recognized the infant Jesus as the Messiah when Joseph and Mary presented him in the temple (see Luke 2: 29-32). It later became customary to bless candles, hence the name Candlemas.

There are many wonderful opportunities for celebration on the liturgical calendar. There are too many for any parish to keep them all. We are fortunate the choir has worked on music for the liturgy of the Presentation or Candlemas. At the heart of good liturgy is the desire to dramatically and musically tell the story of our faith.

In that spirit we will observe the Feast of the Presentation and Candlemas on Tuesday evening, February 2nd at seven o'clock.

See you Sunday if not before (at Candlemas!).

Upcoming Events

Candlemas—The Presentation of Our Lord

On **Tuesday, February 2** at **7:00 p.m.** we will celebrate Candlemas. This feast is sometimes known as the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin. In the Eastern Church it has been called the Meeting of Christ with Simeon. Such a variety of names is sufficient testimony to the wealth of spiritual meaning that generations of Christians have discovered in this small incident.

The title, "The Presentation," reminds us of the Jewish law (Exodus 13:2; 22:29) that every firstborn son had to be dedicated to God in memory of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt, when the firstborn sons of the Egyptians died and those of Israel were spared.

When Mary placed her small son into the arms of Simeon, it was the meeting of Old and New Dispensations. The old sacrifices, the burnt offerings and oblations, were done away; a new and perfect offering had come into the temple. God had provided himself a lamb for the burnt-offering (Genesis 22:8), his only Son. The offering was to be made once for all on the cross. At every Eucharist those who are in Christ recall that sinless offering and unite "themselves, their souls and bodies" with the selfoblation of their Lord and Savior. — *from Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006*

Family Night

Join us **Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for Family Night. Come and enjoy a fun evening of music and activities for children and youth. Please bring a covered to dish to share.

Confirmation Preparation

In the Episcopal Church one of the sacramental duties of a bishop is the confirmation of mature Christians. Bishop Bourlakas is scheduled to be at Emmanuel on the Feast of Pentecost, **May 15**, when he will confirm those who are "ready and have been duly prepared to make a mature public affirmation of their faith."

Those who should consider confirmation preparation include young people who were baptized as infants or who have not been baptized and believe they are now ready to affirm the baptismal covenant and vows made on their behalf as babies or desire to be baptized now. Our

Formation Minister is planning confirmation preparation for youth that will be fun, conversational, experiential, and liturgical. Participants will commit to making this a priority for their spring schedules. Holy Week begins on March 20 and will factor heavily into the process. Young people who are interested in intentional preparation for this sacrament should contact John Simpson (emmanuelforma@gmail.com).

Adults who have not been baptized or who were baptized but have never been confirmed or received as Episcopalians should speak with Father Joe about their preparation for confirmation (or reception into the Episcopal Church). Adults who desire a deeper spiritual life should also speak with Father Joe about preparation for renewal of the Baptismal Covenant.

Miscellaneous Notices

Large Print Copies of the BCP

Large print copies of the Book of Common Prayer are available in the back of the church. Ask the usher's for assistance.

AED (automated external defibrillator)

In the event of a cardiac emergency an AED is mounted on the wall in the chair lift alcove (2nd floor, just outside the Nave).

Prayer Requests

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Carol Biegler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Teresa Burkholder, Winifred Campbell, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Mark Dollar, Alva, Emma, Danny Freeman, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Will King, Joe Kurre, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Jim McGlothlin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Helen Moore, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Ron Morgan, Jim Rodgers,

Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Julian Van Winkle, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, Josh Yoder, the families in Family Promise, Will Haynes, and all who serve in the military, and their families.

Birthdays

3 Greg Oakley, Ed Powers,
Nat Powers
4 Holston Knickerbocker

Notes of Interest

Parish Office

If you need to reach the rector whenever the office is closed, call him directly on his cell phone. You may contact the Parish Office by calling (276) 669-9488 or emailing emmanuelbristol@gmail.com. Office hours are Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Nursery

The Emmanuel Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m. to noon each Sunday. We ask that there be no new checks-ins after 10:45 a.m. If no children are checked in prior to 10:45 a.m., the nursery will close.

Altar Flowers

Do you need a way to recognize a birthday, or anniversary? Would you like to give a memorial, recognize a special occasion, or give thanks to God for His blessings? Why not do so by sponsoring altar flowers? The cost is \$50 per Sunday and after Sunday services you may share the flowers with a friend, a sick or shut-in parishioner, or enjoy them in your home. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall on the red information station. Please note that flowers are NOT available during Lent.

Needlepoint Kneelers

Please be aware of the potential damage caused to our beautiful kneelers when used as foot rests. If you would like to have one of the kneelers designated in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Fleming (423-652-7674) and she will show you the kneelers that are available. A donation of \$150 per kneeler is appreciated.

Pastoral Support

If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact the rector directly or by calling the Parish Office.

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Bishop

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John Simpson
Dir. of Formation Ministries

Kristie Faylor
Parish Administrator

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:30 a.m. Rite II

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

9:15 a.m.
Catechesis (Atrium)
Youth (Conference Room)
Young Adult (Parish Hall)
Adult (Library)

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:15 p.m.—Bledsoe Chapel
Holy Eucharist with
Prayers for Healing

CHOIR

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday

BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., Thursday
2nd Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

6:00 p.m. Bledsoe Chapel
YAF—6:45 p.m.

VESTRY

2014–2016

Fred Knickerbocker
Doug Mitchell
Tom Rogers
Debbie Tidwell

2015–2017

Barbara Sue Kurre,
Jeremy McLaughlin, Jr. *Warden*
Greg Oakley, *Treasurer*
Barbara Walling

2016–2018

Maggie Green, *Secretary*
Sharon Kyser, Sr. *Warden*
Michael Webb
Audrey Zaidi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. Candlemas
Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Sunday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. Family Night
Wednesday, February 10, 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, March 6 Fr. Roger Bowen—Haitian ministries
Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, May 15 during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Confirmation

The PEW is emailed each Friday to all parishioners with a valid email address in the Parish Office. If you have any items you would like included in the update, please submit them to emmanuelbristol@gmail.com before noon each Monday.