

**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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**The Third Sunday of Advent**

December 15, 2024

***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**

<b>Prelude:</b>	Improvisation on Psalm 42	
<b>Hymn 67</b> ( <i>blue book</i> ): “Comfort, comfort ye my people”		<i>Psalm 42</i>
<b>Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity</b>		Prayer Book ( <i>red</i> ) page 355
<b>Trisagion: WLP 845</b> ( <i>green book</i> )		
<b>Collect of the Day</b> ( <i>insert</i> )		
<b>First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20</b> ( <i>insert</i> )		
<b>8:30 am — Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah</b> ( <i>Insert</i> )		
<b>11:00 am — WLP 881</b> (green book):The First Song of Isaiah		
<b>Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7</b> ( <i>insert</i> )		
<b>Sequence Hymn 481:</b> “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”		<i>Gospal</i>
<b>Gospel: Luke 3:7-18</b> ( <i>insert</i> )		
<b>Sermon</b>		The Rev. Betty Carpenter
<b>Nicene Creed</b>		page 328
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Offertory Hymn 679: “Surely it is God who saves me”  
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)  
Sanctus: S-130

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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 *(when needed)*  
*(in unison)* 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  
Hymn 59: “ Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding ”

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Blessing  
Dismissal  
Postlude

The greenery at the altar today are given to the greater glory of God by Cheryl Lankhaar and Dr. Joe Wehrmeyer and in honor of Cheryl's father , John Lankhaar whose birthday was Dec. 11 and in thanksgiving for his loving commitment to his family during his lifetime.

Altar Guild — Michael Thompson, Barbara Prunty  
Bread Baker— Andrea Sanders  
Tellers— Diane Jones, Carolyn Davis  
Flowers— Peggy Peterson  
Coffee Hour—Michael Thompson

8:30 service Vestry— Neil Patterson Server— Liam Nieman Chalice Bearer— Beth Amundson Readers— Joel Cunningham, Michael Thompson Intercessor— Robin Bates Acolyte — Usher(s) -- John Solomon	11:00 service Diane Jones Jaxon Rudder Beth Wiley Dorothy Gates, Matthew Mitchell Erin O’Rourke Nieman  Alex & Kathryn Bruce
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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: – The Anglican Church of Tanzania  
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: — St. David’s Church, Nashville

Prayer Requests: Jeannie Babb, Larry Barker, David Bates, Peggy Bonds, Corky Carlisle, Margaret Edsall, Brady Hall, Anita Larson, Kirkland Leonard, Mike Mattei, Waring McCrady, Rachel Roberts, Jean Stell, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Maddie Van de Ven, Myron Van de Ven, Vello Virkhaus, Kim Zabbia, the people of Gaza, Israel, Kursk, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.

Departed: Anne Griffin, Philip Barton, Magali Barton

Birthdays: Rachel Lynch, Ben Richaud and Kathy Solomon