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 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

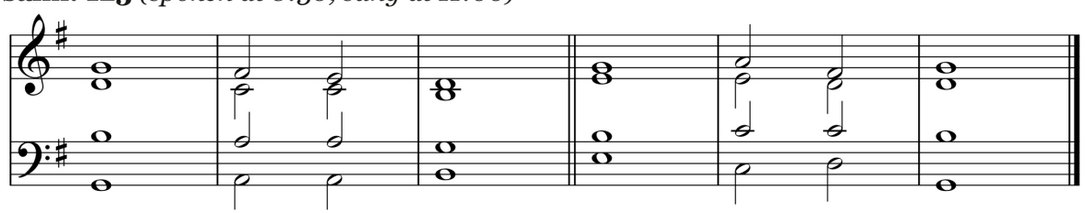
Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

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

***Nursery care** is available (more information in Announcements).*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: *Elegy* — James Biery (b. 1956)
Hymn 547: *(blue book)* "Awake, O sleeper, rise from death" — *Marsh Chapel*
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity — Prayer Book (red) page 355
Gloria in excelsis: S278
Collect of the Day *(insert)*
First Reading: Judges 4:1-7 *(insert)*
Psalm: 123 *(spoken at 8:30, sung at 11:00)*



1 To you I lift | up | my | eyes, *
to you enthroned | in | the | heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand | of | their | masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of | her | mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the | Lord | our | God, *
until he show | us | his | mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, | have | mercy, *
for we have had more than enough | of | con - | tempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the | indo - | lent | rich, *
and of the derision | of | the | proud.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *(insert)*
Sequence Hymn 551: "Rise up, ye saints of God!" *Festal Song*
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 *(insert)*
Sermon The Rev. Betty Carpenter
The Nicene Creed page 358
Prayers of the People Form VI page 392
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory Hymn 628: *(8:30)* "Help us, O Lord to learn" *St. Ethelwald*

Offertory Anthem: *(11:00)* "Jubilate" Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

O be joyful, all ye nations, O be joyful in the Lord;
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with a song.
Enter now his gates with thanksgiving, go into his courts with praise.
O be thankful; call upon the Name of the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) Page 361
Sanctus: S128
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.

Fraction Anthem: S155
Communion of the People:
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. If you are wearing lipstick, please blot your lips.

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 page 365
Hymn 541: "Come labor on" *Ora Labora*
Blessing
Dismissal
Postlude *The Ash Grove* Michael Bedford (b.1949)

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God in memory of Teresa Holmes by her mother Jane Holmes, her husband Ken Little, her son Will Little and her sister and brother-in-law Janet and Brown Cooper.

Altar Guild — Lynda Gotko, Barbara Prunty
Bread Baker — Diane Jones
Tellers — Chris Asmussen, Neil Patterson
Flowers — Ann Aitken
Coffee Hour — Ann & Doug Seiters

8:30 service
Vestry — Paul Richaud
Server — Drew Richaud
Chalice Bearer — Alec Moseley
Readers — John Solomon, Linda Lankewicz
Intercessor — Paul Richaud
Acolytes — Ben Richaud
Usher(s) -– Linda Lankewicz

11:00 service
Chris Asmussen
Jaxon Rudder
Susan Holmes
Chris Asmussen, Amy Patterson
John Gatta

Amy & Neil Patterson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Tracy City

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.
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25 PENTECOST

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

Sunday, November 15, 2026

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.Amen.

First Reading Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Announcements

Sunday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remain available there for one month.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow supervises the nursery.

Morning and Evening prayer services: are held at 8:30am and 4:45pm, Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.

Sunday Forum: Annual Parish Meeting. Breakfast at 9:30, meeting gaveled to order 9:45 and adjourned by 10:45.

Next Sunday: Fr. Rob will host a Rector's Forum on Mark's Gospel.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 am for children (3 years old through 5th grade).

