



JANUARY 2012

# The MESSAGE

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## A Few Words from the Rev. Gary Meade, Rector

*“Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’”*

— Matthew 16:16

I hope you have been enjoying a happy and holy Christmas season. As I write this, it is the third day of Christmas, the shortest season of the liturgical calendar. For even as stores begin to pack away the holiday lights and glitter, we have only just begun the *real* Christmas season which lasts, of course, until January 6 and the Epiphany of our Lord.

During this brief season — and the short weeks following the Epiphany — we are invited once more to remember the birth and life of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have heard once again the angelic proclamation of the birth of a baby who is Savior, Messiah, and Lord. In our Sunday Gospel lessons this month we will hear of the baby Jesus’ circumcision, his adult baptism by John, the calling of the first disciples, and the beginning of Christ’s ministry of teaching and healing.

As we hear these stories we need to do more than recall our Lord’s identity; we also need to remember our call to proclaim our Lord to the world around us. On January 18 we will remember Peter’s confession of faith, and how he answered Jesus’ question: “who do you say that I am?” It is Peter who gave the right answer: “the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

In these Christmas days we, like Peter, must not look upon Jesus but also acknowledge him once more as our Lord and Savior. We need to confess again and again our faith in him to a world that needs to hear again and again of the God of love who comes into our world so that all may hear of Jesus; believe in his Name; and find new life, renewed hope, and everlasting peace.

Blessings in this most holy season,

  
Gary

### FOR ANY PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please call Father Gary at home, **882-4925**;  
or on his cell phone, **589-3370**.

## January Birthdays

**5:** Bubba Smith; **6:** Donna Palmer; **17:** Louis Norvell. Ann Elliot Pritchett; **22:** Jessica Burns; **24:** John Sidney;

## OUR PRAYER LIST



Aaron Joshua	Adam
Andy	Ray Ashley
Bobbie Ballard	Chloe Bird
Brandy Box	Adie Jane Burks
Kaitlyn Cash	Steve Crouch
Dianne Donner	Allen Freemont
Johnnie Faye Hawkins	Beau Hefner
L. D. Gant	Polk Glover
Lechia Holbrook	Sue Burks King
June Lannom	Teresa Layne
Russell Lomas	Madeline Kate
Beverly Magee	John & Kim Marye
Marshall Mayfield	Tripp McNeil
Joyce Moore	Patti Murphy
Amy Nance	Jamie Owens
Linda & Darrell Parker	Cindy Parker
Amber Tinsley	Ewell Tucker
Margaret Ruth Tucker	Ginger Voss

*Names will be removed after two months unless specified otherwise. Add a name to this list by calling or emailing the office.*

## WORSHIP TIMES

### Sundays: Holy Eucharist

8:00 am: Traditional Rite I without music  
10:30 am: Contemporary Rite II with music  
(sung Eucharist on the first Sunday)

### Wednesdays

12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers  
3:20 pm: Atrium

## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Gary Meade, *Rector*  
Dr. Scott Roberts, *Organist*  
Mrs. Melissa McLaughlin, *Parish Secretary*

## VESTRY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Dudley Davis, *Senior Warden*  
Bob Dean, *Junior Warden*  
Tommy Hopper, *Treasurer*  
Brooke Emery  
Tiffani Glass  
Judi Grunert  
Bobbie Milligan  
John Reed  
Bubba Smith  
Anita Toth

## Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

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SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: J. Emery Prayers: B. Smith Usher: S. Emery			4 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium	5		7
8	The First Sunday after the Epiphany: the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study 5:30 pm: Vestry Vision Meeting Chalice: K. Brunson Prayers: W. Heathcott Usher: P. Viar	9	10	11 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	12	13	14
15	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: M. S. David Prayers: L. Thurman Usher: J. Reed	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	17 6:00 pm: Men's Group	18 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	19	20	21
22	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study <i>Annual Parish Meeting and Potluck</i> Chalice: B. Reed Prayers: D. Davis Usher: J. Hawkins	23	24	25 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	26	27	28
29	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist: Rite One 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study 5:30 pm: Vestry Meeting Chalice: J. Reed Prayers: A. A. Moore Usher: J. Emery	30	31	<b>REGULAR WORSHIP &amp; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>		Sundays: Holy Eucharist 8:00 am: Traditional Rite I without music 10:30 am: Contemporary Rite II with music (sung Eucharist on the first Sunday) Sundays: Christian Education 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Wednesdays 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium	