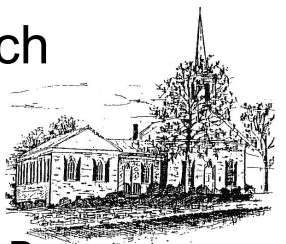




**PEWS NEWS**

**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church  
Fincastle, Virginia**



A shared ministry parish, called to:  
Know Christ and make Christ known

**The First Sunday after Christmas Day  
10:30am Holy Eucharist II  
January 1, 2017  
The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver — Celebrant**

Prelude & Youth Chapel Blessing  
Processional.....The first Nowell the Angel did say.....Hymn 109  
Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355  
Priest: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.  
Gloria in Excelsis.....Hymn S-280  
The Collect of the Day.....BCP 214

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

8:00am HE I  
9:15am Adult Class  
9:30am Choir Rehearsal  
10:15am Youth Chapel  
10:30am HE II

**Monday, January 2**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, January 3**

8:00pm Open AA

**Friday, January 6**

Office Closed  
8:00pm Open AA

**Saturday, January 7**

8:30am EMF at Greenwood  
9:00am Altar Guild  
9:30am - noon Food Pantry  
**7:00pm 12th Night Concert**  
8:00pm Open AA

**Sunday, January 8 - The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

8:00am HE I  
9:30am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am HE II

**Serving Today**  
**The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver**  
LEM: (8:30am) C. Geiger  
(10:30 a.m.) P. Mahony  
Lector: E. Moore  
Acolyte: Ana U.  
Crucifer: Lauren U.  
Torchbearer: Danielle P.  
Altar Guild:  
S. Loeschen, T. Trammell  
Ushers:  
O. Jacobi  
Youth Chapel and Nursery:  
T. Trammell, S. Field  
Counters:  
P. Garrison, K. Beasley  
Coffee Hour:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS**

- † 01-02 Church Office Closed today!
- † 01-07 12th Night Charity Concert
- † 01-09 Dorcas Guild (Quilting) at 1:00pm in Youth Center
- † 01-14 Vestry Retreat
- † 01-19 Dorcas Guild (Quilting) at 1:00pm in Youth Center
- † 01-23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE; Parish Life Meeting at 10:00am

**We extend a cordial welcome to everyone** visiting with us today. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a visitation card found in your pew. Return it to the collection plate or to an usher. Please join us for a cup of coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall after the service.

Make plans now and get your tickets for 2017's **Twelfth Night Charity Concert** on **January 7th at 7:00pm at Attic Theater in Fincastle!** This year's performance will feature the return of nationally known artists **Robin and Linda Williams!** Admission is free although tickets are required. A cash and/or packaged food donation is requested to benefit the Botetourt Food Pantry and the Botetourt County Social Services' Energy Assistance Program. Program recognition and reserved seating tickets are given to major supports (\$100 and up). For tickets or information, call the church office at 473-2370 or visit the Bank of Botetourt or Digital Image Printing. More information can be found on the church website at [www.stmarksfincastle.org](http://www.stmarksfincastle.org) under the "home" tab and then "upcoming events".



**Preparing the Word Lectionary Year A**

Today's readings invite us to anticipate with joy the coming of Jesus, even in the face of suffering. Isaiah assures us that God will replace the desert life of the faithful with lush restoration, healing and peace. James urges believers to be patient, even in suffering, because the lord's return is near. Jesus reassures John the Baptist with the evidence of his ministry—he is indeed God's anointed, come to deliver God's people.

First Lesson ..... **Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3**  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**The Psalm 147**.....BCP 804  
Second Lesson ..... **Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**  
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Church member, Sherry Vinson, is at Friendship Manor. Her new address is:  
Friendship Manor 2nd West Wing, Room 3059  
327 Hershberger Rd NW  
Roanoke VA 24012  
Sherry appreciates our prayers and visits from her Fincastle St. Mark's family & friends. Friendship Manor 2<sup>nd</sup> West Wing Entrance Door is located on Blue Bell Lane. \*\*\*Friendship Manor is Pet Friendly. Sherry loves "Pet Therapy" visits. Call Receptionist if you need assistance ph# 265-2100.

