

**Parish Activities - Week of December 10-16, 2017**



**Sunday, December 10 - The Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00am HE I
- 9:15am Adult Class
- 9:15am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am Children's Chapel
- 10:30am HE II

**Tuesday, December 12**

- 11:00am Christmas Luncheon at The Glebe
- 3:00pm Vestry Meeting
- 8:00pm Open AA meeting

**Thursday, December 14**

- 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study

**Friday, December 15**

- Office Closed
- 8:00pm Open AA

**Saturday, December 16**

- 9:00am Altar Guild
- 9:30am - noon Food Pantry
- 8:00pm Open AA

**Serving Us Today**

**The Rev. G. Willis Logan**

**LEM:** (8:00am) P. Garrison  
(10:30 a.m.) W. Michael

**Lector:** B. Wilsie

**Acolyte:** Gabriella B.

**Crucifer:** Jason B.

**Altar Guild:**

S. Hays, L. Jacobi

**Ushers:**

J. Gordon, O. Jacobi

**Youth Chapel and Nursery:**

A. Palmer, A. Caldwell

**Counters:**

B. Wilsie, S. Diez

**Coffee Hour:**

Jay and Pat Gordon

**WELCOME & INFO**

A Very Warm Welcome to you!

We are so glad that you are with us, today. Our prayer each Sunday is that St. Mark's will be a place of refuge, rest, care, and love. We pray for God's grace to touch all those who walk through our red doors. Our red doors remind us of the blood shed on the Cross for you and me.

We would love to get to know you better so please fill out a newcomer card if we do not have your information already on file. You can return the card to the ushers or place them in the collection plate.

A few notes about Sundays at St. Mark's:

**Communion** - Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine. You may receive only the bread or the wine if you wish. If you want to come forward and receive a blessing, then please cross your arms as you come to the Communion Rail.

**Adult/Family Education** - Our adult Sunday school begins at 9:15 in the ministry center (building below the Church).

**Offertory** - The loose plate offering on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month is directed to the Rector's discretionary account.

**Membership** - Looking for a church home? We are looking for you! Willis would love to talk to you about Baptism, Confirmation and joining the church. Note that once you walk through our doors, we consider you a "member"!

**Coffee and Fellowship** - light refreshments are offered during the adult education hour and immediately following the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall.

*Again, we are so happy to see you today!*

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector  
Tommy Hunter, Organist Gret Kidd, Choir Director  
Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk  
**Vestry (Lay Leadership)**  
Pam Garrison (Sr. Warden) \* Carole Geiger (Associate Warden)  
Ola Manley, Treasurer \* Peter Howarth (Property Manager)  
Bruce Wilsie \* Gret Kidd \* George Sydnor

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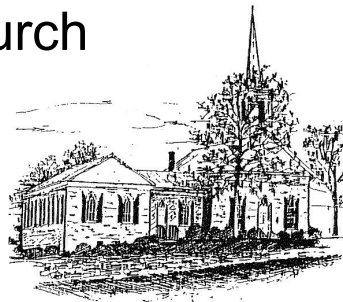
**Sunday Morning**

Holy Communion at 8am and 10:30am  
Adult Class (Ministry Center) at 9:15am  
Children's Chapel from 10:30am - 11:10am  
Nursery-Child Care available from 10:15am to 11:45am

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

A shared ministry parish, called to:

Know Christ and make Christ known



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:30AM HOLY EUCHARIST II  
DECEMBER 10, 2017**

Prelude  
Silent Procession  
Opening Hymn.....Prepare the way, O Zion.....Hymn 65  
Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355  
*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
The Kyrie Eleison.....Hymn S-95  
Collect of the day.....BCP 211  
Children's Homily  
First Lesson.....**Isaiah 40:1-11**  
Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.  
The **Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**.....BCP 708  
Second Lesson .....**II Peter 3:8-15a**  
Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◇ The **Brown Bag Bible Study** will meet Thursdays, December 14 & 21 at noon in the library.
- ◇ There will be a **Vespers Carol Sing** on Sunday, December 17th at 4pm at Emmanuel Chapel in Eagle Rock
- ◇ Willis will be officiating the **Community Christmas Service** at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on December 20 at 6:00pm.

