

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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



Sunday, August 18, 2013
13th Sunday After Pentecost
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The Ending of A Pastoral Relationship
Thank You Our Priest and Friend

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SOLEMN EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL *"The Church's One Foundation"*

HYMNAL Page 525

ACCLAMATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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HYMN OF PRAISE *"We Gather Together"*

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THE COLLECT

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 119

Hymn Tune 512

1. Lord, everlasting is your word,
Established firm in heaven above;
Likewise your faithfulness endures
Like earth, a witness to your love.
2. Let all your judgments stand this day
For all things serve you as their Lord;
Love for your law in all my need
Has kept me safe, my life restored.
3. Life comes to me from your commands,
I will remember them always;
Lord, save me, I belong to you;
Your law I study all my days.
4. Lord, I would learn all your decrees
Though evil still awaits, surrounds;
Lo, all created things shall end,
But your commandment has no bounds.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from Hebrews

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

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

People: Glory be to you , Lord Christ.

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to you , Lord Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN "This little light of mine"

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Nelson W. Pinder

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Good Christian people, I bid you now pray for the saving presence of our living Lord.

In this world:

He is risen.

In this Church

He is risen

In this community

He is risen

In this parish:

He is risen.

In the hearts of all faithful people:

He is risen.

But especially I bid you pray and give thanks for Nelson who is now leaving our community.

For expectations not met:

Lord, have mercy.

For grievances not resolved:

Lord, have mercy.

For wounds not healed:

Lord, have mercy.

For anger not dissolved:

Lord have mercy.

For gifts not given:

Lord, have mercy

For promises not kept:

Lord, have mercy.

And now for this portion of your lifelong pilgrimage which you have now with these people in this place:

Thanks be to God.

For friendships made, celebrations enjoyed, and for moments of nurture:

Thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, promises kept:

Thanks be to God.

For bread and wine, body and blood:

Thanks be to God.

For all the thoughtful unheralded things done to make the day better for someone:

Thanks be to God.

And so, to establish a home in another place with other members of the family of Christ:

Go in peace.

To continue the journey with new friends and new adventures, new gifts to give and receive:

Go in peace.

To offer wisdom and experience, competence and compassion, in the vocation to which you are called:

Go in peace.

With whatever fears, whatever sadness, whatever excitement, whatever dreams may be yours.

Go in peace.

With our faith in you, our hope for you, and our love of you:

Go in peace.

The people may add their own petitions.

The Lord watch between us while we are absent one another — in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Go in peace. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES, TRAVEL & BLESSINGS

THE PEACE

THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

St. John Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN “*Lord thy word abideth*”

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| 1. Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth. | 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted? |
| 2. When our foes are us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation. | 5. Word of mercy, giving
Succor to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying! |
| 3. When dark clouds are o’er us,
And the storms before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth. | 6. O that we, discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee! Amen. |

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Rite II

BCP Page 361-365

SANCTUS BENEDICTUS “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

LEVAS II Page 252

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LEVAS II Page 264

AGNUS DEI “*Lamb of God*”

LEVAS II Page 269

THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

**“*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”
“*Through It All*”**

**LEVAS II Page 189
St. John Choir**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Nelson among us, and the presence of his family here. Grant that both he and we may serve in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Choir:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
According to thy word
For mine eyes have seen
Thy salvation
Which thou hast prepared
Before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
And to the glory of thy people Israel.

All:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN “*Let the Church Say Amen*”

St. John Choir

THE DISMISSAL

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS & INTERCESSORS

Miriam Henry

Bill Smith

Lorraine Harris

Carolyn Morris, Organist
Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Cynthia Hammonds

Norma Smith

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

ACOLTYES

Jadon Blaco
Anthony Cooper
Quinton Cooper
Camden Acree
Desean Romeo

Taylor Harris
Walker Harris
Avery Lewis
Evan Lewis
De'Yon Romeo

Alexandra Musgray
Bryan Musgray
Camuriel Parr
Sean Parr
Miles Parr

USHERS

Heldon Ward
Roopchand Chandoo
Ken Beckles
Janet Pinder

Nelson Pinder
Tracey Monroe
Judith Hayes
Eric Parr

STEWARDSHIP

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 being devoted and totally committed to serve God and His Church morally, spiritually, physically, and financially as an individual and collectively as a family unit.

MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH 11AM-4PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	John 5: 30—47	Thursday	Mark 12: 28—34
Monday	2 Samuel 17: 24-18: 8	Friday	Psalm 143: 1-11(12)
Tuesday.....	Mark 11: 27—12: 12	Saturday	Psalm 86
Wednesday	Psalm 119: 145 –176		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

Bill & Norma Smith 8/19 Nelson & Marian Pinder 8/15

FR. JABRIEL SIMMONDS BALLENTINE

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.

FR. NELSON W. PINDER

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

The drive continues through labor day. Your contributions are still greatly needed. Please deposit your contributions in the box in the narthex.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will meet Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30PM in the Pinder Parish Hall.

USHERS NEEDED

Please see Roop Chandoo if you are interesting in servicing as an Usher for the 10AM Service.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday

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

Thursday

5:00PM-8:00PM Episcopal Counseling
Center

Wednesday

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

Dear Family,

Marian and I have enjoyed our time with our parish family. We thank each of you for prayers, love, and innumerable acts of kindness over this decades long journey. God has been very good to us these many years.

Our journey together began in April, 1959, when I received my appointment to The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Orlando. At that time, I was a senior at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. I was 26 years old and unmarried when I arrived at St. John the Baptist became its Vicar in May 1959. The church was a small mission church, housed in an architecturally beautiful but decaying structure. Marian and I were married on August 15, 1959 in St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, FL by Bishop Henry Louttit.

I am now 81 years old, and this past Thursday celebrated 54 years of a wonderful marriage with the best gift God ever bestowed on me, my wife Marian. Our marriage has been blessed with two children, Gail and Squire, and has grown to include four grandchildren and two great grandchildren for which we feel extremely blessed. St. John the Baptist is now a parish housing a sanctuary which in its beauty is second to none in Orlando. St. John the Baptist is now on the verge of emerging again revitalized as a beacon in our neighborhood of Washington Shores and an ideal of a church bent on telling the good news in our Episcopal community.

We trust and pray that we have served our parish family, the diocese, the national church and the larger community as God has called us to do. We have always strived to make you, our church family, proud to have us be part of your family. Thank you for the unique experience and privilege of having so many years together.

Our prayer today is that you will extend the same loyalty and love to our new Priest and keep him in your prayers.

With faithfulness,



The Rev. Canon Nelson W. Pinder, D.D., L.H.D.
Your Priest and Friend

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

We encourage you to call or send a card to:

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 Blvd, 32837 407-851-1323
Florita McKenzie, 5900 West Gate Drive, 32835, 32805, 407-422-0565
Nathaniel Williams, 1200 Juliana Place, 32807 407-435-2502
Carrie Lawrence 3401 Rogers Drive, 32805 407-293-1733
Pat Brooks and Dorothy Wilder, 6106 Bruhley Ct., Orlando, FL 407-345-0039

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.

