

### **Announcements**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in Celebration of the Advent season.

Please turn in your pledge cards.

### **Exploring Hope and God's Grace**

To participate in an on-line discussion with other members of St. Paul's call Rev. Hobgood at 229-630-6444 or email him at [wphobg@gmail.com](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com). We will be using Zoom. Don't worry, Rev. Hobgood can help you with this. Invite your friends to participate. Maximum participation is 12. The sessions will start at 5:30 and last about an hour. The sessions are weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays and run through December 16th.

If you are a high school student and want to participate with your friends in a discussion on Hope in Scripture join us on Zoom at 5pm each Sunday. Contact Rev. Hobgood @ 229-630-6444 or [wphobg@gmail.com](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com) to be included.

Holy Eucharist Service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: [stpaulsalbany.org](http://stpaulsalbany.org)

A video of the 10:30am Service can be found on our website and Facebook page by the afternoon following the service.

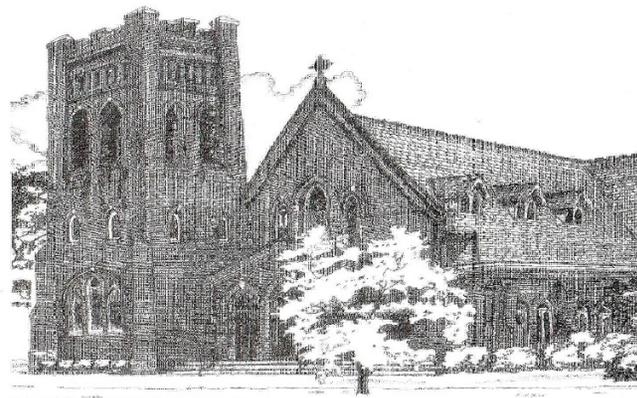
If you need to reach Fr. Hobgood his email is [wphobg@gmail.com](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com) and his cell phone is 1-229-630-6444.



**Holy Eucharist  
The First Sunday of Advent**

**November 29, 2020**

**Rite I  
8:00am**



**212 North Jefferson St.  
Albany, Georgia 31701**

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* His mercy endureth forever.

### Collect for Purity

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading

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**Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

**BCP 323**

### Prayers of the People

Please remember your prayers for the special needs of Mary Hagan, Kay, Pat Burger, Loring Gray, Carmella Maurizi, Will Reeves, Madge Bush, Bill Parks, Ann Natoli, Peg Minnich, our Bishop, Search Committee, Parish Staff, and Vestry.

Prayers for all first responders and all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. Defend them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our congregation in Waynesboro, St. Michael's. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Waynesboro, especially Sacred Heart Catholic Church and our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Sylvania. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in Santo Domingo, especially St. Margaret (Santa Margarita).

### Worship Ministers:

**Lector/Acolyte:** Ted Wright

**Ushers:** Sidney Bush

**Altar Guild:** Paula McComb, Mari Wright

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Walter Hobgood



**Holy Gospel***stand***Mark 13:24-37**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,  
 the sun will be darkened,  
 and the moon will not give its light,  
 and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**The Sermon****The Rev. Walter Hobgood****The Nicene Creed****BCP 326**

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People, Form II****BCP 385****Confession of Sin****BCP 331**

Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against thee  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in thy will,  
 and walk in thy ways,  
 to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

**The Peace**