

# The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

**The Rt. Reverend Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop**  
**The Rev. Canon Nelson W. Pinder, Rector Emeritus & Priest In Charge**



**Sunday, August 25, 2013**  
**14h Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Proper 15 Year C RCL**

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## SOLEMN EUCHARIST

### ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL *“Blessed Absalom, Pastor, Prophet”*

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### ACCLAMATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP Page 355

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

LEVAS II Page 1

### THE COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Lector:* A Reading from Jeremiah

#### **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The word of the LORD came to me saying,  
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you,  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
"Now I have put my words in your mouth."

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God

## THE PSALM

### Psalm 71

*Hymn Tune 677*

1. I find my refuge in you, Lord;  
Let me not be dismayed;  
Lord, in your justice set me free;  
Hear me, come to my aid.
2. Be my strong rock, my stronghold, crag,  
My castle safe, secure;  
Deliver me from wicked hands  
And from the evildoer.
3. You are my confidence, Lord God,  
My hope since I was young;  
And from my comb, since I was born  
Your praise has been my song.
4. My mouth shall tell your mighty acts  
And saving deeds all day,  
Although the number of them all  
I cannot know or say.
5. I will recall God's mighty works,  
The justice of your ways,  
For you have taught me since my youth,  
And still I sing your praise.

## THE EPISTLE

*Lector:* A Reading from Hebrews

### Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN**    *"There Is A Balm in Gilead"*

**LEVAS II Page 203**

### THE GOSPEL

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

*People:* Glory be to you , Lord Christ.

#### **Luke 13:10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People:* Praise be to you , Lord Christ.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN**    *"This little light of mine"*

**LEVAS II Page 221**

#### **NICENE CREED**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**    **The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the March on Washington  
&  
Dr. Martin Luther King's " I Have a Dream" Speech**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: O God, the Ruler of the nations, we thank you for men and women in our past who fought, bravely for many kinds of freedom. Yet we remember that we have greatly received the fruits of their bravery. Forbid that we should betray our trust in freedom or the fire that has been passed on to us for justice and equality.

To all the high desires of past pioneers, visionaries and prophets,  
*O God, help us to be faithful.*

To their belief in the possibilities of the dignity of common people,  
*O God, help us to be faithful.*

To their passion for freedom and their readiness to live and die in its defense,  
*O God, help us to be faithful.*

To their scorn of prejudices and injustices of mankind,  
*O God, help us to be faithful.*

To their vision of a nation in which all people may share in the wealth of the land of liberties,  
*O God, help us to be faithful.*

O God, our mothers and fathers trusted in you  
*And were not afraid.*

They lifted their faces to you  
*And were not ashamed.*

So enlighten us, O Father, and lead us on your redeeming way to peace, freedom, liberty and justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

## **THE PEACE**

## **THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**St. John the Baptist Choir**

## **PRESENTATION HYMN “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*”**

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Rite II</b>	<b>BCP Page 361-365</b>
<b>SANCTUS BENEDICTUS</b> <i>“Holy, Holy, Holy”</i>	<b>LEVAS II Page 252</b>
<b>PRAYER OF CONSECRATION</b>	
<b>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION</b>	
<b>THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>	<b>LEVAS II Page 264</b>
<b>AGNUS DEI</b> <i>“Lamb of God”</i>	<b>LEVAS II Page 269</b>
<b>THE HOLY COMMUNION</b>	
<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	
<i>“O Freedom”</i>	<b>LEVAS II Page 225</b>
<i>“The Right Hand of God”</i>	<b>LEVAS II Page 61</b>
<b>THE BLESSING</b>	
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b> <i>“We Shall Overcome”</i>	<b>LEVAS II Page 227</b>

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

***LECTORS & INTERCESSORS***

<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Deloris Williams</b>	<b>Madison Ash</b>
<b>Miriam Henry</b>	<b>Jordan Corlies</b>
<b>Juanita Humphries</b>	<b>Taylor Harris</b>

***LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS***

<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Dale Feagins</b>	<b>Cynthia Hammonds</b>
<b>Bob Henry</b>	<b>Norma Smith</b>

