

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents by the Wesselman family.

Please turn in your pledge cards.

Ladles of Love - Please bring knit hats and gloves in adult and children's sizes to the container in the vestibule. The items will be placed in the lunch bags for the guests.

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. We will be using Zoom. Invite your friends to participate. Maximum participation is 12. The adult sessions will be on Wednesdays at 5:30 and last about an hour. The sessions will restart on January 13th.

If you are a high school student and want to participate with your friends in a discussion on Hope in Scripture join us at 5pm each Sunday in the Parish Hall. We will be socially distanced. Please wear your mask. Contact Rev. Hobgood @ 229-630-6444 or wphobg@gmail.com to be included. The sessions will restart on January 10th.

Holy Eucharist Service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: stpaulsalbany.org

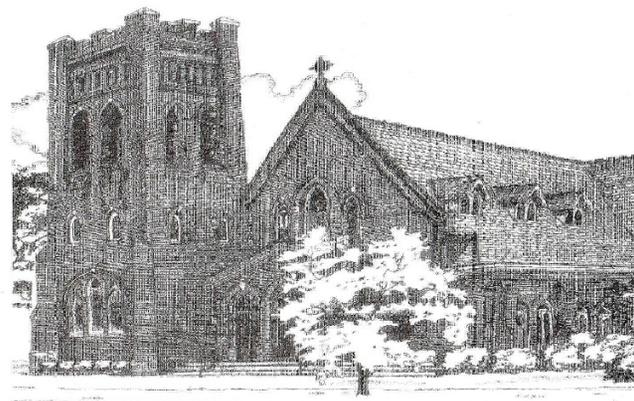
A video of the 10:30am Service can be found on our website and Facebook page by the afternoon following the service.

If you need to reach Fr. Hobgood his email is wphobg@gmail.com and his cell phone is 1-229-630-6444.



**Holy Eucharist
The Second Sunday after Christmas**

**January 3, 2021
Rite II
10:30 am**



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

The Word of God

Processional Opening Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Hymnal 102

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect for Purity

The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

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Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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, Steve Nicely, Sylvia Berry, Holly Dunn, Jolee Dorsey, Kara Thiel, our 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 congregations in Albany—St. John & St. Mark's, St. Patrick's, and St. Paul's. We also pray for the Lutheran Church of Our Savior and for our other ecumenical partner in Albany, St. Teresa Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. James the Apostle (Santiago Apóstol) in Angelina.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, our Bishop, Frank Logue and our retired Bishop's Scott Benhase and Henry Louttit.

Worship Ministers:

Lector: Tony Blakey

Ushers: Bubba Mitchell, Burton Newcomb, Ned Newcomb

Altar Guild: Paula McComb, Mari Wright, Christy Brown

Organist: Dr. Marcia Hood

Videographer: Nathan Alligood

Celebrant: The Rev. Walter Hobgood

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Sermon

The Rev. Walter Hobgood

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 360

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

The Peace