**Pledge Status**

	Month of	YTD
<b>2016 Pledges</b>	November	11/30
<b>Pledges Received</b>	\$4,650	\$99,771
<b>Pledges Budgeted</b>	\$9,512	\$111,807
<b>Non-Pledge Donations</b>	\$2,670	\$36,890
<b>Non-Pledge Donations Budgeted</b>	\$3,287	\$38,157

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Permanent Rector of St. Mark's  
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Tommy Hunter, Organist Gret Kidd, Choir Director  
Gina Painter, Office Manager  
Sunday morning services at 8am and 10:30am  
Adult Class at 9:15am  
Nursery-Child Care available from 10:15am to 12:15pm  
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 2:30pm

The Gradual Hymn.....How bright appears the Morning Star.....Hymn 497  
(v. 1-2 before the Gospel; v. 3 after the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel .....**John 1:1-18**  
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Sermon.....The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver  
The Nicene Creed.....BCP 358  
The Prayers of the People, Form VI.....BCP 392  
Confession.....BCP 360  
The Absolution.....BCP 360  
The Peace.....BCP 360  
Offertory.....Word of God, come down on earth.....Dirksen

The Presentation Hymn.....With Alleluias  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B.....BCP 367  
Sursum Corda....."The Lord be with you".....BCP 361  
Sanctus .....Hymn S-129  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Consecration Prayer.....BCP 362  
The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 364  
The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 364  
The Fraction Anthem.....Hymn S-154  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Communion  
Communion Hymns  
.... Sing of Mary, pure and lowly.....Hymn 277  
.... Love came down at Christmas.....Hymn 84  
.... Of the Father's love begotten.....Hymn 82

Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 365

### **A Prayer for our new Rector and his family**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the hard work of the Search

Committee and the Vestry, especially the Wardens. Your Holy Spirit has been at work in our congregation, and in Father Logan and his family, as all discerned Your will for St. Mark's future. In the words of John Paul II, "You have chosen Your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim Your word and to act in Your name. For so great a gift to Your Church, we give You praise and thanksgiving." We ask You to fill him with the fire of Your love, and a passion for mission, that his ministry may reveal Your presence in St. Mark's and the whole community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

The Blessing.....BOS  
The Recessional.....God rest you Merry, gentlemen.....Hymn 105  
Silent Prayer  
Parish Announcements  
Dismissal  
Postlude

### **8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I** **The First Sunday of Christmas**

#### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Opening Acclamation.....BCP 323  
Priest: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.

Kyrie.....BCP 324  
The Collect of the Day.....BCP 162  
First Lesson .....**Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3**  
**The Psalm 147**.....BCP 804  
Second Lesson.....**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**  
The Holy Gospel.....**John 1:1-8**  
Sermon.....The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver  
The Nicene Creed.. BCP 326  
Prayers of the People.....BCP 328  
The Confession of Sin.....BCP 331  
The Absolution.....BCP 332  
The Peace.....BCP 332  
The Welcome

#### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Offertory & Doxology  
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I).....BCP 333  
Sanctus.....BCP 333  
The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 336  
The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 337  
The Communion  
Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 339

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The Blessing.....Book of Occasional Services  
Silent Prayer  
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### **Prayers of the People**

**Prayer requests for individuals and families are left on for 4 Sundays unless requested. If you wish for someone to be left on longer, please let the office know at the time you make the request.**

#### **ANGLICAN CYCLE AND COMPANION PRAYERS:**

**Kolhapur - (North India)**

#### **DIOCESE OF LEEDS:**

**The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Baines, Bishop.**

#### **DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA:**

**Members of the Executive Board meeting this Saturday; Evans House staff as they prepare for Annual Council.**

#### **THE DIOCESE OF HAITI**

#### **MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S: AA Group.**

**IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Nicholas Borsa; David Diaz; Patrick Funkhouser; Steve Funkhouser; Catharina Lindsey.**

#### **THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

**Pete Mahony, Pam Garrison (1/2); Jennifer Moore (1/3); Mary Young (1/7).**

For The Rev. **Willis Logan** and family.

**THOSE IN NEED: Gloria B.; infants Bailey & Carter; Daniel Beasley; Carol Brenner; Brooks Cabe & his family; Mel Carico; Charlene; Jae-Woon Choi; Lynn Clark; Chris; Christine E.; Dan Collins; Angela Coon; Cora; Chris Crawford; Jane Daniel; Rodney Downie; Dabney Weaver Dwyer; Bill Eddins; Audrey Fontenot; Renee Fowler; Steve Gordon; Karen Gray; Helen Gregory; Gretchen Greiner; Jack Guarino; baby Roman Halton; Tammy Hamilton; Charles Holland; Laura Holt; Jan; Yvonne Killers; Cindy Lanford; Christine Lawhorne; Joyce Layman; Terry Loeschen; MaryStone; Greg Miller; Mary Lou Mullis; Edward Neil; Noah; Janet P; David Peszko; Flash Reynolds; Brook Roncinske; Savannah; Butch Thompson; Ethan Todd; Kelly Van Aken; Sherry Vinson; Susan W.; Reddie Waid; Bob Webb; Nancy Wells; Edwin Yarter.**

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Ray Young; Josephine Guillote; Lon Atkins; Monty Simmons Leitch.**

**THOSE GRIEVING: Young, Lakes and Reavis families; Guillote and Pope families; Atkins family; Simmons & Leitch families.**

**OUR 2017 VESTRY: Pam Garrison, Carole Geiger, Peter Howarth, Gret Kidd, Ola Manley, George Sydnor, and Bruce Wilsie.**