**Carolyn Morris, Organist**  
**Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader**

**Ernest "Pete" Boyd, Music Director**  
**Roger Johnson, Verger**

***ACOLTYES***

<b>Jadon Blaco</b>	<b>Taylor Harris</b>	<b>Alexandra Musgray</b>
<b>Anthony Cooper</b>	<b>Walker Harris</b>	<b>Bryan Musgray</b>
<b>Quinton Cooper</b>	<b>Avery Lewis</b>	<b>Camuriel Parr</b>
<b>Camden Acree</b>	<b>Evan Lewis</b>	<b>Sean Parr</b>
<b>Desean Romeo</b>	<b>De'Yon Romeo</b>	<b>Miles Parr</b>

***USHERS***

<b>6:30AM</b>		<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Russell Warren</b>	<b>Heldon Ward</b>	<b>Nelson Pinder</b>
<b>Joe Williams</b>	<b>Roopchand Chandoo</b>	<b>Tracey Monroe</b>
<b>Joe Reed</b>	<b>Ken Beckles</b>	<b>Judith Hayes</b>
	<b>Janet Pinder</b>	<b>Eric Parr</b>

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION PARTICIPANTS**

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<b>Walker Harris</b>	<b>Jordan Corlies</b>	<b>Avery Lewis</b>
<b>Dr. John Robertson</b>		

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896. We seek to maintain the fullness and richness of the Anglican tradition in its common life and worship; to witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the good news about God and life which is revealed in the Gospel. We seek to serve the community as a place of hope and love, and to reach out and touch those who need the enabling and empowering, the healing and forgiving grace of God.

### *A Note to Our Visitors*

*We welcome you to The Episcopal of St. John the Baptist with an extended hand and a joyful spirit! We are blessed by your visit, and we believe that God has directed our paths to intersect. Our meeting is not an accident but a divine appointment, so we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine warmth. We are delighted to know you and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways in which God's hand is at work in our church. We believe you will discover that our fellowship is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Growing together, we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we learn, and we reach out to our world with life-transforming truth. We reach out to you, as well. Our doors are open. Our hearts are open, too. If you're been thinking, praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—Welcome!*

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer not to drink from the common cup you may choose Intinction. The person administering the chalice will dip the Bread into the Wine and place it on your tongue. You may come for a prayer for God's blessing in lieu of receiving Holy Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. Ladies are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving Communion.

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### DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Sunday .....	Psalm 147	Thursday .....	Mark 14: 12 -26
Monday .....	Acts 26:: 1-23	Friday .....	Mark 14: 27-42
Tuesday.....	Mark 13: 28-37	Saturday .....	Acts 28: 17-31
Wednesday .....	Psalm 12		

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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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Paula Hadley– Alston 8/23 Alberta Ashley 8/26 Cassell Beckles 8/2 Jordan Carlies 8/28  
Brandon Hall 8/29 Miriam Henry 8/2 Willie Jackson 8/30 Sonja Johnson 8/30  
Tracey Monroe 8/6 Conrad Hill 8/20 Eric Hill 8/5 Althea Robinson 8/13  
Bill Smith 8/22 Freddie Stevenson 8/23 Diane Johnson 8/28

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**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.  
DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.**

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## **WELCOME**

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### **FR. JABRIEL SIMMONDS BALLENTINE**

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Fr. Ballentine has been nominated by the Vestry and appointed by the Bishop of Central Florida to be Priest-in-Charge of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist. Fr. Ballentine shall lead our parish church as pastor, priest and teacher, sharing in the councils of this diocese and of the whole Church, in communion with our Bishop. By word and action, informed at all times by the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Central Florida, the Priest-in-Charge shall proclaim the Gospel, love and serve Christ's people, nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come. This tenure is to continue until dissolved by mutual consent or by the Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida. Fr. Ballentine can be considered for the position of Rector.

Fr. Ballentine will begin his service with us on September 1, 2013.

