

THE READINGS

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in

remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

People Glory to you, Lord Christ
Praise to you, Lord Christ

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The Rev. John Coleman

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Altar flowers are given by Mary Dixon to the glory of God.

Lay Reader: Brad Moore

Chalice: Cyndie Moore

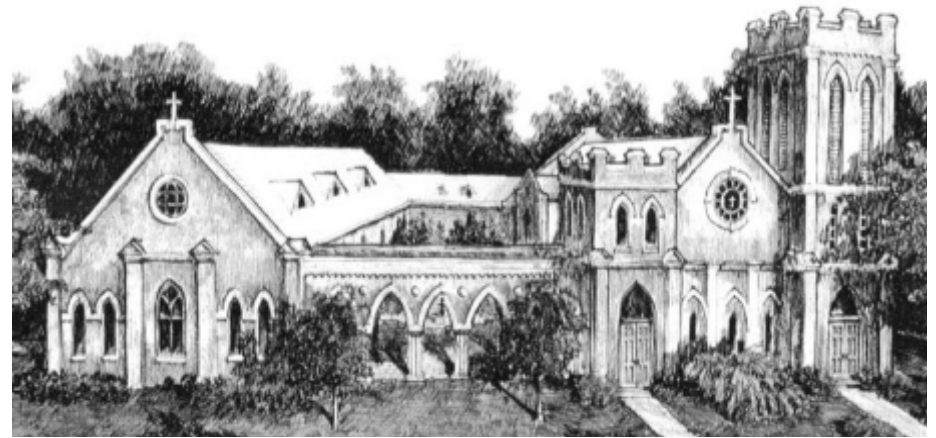
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John Coleman will make pastoral calls and visits in the coming weeks and months when he is here. If you would like a pastoral visit before

he calls you, or if you have a pastoral issue or emergency, need a prayer or just someone to talk with, please don't hesitate to call John's cell at 334.718.6580.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 – 12:30

St. James Episcopal Church

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 SERVICE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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