

Parish Activities - Week of December 8-14, 2019



Sunday, December 8 - The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am HC I
9:15am Adult Education/Fellowship Time
10:30am Children's Chapel
10:30am HC II

Monday, December 9

2:30pm Homework Helps

Tuesday, December 10

8:00pm Open AA meeting

Wednesday, December 11

11:00am Christmas Party at The Glebe

2:30pm Homework Helps

Thursday, December 12

12:05pm Brown Bag Bible Study - Advent Spectacular
1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center

Friday, December 13

Office Closed
8:00pm Open AA

Saturday, December 14

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

Serving Us Today

The Rev. G. Willis Logan
Guest Musician:
Claire Hitchens
LEM: (8:00am) L. Jacobi
(10:30 a.m.) R. Cecil
Lector: A. Layman
Acolyte: LEM
Altar Guild:
S. Hays, L. Jacobi
Ushers:
D. Collins, K. Beasley
Nursery/Children's Chapel:
A. Caldwell
Counters:
M. Parish, J. Gordon
Coffee Hour:
Peter Dunn, Pam Garrison

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, restoration, 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. 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 Education + Fellowship - Beginning at 9:15 in the Ministry Center Library (building below the Church), we have fellowship with light refreshments. Starting at 9:30am we offer a variety of adult educational opportunities. Examples include: Bible and book studies, individual presentations, table fellowship and much more. Please come and join us!

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
George Sydnor, Treasurer Sue Spickard, Bookkeeper
Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk
Peter Howarth, Property Manager

Vestry (Lay Leadership)

Dan Beasley * Carole Geiger (Associate Warden)
Ron Manley * Mike Parish (Sr. Warden) * Patti Suite
George Sydnor * Lisa Uotinen

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Sunday Morning

Holy Communion at 8am and 10:30am
Morning Prayer at 10:30am on the 4th Sunday of each month
Adult Education and Fellowship time (Ministry Center) 9:15am-10:15am
Choir Rehearsal 9:45am
Children's Chapel from 10:30am - 11:10am (starting back on September 8)
Nursery-Child Care available from 10:15am to 11:45am

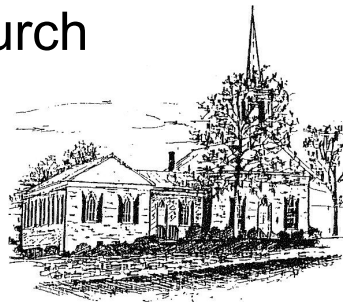
Monthly

Last Tuesday of each month, Holy Communion at The Glebe at 11:30am
Third Sunday of the Month (March - December) Appalachian Vespers, 4:00pm at Emmanuel Chapel, Eagle Rock

**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 COMMUNION, RITE II
DECEMBER 8, 2019**

Prelude
Silent Procession
Opening Hymn...O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1,3,4,5)... Red Hymn 56
Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Trisagion (spoken).....BCP 356
Collect of the day.....BCP 211
Children's Homily

First Lesson.....**Isaiah 11:1-10**
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19.....BCP 685

Second Lesson**Romans 15:4-13**
Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Announcements

- ◆ Our guest musician today is **Claire Hitchens**. Please give the Roanoke native a warm welcome and learn more about her at <http://clairehitchins.com/>
- ◆ **Homework Helps** has provided us with "Angel Tree" gift tags for the children in their program here at St. Mark's. The tags are hanging on the bulletin board in the church office. Please pick one up, follow the instructions on the bulletin board, and return the gift, wrapped or unwrapped, to St. Mark's by **December 15th**. Thank you for giving!
- ◆ **Still time to pledge!** Email treasurer@stmarksfincastle.org with your pledge for 2020. Many thanks for the huge support we have received this year and every pledge helps in our our planning for the 2020 budget!
- ◆ **Order forms for Christmas greens and poinsettia dedications** are available in the narthex. Please return by December 15. Thank you, The Altar Guild
- ◆ Mark your calendars for the **Twelfth Night Charity Concert** to be held on Saturday, January 4th at 7pm at the Attic Productions Theater. Tickets available in the church office or at Bank of Botetourt branches and Digital Image Printing.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gradual: Prepare the Way of the Lord (Taize)
*Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord,
 And all people will see the salvation of our God.*

The Gospel.....**Matthew 3:1-12**
Before the Gospel "Glory to You, Lord Christ" After Gospel "Praise to You, Lord Christ"

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
 "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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.....Our Darkness is Not Darkness in Your Sight.....Claire Hitchens
 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 (spoken).....BCP 362
 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
 ... Creator of the Stars of Night.....Red Hymnal 60
 Post Communion PrayerBCP 365
 The Blessing.....BCP 365
 Recessional Hymn....Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.....
Red Hymnal 66 (words only)
 Dismissal
 Postlude

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION, 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 11:1-10**
Psalm 72:72:1-7, 18-19.....BCP 685
 Second Lesson.....**Romans 15:4-13**
 The Holy Gospel.....**Matthew 3:1-12**
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 327
 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 Interim Rector of Grace Lexington.

MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S: Let us give thanks for Children's Chapel and Adult Education.

IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Nicholas Borsa; Eric Burton; Patrick Funkhouser; Erin Funkhouser; Catharina Lindsey; Andrew Tucker; Caleb Bradley; Eric Burton; Mason Alexander; Reeve Alexander; Jimmy Brown; Gavin Zachary; Ali Taha; First Responders.

THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week: **Kim Swanson (12/8); Walter Michael (12/9); Russ Rosenberger (12/10); Mahlon Kidd (12/11); Danielle Plumb (12/14).**

THOSE IN NEED:

Jason Bayer	Mary Beth Huwe	Flash Reynolds
Lynn Clark	Stephanie K.	Brook Roncinske
Angela Coon	Rickey Kelley	Doug Ross
Cora	Guy Kidd	Mario Saade
Jacob Crawford	Lee Lambert	Savannah
Jeremiah Crawford	Cindy Lanford	Brenda Simmons
Cathy Cronise	Bette Mahony	Jackie Stanley
Debby	Greg Miller	Almira Statler
Elizabeth Dudding	Ella Mitchell	Martin Taylor
Christine E.	Edward Neil	Sherry Vinson
Ebbie Edwards	Juliana Nganele	Bob Waid
Audrey Fontenot	Thomas Nganele	Reedie Waid
Carol Gavel	Janet P.	Nancy Wells
Helen Gregory	Andrew Pauley	Denise Williamson
Jim Harris	David Peszko	Harold Wingate
Laura Holt	Tanner Price	Pete Wood
Tommy Hunter	Sis Proffitt	

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