Godly Play 1: *The Books of the Bible*, Storyteller — Wendy Prothro Howard, Doorperson — Reed Carlson

Godly Play 2: *The Prophet Isaiah* / Children's Choir, Storyteller — Barbara Prunty, Doorperson — Jori Smith

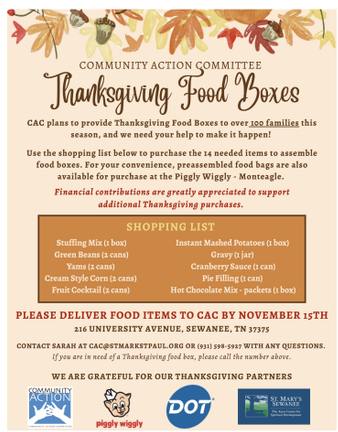
4th/5th & Youth Sunday School: *On the third day...of the Father*, Arielle Latiolais. Matthew Mitchell (Downstairs Brooks)

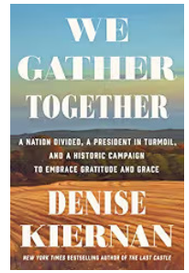
Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler (hbwchurch@gmail.com) for details.



Annual Parish Meeting: Today, we will gather to elect Vestry members, reflect on the year that has passed, and look forward to the future. Confirmed communicants in good standing age 16 and older qualify as voters. A free breakfast will start to be served at 9:30am, with the meeting gaveled to order at 9:45. It will conclude by 10:45.

CAC Thanksgiving: The holiday season is right around the corner, and CAC is preparing to support our neighbors with Thanksgiving food boxes filled with a turkey and all the fixings. Thanks to community generosity, we're partnering with Piggly Wiggly in Monteagle for the second year to collect donations. Stop by the store to purchase a bag for CAC or use our shopping list to build one yourself (available in Kennerly Hall). We need over 100 food boxes to help our neighbors enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal!





November Book Study: *We Gather Together: The True Story of Thanksgiving and the Woman Who Fought to Make It an American Holiday*, by Denise Kiernan.

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30
Brooks Hall Oct 13-27
Please bring a drink or snack to share.

From Ancient Rome through 21st-century America, this book is a biography of an idea: gratitude, as a compelling human instinct and a global concept, more than just a mere holiday. Spanning centuries, We Gather Together is anchored amid the strife of the Civil War, and driven by the fascinating story of Sarah Josepha Hale, a widowed mother with no formal schooling who became one of the 19th century's most influential tastemakers and who campaigned for decades to make real an annual day of thanks. It will be a three week study due to holiday travel in the fourth week of November.

Winter Foyer Gathering: Looking for an opportunity to connect more deeply with other members of St. Mark and St. Paul? Consider joining a Foyer Gathering! The groups meet weekly for three weeks in January. Signup via the online form on the church website, follow the QR code, or use the paper sign up form found in the rear of the sanctuary or Kennerly Hall!

Winter Dates:

Saturdays, January 9, January 16, and January 23 at 5 pm
Sundays, January 10, January 17 & January 24 at 4:15 pm
Tuesday mornings, January 12, January 19, & January 26 at 10 am

Research Presentation: Professors Deborah McGrath, Amy Patterson, and Chris Silver will present the findings from their study on 'Aging in Our Communities' on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 3:30 pm at the St. Mark's Community Center, 481 Alabama, Sewanee. The study is based on interviews and focus group discussions conducted during spring 2026 by Patterson and her students, as well as community surveys conducted during summer 2026 by McGrath and Silver. The resulting report details a vibrant older population in the Sewanee-Monteagle area, as well as some challenges this demographic faces. The researchers look forward to sharing the insights gained from the research.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests: Camilla, Debbie Blender, Liz Camp, Edward Curry, George Dick, Larry Filachek, Ann Gildemeister, Brady Hall, Emily Shrader Hauze, Phebe Hethcock, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Mike Jones, Duane, Denis Lewis, Brenda Matthews, Mike Mattei, Greg McNair, Emmelia Leffler-Mitchell, Michelle Nelson, Wayne Pack, Susan Pontak, Farris Ralston, Rick Reuhling, Doug Seiters, Isaiah Shelby, Lynda Stephenson, Lynn Stubblefield, Evelyn Taylor, Ken Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, Aaron Welch, those suffering the effects of flooding along the Ocoee River and in the Diocese of Navajoland, and those who are suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: Iska Hoole, Geoffrey Ward, Emily Blount, Diana Rung, Elizabeth Wilson, Andrew Cowan.