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### **FR. NELSON W. PINDER**

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Fr. Pinder's service with us as Priest in Charge ends on, Saturday, August 31, 2013. Fr. Pinder will continue to worship at St. John the Baptist and serve as requested by our new Priest, Fr. Ballentine.

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WELCOME RECEPTION**

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Volunteers are needed to serve on the planning committee for the welcome reception for Fr. Jabriel S. Ballentine. This event is planned for October 5, 2013. If you wish to serve, please contact Sylvia Warren. The committee will meet Thursday, August 29th at 6:30PM in the Pinder Parish Hall.

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### **USHERS**

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Members are needed to serve as Ushers for the 10:00AM service. If you are interested in joining this ministry of Greeting people in a warm Way that makes them feel good about their presence in church, please see Roop Chandoo or Fr. Pinder.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WELCOME RECEPTION FOR**  
**FR. JABRIEL S. BALLENTINE**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

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## STEWARDSHIP

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*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

**Christian Stewardship is ...** grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions.

Stewardship is lived out in:

- living and telling the Good News;
- sharing with God in seeking justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in an interdependent universe;
- wisely employing God-given human resources, abilities, and relationships;
- sharing the material resources we hold and giving them in service, justice, and compassion;
- providing for future generations;

sharing in the life, worship, and responsible stewardship of the Church and of its mission. Both for the individual and for the community, stewardship is a joyful act for the sake of God's world.

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### MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

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Tickets are now available for the Men's Club Fish Fry. The Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, September 7th from 11AM—4PM in the church yard. Tilapia sandwiches will be \$5.00 each and catfish sandwiches will be \$6.00. See Joe Williams or Freddie Stevenson for more information.

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### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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#### Tuesday

5:00PM—8:00PM Episcopal Counseling  
Center  
6:00PM Bible Study

#### Thursday

5:00PM-8:00PM Episcopal Counseling  
Center  
6:30PM Welcome Reception  
Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday

11:00AM Pantry Opens  
5:30 PM DOK Prayer  
7:00PM NA Meeting  
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

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**THE CONGREGATION IS REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR  
THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND CONFINED, ESPECIALLY**

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We encourage you to call or send a card to:

Thomas Mitchell 1320 Dewey Avenue, 32808  
Grace Burgess 220 Domino Dr., 32805 407-578-0322  
Muriel Burgess, Health Center of Windermere 4875 Cason Cove Dr. 32811, 407-420-2090  
Ileana Jones, 14155 Town Center Blv.d, 32837 407-851-1323  
Florita McKenzie, 5900 West Gate Drive, 32835, 32805, 407-422-0565  
Nathaniel Williams, 2124 West Gore Street, 32805 407-292-2743  
Carrie Lawrence 3401 Rogers Drive, 32805 407-293-1733  
Pat Brooks and Dorothy Wilder, 6106 Bruhley Ct., Orlando, FL 407-345-0039



# School Supplies Drive

Drive ends September 8th

For our Partner School

Washington Shores Elementary

Composition Books \* Notebook Paper \*

Copy Paper \* Glue \* Ziploc Bags \*

Folders \* Markers \* Post It Notes \* Pencils \*

Scissors \* Scotch Tape \* Wipes \* Staples \*

Liquid Soap \* Pens

Please deposit your contributions  
In the box in the Parish Hall

## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS ...



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896 in a four room house on the corner of Terry St. and Pine St. in Orlando, FL.

During our 117 year existence, we have become known for a rich history of a blend of Anglican but contemporary family friendly liturgical worship. Our modern sanctuary is graced with a series of twelve African American inspired stained glass windows including representations of St. John the Baptist and window etched renditions of the four Gospels.

Whether you are a resident of Central Florida or a visitor to the area, we invite you to visit and participate in our worship and various opportunities for fellowship. Our ministries include weekly Bible Study, a Young Adults Spiritual Focus Group, Men's Fellowship, the Episcopal Church Women and The Order of The Daughters of the King. Our outreach ministries provide a weekly distribution of groceries through our Food Pantry, a neighborhood youth Bible study group and we serve as a satellite office of the Episcopal Counseling Center. We are a host site for weekly meetings of Narcotics Anonymous.

