



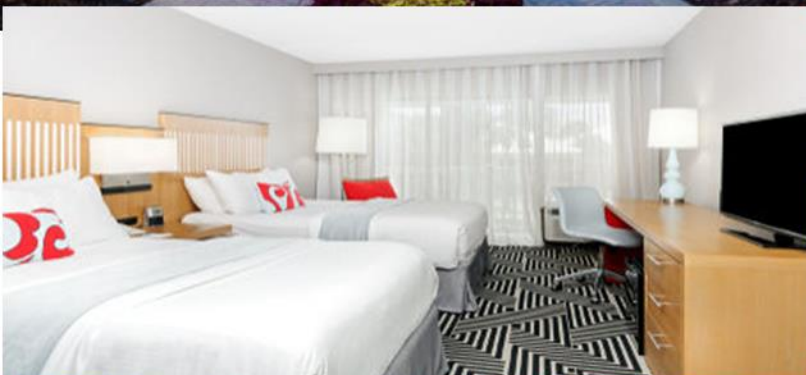
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Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Trinity Sunday May 22, 2016 <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8		Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Proper 4 (9) Second Sunday after Pentecost May 29, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 Psalm 96	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth May 31, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Samuel 2:1-10 Psalm 113		Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57
Proper 5 (10) Third Sunday after Pentecost June 5, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) Psalm 146	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Proper 6 (11) Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 12, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15 Psalm 32	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
Proper 7 (12) Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 19, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Proper 8 (13) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 26, 2016	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2,	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

<i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	11-20			
Proper 9 (14) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Proper 10 (15) Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Proper 11 (16) Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Proper 12 (17) Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
Proper 13 (18) Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Proper 14 (19) Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Proper 15 (20) Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Proper 16 (21) Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Proper 17 (22) Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Sirach 10:12-18 <i>or</i> <i>Proverbs 25:6-7</i> Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Proper 18 (23) Sixteenth Sunday after	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Philemon 1:1-1:21	Luke 14:25-33

Pentecost September 4, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalm 1		
Proper 19 (24) Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Holy Cross September 14, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-5 or <i>Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38</i>		1 Corinthians 1:18-24	John 3:13-17
Proper 20 (25) Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Proper 21 (26) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Proper 22 (27) Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or <i>Psalm 137</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Proper 23 (28) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Canadian Thanksgiving Day October 10, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100		Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
Proper 24 (29) Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8

Proper 25 (30) Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	Sirach 35:12-17 <i>or</i> <i>Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</i> Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Proper 26 (31) Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016 <i>(If All Saints not observed on this day)</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
All Saints Day November 1, 2016 <i>(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149		Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Proper 27 (32) Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 <i>or</i> <i>Psalm 98</i>	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Proper 28 (33) Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 **	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 20, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 **	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Thanksgiving Day, USA November 24, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100		Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
Proper 3 (8) <i>Not Observed This Year</i>	Sirach 27:4-7 <i>or</i> <i>Isaiah 55:10-13</i>		1 Corinthians 15:51-58	Luke 6:39-49

ART -- PRAYER	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15			
	<p>* "First" OT readings follow major stories/themes, read mostly continuously, beginning in Year A with Genesis and ending in Year C with the later prophets.</p> <p><i>Italicized readings, complementary to the standard reading, may be used with, or in place of it.</i></p>	<p>* "Alternate First" OT readings follow the historical tradition of thematically pairing the OT reading with the Gospel reading.</p> <p><i>Italicized readings, complementary to the standard reading, may be used with, or in place of it.</i></p>		
	<p>** In a very few instances in the Lectionary, no Psalm reading is offered for reasons relating to the thematic nature of the Day.</p>			

The Anniston Star

Tuning up

JSU's first diversity officer seeks harmony

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JACKSONVILLE — Jai Ingraham considers himself a product of music. His parents met in their college choir. He too sang in his college choir, and he played the baritone in the band.

Thursday morning at the Jacksonville State University office dedicated to campus diversity and inclusion and formed for Ingraham three weeks ago, soul and funk played softly. That was just the morning's flavor; he listens to it all, from Kenny Rogers to Ray Charles to Journey to the Mary Jane Girls to Beethoven.

"I think my background in music prepared me to handle diversity and inclusion," said Ingraham, 38, JSU's first chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator. "You may not enjoy it all, but you can appreciate it all.

