

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 22, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m.**  
**Emmanuel Chapel, Eagle Rock, Virginia**

**Welcome**, we are so glad you are with us today for our special service of  
Lessons & Carols!

**We are so thankful for our music leaders and readers today**

PRELUDE

*Caroling, Caroling*

A. Burt

Brooke Tolley, soprano, and Cherub Choir

OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY (vs. 2, 3)

#102

Cherub Choir sings verse 1

2 He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

3 And, through all His wondrous childhood,  
He would honour and obey,  
Love, and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms He lay;  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as He.

Source: [Hymnal: according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America #233](#)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

[After each lesson the Reader says, "The Word of the Lord."  
The Congregation responds, "Thanks be to God."]

**THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 3:8-15; 17-19**

*GOD TELLS SINFUL ADAM THAT HE HAS LOST THE LIFE OF PARADISE AND THAT  
HIS SEED WILL BRUISE THE SERPENT'S HEAD.*

READER: KIM PINKNEY

The man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it',  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

CAROL #1: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL arr. M. Hayes

THE SECOND LESSON: **GENESIS 22:15-18**

*GOD PROMISES TO FAITHFUL ABRAHAM THAT IN HIS SEED SHALL ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED.*

READER: PAUL MURPHY

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

CAROL #2: *Il est né le divin enfant* Traditional French Carol  
Clara Preston, piano

THE THIRD LESSON: **ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7**

*THE PROPHET FORETELLS THE COMING OF THE SAVIOUR.*

READER: NEV LOGAN

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.  
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.

CAROL #3: IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (vs. 1,4) #112

**1 In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,**

water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter,  
long ago.

- 4 What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man,  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him—  
give my heart.

*In the bleak midwinter*, #112 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

## THE FOURTH LESSON: ISAIAH 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9

*THE PEACE THAT CHRIST WILL BRING IS FORESHOWN.*

READER: JAKE WEBB

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.

With righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

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.

CAROL #4: OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN (vs. 1, 3)

(#82)

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,

and that future years shall see,

evermore and evermore!

- 3 Let the heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!**

*Of the Father's love begotten*, #82 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

## THE FIFTH LESSON: LUKE 1:26-35, 38

*THE ANGEL GABRIEL SALUTES THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.*

READER: GEORGE SYDNOR

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The LORD is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the LORD God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the LORD; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL #5:

THE ANGEL GABRIEL (vs. 1, 2)

#265

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!**
- 2 "For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!**

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*, #265 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924). Music: *Gabriel's Message*, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943). Copyright © 1961 B. Feldman and Co Ltd., trading as H. Freeman & Co. Reproduced by permission of EMI Music Publishing Ltd. 138-140 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0LD, England.

## THE SIXTH LESSON: LUKE 2:1; 3-7

*ST. LUKE TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.*

READER: JENINE CULLIGAN

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with

Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL #6:

*Oh, Holy Night*  
Brooke Tolley

A. Adam

THE SEVENTH LESSON: **LUKE 2:8-16**

*THE SHEPHERDS GO TO THE MANGER.*

READER: JOHN ALEXANDER

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the LORD stood before them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the LORD. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the LORD has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

CAROL #7:

THE FIRST NOWELL (vs. 1, 2)

#109

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

- 2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.**

**Refrain**

*The first Nowell the angel did say*, #109 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

THE EIGHTH LESSON: **MATTHEW 2:1-12**

*THE WISE MEN ARE LED BY THE STAR TO JESUS.*

READER: EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have

come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

CAROL #8:

*What Child is This?*  
Joy Knox, piano

Arr. M. Bober

THE NINTH LESSON: **JOHN 1:1-14**

*ST. JOHN UNFOLDS THE GREAT MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION*

READER: WILLIS LOGAN

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.

CAROL #9:

*Gesu Bambino*  
Brooke Tolley

P. Yon

WELCOME

OFFERTORY

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

arr. L. Shackley

CLOSING COLLECT AND BLESSING

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!*

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

*Refrain*

- 3 Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!**

*Refrain*



## St. Mark's Weekly Prayer List

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.

**IN OUR ARMED FORCES:** Patrick Funkhouser; Erin Funkhouser; Nathan Bradley; Mason Alexander; Reeve Alexander; Jimmy Brown; Eric Burton; Ali Taha; Griffith Wood; Logan Ching; and First Responders.

**THANKSGIVING:** For those celebrating birthdays this week:  
Anne Palmer (12/22); Art Heberer (12/23).

**SEMINARIANS:** Parker Hughes.

### THOSE IN NEED:

Carol Anderson  
Baby B.  
Jason Christian Bayer  
Kris Browning  
Adam Burkley  
Lynn Clark  
Angela Coon  
Cora  
Jacob Crawford  
Jeremiah Crawford  
Suzanne Cronise  
Rafael D.  
Bryce Dalton  
Nonie Diebold  
Josh diPalma  
Brenda Dudley  
Carma Duffy  
Eva  
Christine E.  
Ernie Ferguson  
Brooke Forney  
Jeff and Yvonne Frazier  
Glenn G.

Chelsea G. H.  
Chuck Geiger  
Crofton Held  
Pat Honts  
Tommy Hunter  
Meg Johnson  
Kay  
Sharon LaVonne Kidwell  
Yvonne Killers  
Jill Lamar  
Allen Layman  
Leslie  
Lisa, Chelsea, Derek  
Darlene Martin  
Mary  
Laura Holt McCann  
Edwina Michael  
Deana Mitchell  
Joe Mix  
Liz Moore  
Charley Neil  
Edward Neil  
Matthew Neil

Judy Newbern  
Juliana Nganele  
David Ostrowski  
Charles P.  
Janet P.  
Sandy Pauley  
Doug Paysour  
Roderick Plenge  
Sis Proffitt  
Roman  
Brook Roncinske  
Mario Saade  
Savannah  
Sue Spickard  
Naomi Stoltzfus  
Al Suite  
Sherry Vinson  
Jeanie Walker  
Charlie Webb  
Jerry Webb  
Chad Whitaker  
Denise Williamson  
Bruce Wilsie  
Kim Wyrick

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Micah Williams.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Wilkins family.

### St. Mark's Prayer Ministries

Willis and Jake are available to talk and pray: call, email or text them.

*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 (540) 884-2555

# Parish Activities – Week of December 22, 2024

## Sunday, December 22 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00am - A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at Emmanuel Chapel in Eagle Rock

12:30 – 1:30pm - Decorating and Hanging of the Greens at St. Mark's



## Monday, December 23

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

## Tuesday, December 24 - Staff Holiday

Office Closed

4:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

7:00pm - Open AA

## Wednesday, December 25 - Staff Holiday



## Thursday, December 26 - Staff Holiday

Office Closed

## Friday, December 27

Office Closed

## Saturday, December 28

Food Pantry *CLOSED* today

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

### **Serving Us Today**

OFFICIANT: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN, JR.

READERS: KIM PINKNEY, PAUL MURPHY, NEV LOGAN OR  
WALTER MICHAEL, JAKE WEBB, GEORGE SYDNOR, JENINE  
CULLIGAN, JOHN ALEXANDER, EMILY TALBOT-GUILLOTE,  
WILLIS LOGAN

MUSICIANS: ANNA PRESTON, BROOKE TOLLEY, CHERUB  
CHOIR, CLARA PRESTON, JOY KNOX

ALTAR GUILD: DELORES WOOD, SUSAN HAYS

COUNTERS: WALTER MICHAEL, BRIAN WOOD

USHERS: CHARLES ECHOLS, GEORGE SYDNOR



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