

Birthdays: Melissa Williams, Susan Holmes, Carol Titus, Brown Cooper, Frank Lankewicz, and Cayleigh Mainord.

Departed: Corky Carlisle



The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is
to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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John Gatta, <i>Finance</i> (‘26)	Cheryl Lankhaar, <i>Parish Life</i> (‘25)
Rachel Lynch, <i>Univ. & Comm. Relations</i> (‘27)	Neil Patterson, <i>Christian Formation</i> (‘26)
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The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House,
the building directly behind the church.

Nursery care is available during both services (more information on Announcement insert).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude:
Hymn 57 (*blue book*): “Lo, he comes with clouds descending” *Helmsley*
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity *Prayer Book (red) page 355*
Trisagion: WLP 845 (*green book*)
Collect of the Day (*insert*)
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 (*insert*)
Psalms 122 (*Spoken at 8:30; sung at 11:00.*)



1 I was glad when they | said to | me, *
"Let us go to the house | of the | Lord."
2 Now our | feet are | standing *
within your gates, | O Je- | rusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built | as a | city *
that is at unity | with it- | self;
4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes | of the | Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name | of the | Lord.
5 For there are the | thrones of | judgment, *
the thrones of the | house of | David.
6 Pray for the peace | of Jer- | usalem: *
"May they prosper | who love | you.

7 Peace be with- | in your | walls *
and quietness with- | in your | towers.
8 For my brethren and com- | panions' | sake, *
I pray for | your pros- | perity.
9 Because of the house of the | Lord our | God, *
I will seek to | do you | good."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sequence Hymn 68: “Rejoice! rejoice believers”	<i>Llangloffan</i>
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sermon	Gene Hart
Nicene Creed	page 328
Prayers of the People, Form I	page 383
Confession of Sin	page 360
The Peace	page 360
Announcements	
Offertory Hymn 596: <i>(8:30)</i> “Judge eternal, throned in splendor”	<i>Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens</i>
Offertory Anthem: <i>(11:00 Adult choir)</i> The King shall come	James Kirby

<i>1 The King shall come when morning dawns, And light triumphant breaks; When beauty gilds the eastern hills, And life to joy awakes;</i>	<i>2 Not as of old a little child to bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.</i>
<i>3 The King shall come when morning dawns, And earth’s dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, The day that aye shall last.</i>	<i>4 And let the endless bliss begin, By weary saints foretold, When right shall triumph over wrong, And truth shall be extolled.</i>
<i>5 The King shall come when morning dawns, And light and beauty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, Come quickly King of kings.</i>	

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)	page 367
Sanctus: S-130	
The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)	

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins	as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.
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At the Breaking of the Bread: Hymnal, S-164

At Communion:
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. For the sake of public health, please drink from the chalice or decline it by crossing your arms across your chest.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors <i>(when needed)</i>	
<i>(in unison)</i> In the name of this parish, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.	
Postcommunion Prayer	page 366
Hymn 61: “Sleepers wake, a voice astounds us”	<i>Wachet auf</i>
Advent Blessing	
Dismissal	
Postlude	

The arrangement at the altar today is given by Jennifer Michael and Carolyn Davis in thanksgiving for James Christopher Pappas IV.

Altar Guild — Lynda Gotko, Julia Bates
Bread Baker — Diane Jones
Tellers — Rachel Lynch, Susan Holmes
Flowers — Betty Barton Blythe
Coffee Hour — Julia Bates

8:30 service
Vestry — Cheryl Lankhaar
Server — Robin Bates
Chalice Bearer — Liam Nieman
Readers — Robin Bates, Diane Jones
Intercessor— John Solomon
Usher(s) -- Cheryl Lankhaar

11:00 service
Rachel Lynch
Jaxon Rudder
Susan Holmes
Lane Price, Beth Wiley
George Dick
Susan Holmes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: – The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Advent, Nashville

As previously announced, the prayer list made a new start today. To add a name, please contact Parish Administrator Dan Amundson at admin@stmarkstpaul.org or 931-598-5926.

Prayer Requests: Brady Hall, Emily Hauze, Kim Heitzenrater, Phebe Hethcock, Mike Jones, Anita Larson, Mike Mattei, Julian Price, Leah Rhys, Isaiah Shelby, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, those who are refugees or suffering the effects of war or violence.

Announcements

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow and Diana Rung will be supervising the nursery.

Bishop Search Survey: We strongly encourage everyone to make your voice heard in the important and long-lasting decision of calling the next Bishop of Tennessee. As of last week the diocese had received only 16 responses from SMSP, so if you haven't yet completed the survey, please do so at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DIOCESEOFTN> **no later than December 1.**

A few people have had difficulty with the survey, but the diocese seems to have taken care of the bugs. If you do have trouble, please contact Parish Administrator Dan Amundson at 931-598-5926 or admin@stmarkstpaul.org and he will be happy to help.

Christmas Memorials: It is that time of year when the Altar Guild offers church members an opportunity to contribute to the beauty of our church during this blessed holiday season. Please consider honoring your family and friends with a 2025 donation towards poinsettias and Christmas decorations.

The Flower Fund donation is \$50.00, which may include up to 6 dedications per family in one donation.

Please specify whether the gift is an honorarium as a thanksgiving dedication for living family and friends or a memorial gift for the dearly departed, including the names of those dedicated.

Please email me, **Cheryl Lankhaar** at cheryllankhaar@gmail.com, no later than **Tuesday, 12-16 at 11 AM, including exactly how you want your dedication to read.** To streamline this process, only email Cheryl with details of your donation so all information is collected in one spot.

Godly Play will not meet this Sunday. All are invited to an inter-generational Advent Event in Kennerly Hall.

Sunday December 7 is CAC Pantry Sunday. This month CAC is in need of: macaroni & cheese, shelf stable milk, dry beans, pasta, and paper towels CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

Upcoming Advent Events

A Visit from St. Nicholas: Last year the children found oranges and notes from St. Nicholas in their shoes after Sunday School! Then the old Bishop of Myra himself showed up at Coffee Hour to exhort the crowd and pass out chocolate coins. Could it happen again? We'll all be looking for him Dec 7, the Sunday after the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Christmas Pageant: The annual parish Christmas Pageant will be held at 4:30pm at McCrory Hall (St. Andrews-Sewanee) on Sunday, Dec 14th.

Advent Study: On the first three Tuesdays in this Advent (Dec 2, 9, 16), Rev. Tom Gildemeister will lead a study on Frederick Buechner: Writing for the Kingdom. This will take place in Brooks Hall, 5:30-6:30pm. Please bring a snack or drink to share. The Advent Study will take the place of our usual Book Study for the month of December.

Season of Angels Tree: The Christmas season is approaching, and CAC will once again host its *Season of Angels Tree* to help provide clothing and gifts for children in our CAC families. Sign-ups have just begun, so please keep an eye out in the coming days for gift tags on the tree in Kennerly Hall.

Centering Prayer Group: Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 2:30pm, both in the sanctuary.

Lectionary Bible Study at Saint Mark and Saint Paul's meets every Tuesday at 2:30 PM in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday. The group is convened and the conversation moderated by the Reverend Scott Lee.

Adult Choir: Adult choir practice is Sundays 12:30-1:30pm.

Children's choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at: music@stmarkstpaul.org

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Aaron Elrod (aaelrod@sewanee.edu) for details.