One of first-year President John Beehler's first actions on campus was announcing Ingraham's position. Beehler saw the need for an office solely committed to ensuring compliance with federal rules related to discrimination.

"Prior to my arrival, all those things were added responsibilities for three individuals," he said.

Having a one-stop shop, Beehler suspects, will improve inclusion on campus. Seeing that happen is Ingraham's goal.

"I pride that door for being open," he said in his office. "I want people to know I'm here."

Ingraham's arrival makes LeMarques McClide, for one, glad. Last fall, at the start of his third year as residence life coordinator, McClide helped form the campus's multicultural alliance, a group that now meets weekly.

The group allows minority students "a comfortable environment," McClide said. That, he said, can be difficult for some to find on campus.

"It's fear. It's fear of people not wanting to experience the uncomfortable," he said. "They don't want to have those types of conversations."

Debbie Taylor, JSU's assistant director for student life and multicultural programming, wonders why. As the advisor of the campus NAACP chapter, she said she's seen involvement fluctuate.

"Why is it people don't have that passion?" She said. "Where's that fire in their belly?"

White students at JSU account for 71 percent of the undergrad population, according to data from the university. African-Americans make up 21 percent of that population, and Asians and Hispanics combine for

less than 4 percent.

“Everybody wants representation, to be heard,” Taylor said. “There definitely can be more.”

More cultural awareness, Ingraham knows, will make for a better campus. He sought to bring that to Florida International University, where he spent the past two years as an administrator working on issues related to misconduct and discrimination. From 2003 to 2014, he served various roles in a large, Latino-majority public school system in Miami, where he grew up influenced by his father’s work as a compliance officer for city departments.

Ingraham began like his mother in the school system: as a teacher. His social studies classes at the end of the year did a project in which they immersed themselves in an unfamiliar cultural experience. Some, for example, spent time at a synagogue.

“They had to have a conversation and engage someone,” Ingraham said. “That’s the beautiful thing about diversity. It’s so much more than race. It’s so much more than gender. It’s so much more than sexual orientation. It’s about how people are willing to engage each other and have candid conversations that matter.”

To have those, Ingraham said, people have to step out of their comfort zones. He found himself doing that when he left Florida for college in Atlanta in the 1990s, and he finds himself doing that now by coming to Alabama.

He’s enjoyed sitting in on JSU music performances.

In a band, “everything has its place,” he said. “You’re a part of the collective. You have to have an appreciation for the different parts that make it all work.”

Saint Paul AME Church, Jacksonville Sons of Allen Embrace 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project

The Sons of Allen of St. Paul AME Church of Jacksonville, Florida have embraced young men associated with the nationally recognized 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

This initiative assists at-risk minority boys. Members of The Sons of Allen serve as Mentors. On Sunday, April 24, 2016, Joseph Coppock, Jr., local president, presented white shirts and red ties for Mentees, that were donated by St. Paul disciples. Participants wear long sleeved shirts and red ties when making group appearances. Representative Tony Hill and Larry Roziers, administrator with the Duval County School System, gave accolades to the Sons of Allen for serving as Mentees and connecting with our Black youth. He further stated that the young men went to the Capital in Tallahassee and were elevated from, "suspect to prospect." He further reported that their program is about bringing HOPE. The oldest Mentor, Dr. Sollie Mitchell is 97.

As Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders II, Pastor of St. Paul, introduced the preacher of the hour, Rev. Henry E. Green, Jr., Pastor of Mt. Herman AME Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, he remarked that it was so appropriate to have Reverend Green as speaker because he served as the First Connec-tional President of the Sons of Allen in the AME Church.

Dr. Green's selected text was recorded in 1 Samuel 30: 1-8. His sermon topic was "I Want My Stuff Back." God's anointed conduit delivered a powerful message. He stated emphatically, that we can take back everything that the devil has taken from us: our children, grandchildren, marriages, joy, wealth, and character. There are always reasons to praise God. He further declared that we should praise God because He awakened us this morning, with the activity and use of our limbs and clothed in our right minds. When we are working for God, it is important to stay prayed up. David, a man after God's own heart stole away and talked to God for himself, when his family and wealth had been taken by the enemy while he and the soldiers were away. God assured David that he should, "Go and take his stuff back." We too must talk to God for ourselves and take back all that the devil has taken from us. Dr. Green's message was so compelling and clear that two visitors accepted Christ as their Savior. (It is important to note that one of the persons who accepted Christ was a Male youth).

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