

Parish Activities - Week of December 17-23, 2017



Sunday, December 17 - The Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am HE I
- 9:15am Adult Class
- 9:15am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am Children's Chapel
- 10:30am HE II
- 4:00pm Appalachian Vespers
Carol Sing

Tuesday, December 19

- 8:00pm Open AA meeting

Wednesday, December 20

- 5:30pm Community Christmas Service, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Willis will officiate

Thursday, December 21

- 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, December 22

- Office Closed
- 8:00pm Open AA

Saturday, December 23

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ The **Brown Bag Bible Study** will meet Thursday, December 21 at noon in the library.
- ◇ There will be a **Vespers Carol Sing** today at 4pm at Emmanuel Chapel in Eagle Rock. Musician will be Stephanie Keitih (Gina's daughter).

Serving Us Today

The Rev. G. Willis Logan
LEM: (8:00am) L. Jacobi
 (10:30 a.m.) P. Mahony

Lector: J. Gordon
Acolyte: Mark P.

Altar Guild:
 O. Manley, E. Moore

Ushers:
Youth Chapel and Nursery:
 Emily T.-G., A. Caldwell

Counters:
 P. Garrison, C. Geiger

Coffee Hour:
 Ron & Ola Manley

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 4th 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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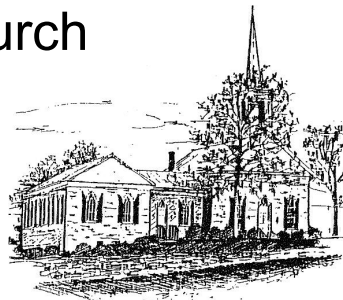
Sunday Morning

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30AM HOLY EUCHARIST II
DECEMBER 17, 2017**

Prelude
 Silent Procession
 Opening Hymn.....Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes.....Hymn 72
 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 212
 Children's Homily

First Lesson.....**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**
 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. 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.

The **Psalm 126**.....BCP 782
 Second Lesson**I Thessalonians 5:16-24**
 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do

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

not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Gradual.....On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry.....Hymn 76

The Gospel.....**John 1:6-8, 19-28**
Before the Gospel "Glory to You, Lord Christ" After Gospel "Praise to You, Lord Christ"

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Sermon.....The Rev. G. Willis Logan
 The Nicene CreedBCP 358
 The Prayers of the People, Form IV.....BCP 388
 The Confession.....BCP 360
 The Peace and Announcements.....BCP 360
 Offertory.....Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Calling.....arr. Price

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
 SanctusHymn 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 PrayerBCP 362
 The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 364
 The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 364
 The Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymns
 ... The Lord will come and not be slow.....Hymn 462
 ... Comfort, comfort, ye my people.....Hymn 67
 Post Communion PrayerBCP 365
 The Blessing.....BCP 365
 Recessional Hymn.....Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord.....Hymn 437
 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 160
 First Lesson**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**
 The **Psalm 126**.....BCP 782
 Second Lesson.....**I Thessalonians 5:16-24**
 The Holy Gospel.....**John 1:6-8, 19-28**
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. John's, Wytheville.

MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S: Episcopal Church Women, Episcopal Men's Fellowship, Needlework Ministry, and St. Mark's Historians.

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

THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week: **Emily Moore (12/20); Carolyn Nelson (12/21); Anne Palmer (12/22); Art Heberer (12/23).**

THOSE IN NEED: Kathy and Terry Austin; Ben; Carol Brenner; Mel Carico; Charlene; Chris; Audrey Clark; Lynn Clark; Angela Coon; Cora; 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; 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
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 † Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone