

Parish Activities - Week of December 24-30, 2017



Sunday, December 24 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed
8:00pm Open AA meeting

Wednesday, December 27

Office Closed
Gina on vacation
11:00am Eucharist Service at The Glebe

Thursday, December 28

Office Closed
Willis on vacation

Friday, December 29

Office Closed
Willis on vacation
8:00pm Open AA

Saturday, December 30

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† The office will be closed this week for Christmas and vacations and will be open again on January 2.
† EMF will meet on January 6th at 8:30am at the Greenwood Restaurant.
† Twelfth Night Charity Concert is Saturday, January 6th at 7pm at Attic Productions Theater in Fincastle. Lonesome River Band will perform.
You can get your tickets in the church office.

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

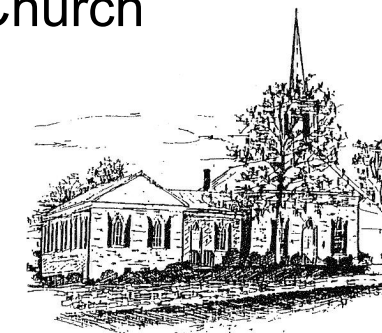
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Sunday Morning

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



**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE
4:00PM
DECEMBER 24, 2017**

Prelude
Processional.....O come, all ye faithful.....Hymn 83
Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Song of Praise.....On this day earth shall ring (vs. 1, 4).....Hymn 92
Collect of the day.....BCP 212 or 213?
Children's Homily
First Lesson.....**Isaiah 9:2-7**
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The **Psalm 96**.....BCP 725

Second LessonTitus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Gradual.....Angels we have heard on high.....Hymn 96

The Gospel.....Luke 2:1-14 (KJV)

Before the Gospel "Glory to You, Lord Christ" After Gospel "Praise to You, Lord Christ"

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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.....Jesus is Born Tonight.....Schalk

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

... It came upon the midnight clear.....Hymn 89

... Go tell it on the mountain.....Hymn 99

... What child is this, who, laid to rest.....Hymn 115

Silent Night (sung by candlelight).....Hymn 111

Post Communion PrayerBCP 365

The Blessing.....BCP 365

Recessional Hymn.....Joy to the world! The Lord is come.....Hymn 100

Dismissal

Postlude

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; Sandra Claytor; 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; Lawton Kasey; Cindy Lanford; Christine Lawhorne; Allen Layman; Steve 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; Brenda Simmons; Tracy; Ethan Todd; Sherry Vinson; Susan W.; Reddie Waid; Paige Ware; Fayette Weaver; 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