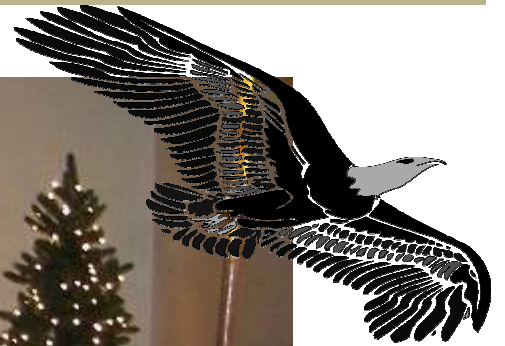


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## Regular Schedule

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church)

10:15 a.m. Breakfast

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church)

### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

# REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR

## “BELOVED”

The very first time I really heard that word was behind the altar of St. Martin in the Fields in Atlanta, Georgia. I was the brand new Assistant Rector/Youth Minister at my first celebration of the Holy Eucharist in that wonderful church. The Reverend Martin Dewey Gable, affectionately known as “Father Gable,” was the celebrant—I was his deacon. Father Gable held the paten and chalice up to the people just before communion, and looking into their eyes announced, *Beloved, these are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.*

The dictionary defines beloved as, *dearly loved*.

We hear this word dramatically proclaimed by God from the heavens, as John baptizes Christ in the Jordan River in the opening verses of Mark’s gospel. *And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. (Mark 1:10-11)* God announces for all to hear that the Father dearly loves Jesus. And in so doing, in our relationship through Christ to God, we too become children of the Father that are dearly loved. Yet, this can be a very difficult truth for us to practically understand and live into each day. What does it mean if God considers you to be *beloved* in his eyes?

What if at the most significant level it means that God, with wide-open arms, accepts and loves you for exactly who you are? This does not mean that God does not call you to a particular life, being all that you can be for God. Rather, to be *beloved* by God is to have a God that is like a parent who is intimately involved in the decisions, activities, and desires of your life. To be *beloved*, is to have a relationship with a God that listens, cares, and wants the very best for your life. How many of us can claim to have such a relationship?



I do not believe it is even possible to consider the ramifications of what it means to be *beloved* of God, if we are not on a path of spiritual searching. At the same time, if our focus is always upon judging “other”—people or issues—we again lose the possibility of living in the knowledge that God dearly loves us. The simple truth about the Christian spiritual journey is that the place where we begin—a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ—is as well, our destination.

I have had great periods of struggle with believing that anyone, especially God, could dearly love me in such a profound way. At times, when I am weary from the difficulties and sad occurrences of parish ministry and life, I often do not in any way feel *beloved*. However, I never give up on that word. Each Sunday, ever since Father Gable’s untimely death, I have said those words to the people I serve as I hold out at communion the gifts of God in bread and wine. Initially, it was my way of honoring a loving priest who influenced my ministry more than any other. Today, it is so much more—it is my desire for all who struggle in the Christian journey, to hear and know that they are *Beloved—dearly loved*, by the God who offers us a relationship like no other.

Father Philip+

## January SERVER SCHEDULE

	1-Jan-12	8-Jan-12	15-Jan-12	22-Jan-12	29-Jan-12
	Christmas	Epiphany 1	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4
		8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>		Vickie Duff	Ned Meekins	Becky Arthur	Vickie Duff
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Debby Edelen	Ann Miller	Carol Watts	Susan & Betty
	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Crucifer</b>	David Richmond	Emily Lawrence	Anne Claire Gibson	Hannah Edelen	David Richmond
<b>Torch Bearers</b>		Ashley Lawrence Leah Cardwell	Leah Cardwell Sophie Edelen	Sophie Edelen Quinn Cardwell	Leah Cardwell Quinn Cardwell
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ann Richmond	Linda Wardle	David Richmond	Ann Miller	Ned Meekins
<b>Chalice</b>	David Richmond	Becky Arthur	Gary Menges	Linda Wardle	Connie Spencer
<b>Lector</b>	Jane Vance	David Richmond	Debby Edelen	Ned Meekins	Suzanne Thompson
<b>Gift Bearers</b>		Lawrence family	Steve & Carol Watts	Kuebler family	Ed & Doris Ruggles
<b>Ushers</b>	Ben Harper Ron Mobley	James & Ruby Snider	John & Teresa Range	Mike & Jo Gardone	Ron Bruens & Bob Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Duff	Debby Edelen	Ann Miller	Carol Watts	Susan & Betty
<b>LEM</b>	Jo White	Elaine Menges	Vickie Duff	Sarah Sandknop	Mark Herbert
<b>Breakfast</b>		Bruens/Hanson	Berger/Hawkins	Vanca/Rubio/Cundiff	Edelen/Mize
		11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
<b>Crucifer</b>		Ben Harper	James Hawkins	Laura Steen	Eric Sandknop
<b>Torch Bearers</b>		Emma Berger Christine Slover	Caitlin Murphy Renee Murphy	Sophie Berger Ellie Clay	Caitlin Murphy Renee Murphy
<b>Acolyte</b>		Susan White	Ann Miller	Katherine Harper	Ben Harper
<b>Chalice</b>		Katherine Harper	Cindy Sullivan	Connie Spencer	Audrey Sandknop
<b>Lector</b>		Virginia Ballard	Lisa Mills	Julie Ross	Jane Vance
<b>Gift Bearers</b>		Berger family	Kinkeads	Skeeters	Boxes
<b>Ushers</b>		Tim Downey Rick Keeling	Audrey Sandknop Eric Sandknop	Ron Mobley Ben Harper	Todd and Angel Cooper
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Virginia Ballard	Vickie Duff/Sarah Sandknop	Kay Mobley	Christine Braseale
<b>Wednesday</b>	4-Jan-12	11-Jan-12	18-Jan-12	25-Jan-12	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Vickie Duff	David Richmond	Ben Harper	Ned Meekins	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## The View from the Bench by Stephen Leist



As I write this in mid-December, things are winding down for the semester at Transylvania. I have only one more day of work here before returning in January to start a new term and a new year. My thoughts this day are centered on preparing for the funeral service of the Rev. Colley Bell, Jr. From the time of my arrival at St. John's, Fr. Bell was always complimentary of the music each Sunday morning, and he never missed Choral Evensong when we had it. He quickly became a regular Sunday morning breakfast companion, and while we did not find agreement on every issue affecting us in the life of the church—he was known for definite and strong points of view—the discussion was always enlivening and informative. I always looked for him in his usual place each week, and when he was no longer able to be present Sunday morning, it seemed as if there was a large empty space in the congregation.

Fr. Bell spoke often of the beauty of worship, and I am further reminded of this because of an article in the November 2011 issue of the *Journal of the Association of Anglican Musicians*. The article paid tribute to the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James

Version of the Bible. While it may not be the most exact translation of the Bible, it is certainly the most beautiful. It has given our English language culture a multitude of sayings that we use all the time without really thinking about it. This Bible has also been a unifying element for the English language around the world, and I regret that we allowed this significant anniversary to go unnoticed in 2011.

In terms of the beauty of worship and the language employed, Fr. Bell was also eloquent about the use of the Rite I service. As someone who grew up with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, that is the language that speaks to me, and when I have taken the choir to sing at St. Hubert's, I feel as if I have returned to an old friend. In our desire to determine the precise meaning of historic texts, we have lost a sense of beauty. I hope a future revision can recover this, because modern English is beautiful. If we take it a step further, there was never anything so singable as the Coverdale version of the Psalter, which is a collection of song. I like to think that when Miles Coverdale's ghost is reportedly seen sliding down the side aisle and sinking into the floor where his tomb is located in St. Magnus the Martyr in London, he is rumbling about the modern translation of "his" Psalter. As we enter a new year, Fr. Bell has already entered a new life of unimaginable beauty, and I am sure he has something to say about it.

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Associate Clergy .....	Fr. Jay Pierce
Clerk of the Vestry .....	Cindy Kinkead
Clothing Bank .....	Sara Meekins
Community Garden .....	Cindy Sullivan
Community Dinners.....	Cindy Sullivan
Daughters of the King .....	Betty Gill
Eagle Wings .....	Ann Richmond
Episcopal Church Women .....	Carole Mize
Episcopal Youth .....	Diana Vetter
Food Bank .....	Norma Downey
Funerals .....	ECW
Garden .....	Jo Hughes
House Committee .....	Tim Downey
Kitchen Committee .....	Cindy Kinkead
Kroger cards .....	Gayle Box
Lay Eucharistic Ministry .....	Elaine Menges
Needlepoint Kneeler Project .....	Maribell White
Newcomers/Membership .....	Jane Vance
Organist/Choirmaster .....	Stephen Leist
Outreach .....	Cindy Sullivan
Parish Email .....	Elaine Menges
Parish Life .....	Cindy Kinkead
Parish Secretary .....	Kathy Sparrow
Pastoral Care Ministry .....	Sarah Sandknop
Pianist/Choir director .....	Holly Coffey
Reading Club.....	Julie Ross, Katherine Harper
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Sunday School .....	Julie Ross
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