



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

January 15, 2016

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 am BCP

Layreader: Lorraine

(1 Cor. 1:1-9, Ps. 40:1-11)

Reader: Pat *(Isa.49:1-7)*

Greeters: Pat & Peggy

Chancel: Glenna

Counters: - - -

10:30 am BAS

Layreader: Heather

(Ps. 40:1-11)

Reader: Carter *(Isa.49:1-7)*

Greeters: Shelby & Nicky

A/V: Elaine

Sunday School: Raegan/Karla

Youth SS: - - -

Nursery: Jenny

Collect: Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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1 Cor. 1:1-9 (9:00 am) - *St. Paul celebrates the grace of God that has been manifested to the Corinthians. Every spiritual gift has been poured out upon them as part of the fellowship of Christ being instituted throughout the world.*

Psalms 40:1-11 – *The Psalmist counts himself as someone whom YAHWEH has rescued from the pit, set on a rock, and enabled to sing a new song of praise that leads many to faith. It was not sacrifice that has saved him but a heart receptive to YAHWEH's steadfast love and mercy.*

Isaiah 49:1-7 - *Using the striking image of the nation as a sharpened arrow pointed at the nations, Isaiah speaks in the voice of YAHWEH's chosen servant, Israel. The servant's task is to return to God and be used for his own glory, manifesting the light of salvation to the nations. Although Israel is presently despised, the glorious blessing of YAHWEH upon it will so sharply strike the nations that even foreign kings shall worship its God.*

John 1:29-42 – *Today's Gospel portrays the ministry of John the Baptist as a humble servant pointing to one greater than he. He has seen the Holy Spirit descend like a dove upon his cousin Jesus, unmistakably identifying him as the Son of God. Two of his own disciples then begin to follow Jesus, leading to the recruitment of Peter, or "the Rock" on whom the church will be set.*

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and

remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

REFLECTIONS:

-  Do you remember who is was that first invited you to come to church and/or to find out more about Jesus?
-  John the Baptist says that in the end his ministry was all about Jesus being revealed to the people who came to him. What might God be calling us to do reveal Jesus to others?
-  If you were to invite someone else to "come and see" if Jesus might be the one they've been looking for, where would you bring them?
-  In what ways is St. Paul's a place where people might be able to "come and see" what Jesus is all about?

Mission of the Month: **The Leprosy Mission of Canada**

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Hammond River – Rev. Michael O’Hara, Retired Clergy – Rev. Canon George Ackerley

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

January 22

9:00 am BCP

Layreader: - - -

(1 Cor. 1:10-18, Ps. 27:1, 4-9)

Reader: Lorraine *(Isa.9:1-4)*

Greeters: - - -

Chancel: Jean/Shirley Ste.

Counters: - - -

10:30 am BAS

Layreader: Rod *(Ps. 27:1, 4-9)*

Reader: Shelby *(Isa.9:1-4)*

Greeters: Nicky & Shelby

A/V: Elaine/Kevin

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