**December 24**

**8:00am - Holy Eucharist I**

**10:30am - Lessons & Carols with communion**

**4:00pm - Christmas Eve Service (full choir, children's homily, communion, and Silent Night sung with candles)**



Christmas Eve Schedule

will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Gradual.....There's a voice in the wilderness crying.....Hymn 75

The Gospel.....**Mark 1:1-8**  
*Before the Gospel "Glory to You, Lord Christ" After Gospel "Praise to You, Lord Christ"*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Sermon.....The Rev. G. Willis Logan  
 The Nicene Creed .....BCP 358  
 The Prayers of the People, Form IV.....BCP 388  
 The Confession.....BCP 360  
 The Peace and Announcements.....BCP 360  
 Offertory.....Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People.....Goudimel

The Presentation Hymn.....Hymn 380 (Vs. 3)  
 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 A.....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 Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymns  
 ... Once he came in blessing.....Hymn 53  
 ... What is the crying at Jordan?.....Hymn 69  
 Post Communion Prayer .....BCP 365  
 The Blessing.....BCP 365  
 Recessional Hymn.....Herald, sound the note of judgment.....Hymn 70  
 Dismissal  
*Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship*  
 Postlude

**8:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Opening Acclamation.....BCP 323  
*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie.....BCP 324  
 Collect of the Day.....BCP 159  
 First Lesson .....**Isaiah 40:1-11**  
 The **Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**.....BCP 708  
 Second Lesson.....**II Peter 3:8-15a**  
 The Holy Gospel.....**Mark 11:1-8**  
*Before the Gospel "Glory to thee, O Lord"; After Gospel "Praise to thee, O Christ"*

Sermon.....The Rev. G. Willis Logan  
 The Nicene Creed.....BCP 326  
 Prayers of the People.....BCP 328  
 The Confession.....BCP 331  
 The Peace.....BCP 332

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Offertory & Doxology  
*V. All things come of thee, O Lord; R. And of thine own have we given thee.*  
 The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I).....BCP 333  
 Sanctus.....BCP 333  
 The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 336  
 The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 337  
 The Invitation to Communion  
 Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 339  
 The Blessing.....BCP 339  
 Parish Announcements  
 Dismissal

**Today's 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.**

**DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA: The people and Rector of St. James, Roanoke.**

**MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S: The Parish Life Team & Hospitality volunteers.**

**IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Nicholas Borsa; David Diaz; Patrick Funkhouser; Steve Funkhouser; Erin Funkhouser; Catharina Lindsey; Andrew Tucker; Caleb Bradley; Eric Burton.**

**THANKSGIVING:** For those celebrating birthdays this week: **Russ Rosenberger (12/10); Mahlon Kidd (12/11); Sandy Stokes (12/12); Danielle Plumb (12/14).**

**THOSE IN NEED: Kathy and Terry Austin; Ben; Carol Brenner; Mel Carico; Charlene; Chris; Audrey Clark; Lynn Clark; Angela Coon; Cora; Kara Cordell; Jane Daniel; Kathy Davis; Debby; Christine E.; Judy Echols; Audrey Fontenot; Renee Fowler; Mary Gibson; Steve Gibson; Helen Gregory; Gretchen Greiner; Roman Halton; Tammy Hamilton; Jim Harris; Stuart Hickey; Charles Holland; Laura Holt; Cindy Lanford; Christine Lawhorne; Allen Layman; Louise Lipes; John M.; Greg Miller; Frances Mounfield; Mary Lou Mullis; Susan Narr; Edward Neil; Juliana Nganele; Thomas Nganele; Janet P; David Peszko; Flash Reynolds; Brook Roncinske; Conley Saunders; Savannah; Ethan Todd; Sherry Vinson; Susan W.; Reddie Waid; Paige Ware; Nancy Wells; Denise Williamson; Jennifer Woodson.**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:**

**St. Mark's Prayer Ministries**

† Willis is available to talk and pray: call, email or text him.  
 † *We Care Ministry:* A prayer and service ministry for St. Mark's  
 † Contact: Carole Geiger (geiger.caroleb@gmail.com)  
 † Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone