

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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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 67 (*blue book*): “Comfort, comfort ye my people” *Psalm 42*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity *Prayer Book (red) page 355*

Trisagion: WLP 845 (*green book*)

Collect of the Day (*insert*)

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 (*insert*)

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-10 (*Spoken at 8:30; sung at 11:00.*)



1 Give the King your jus- | tice, O | God, *
and your righteousness to | the King's | Son;
2 That he may rule your | people | righteously *
and the | poor with | justice;
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity | to the | people, *
and the little | hills bring | righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy a- | mong the | people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the o- | ppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and | moon en- | dure, *
from one generation | to an- | other.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the | möwn | field, *
like showers that wa- | ter the | earth.
7 In his time shall the | righteous | flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no | more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the | God of | Israel, *
who alone does | wondrous | deeds!
19 And blessed be his glorious | Name for | ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
A- | men. A- | men.

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-13 *(insert)*
Sequence Hymn 75: “There's a voice in the wilderness crying” *Ascension*
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 *(insert)*
Sermon The Rev. Kelly Ramer Moody
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Prayers of the People, Form I page 383
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Offertory: “Comfort ye” George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Mark Ardrey-Graves, keyboard
Wyatt Poe, tenor

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) page 367

Presentation of Food for the Community Action Committee
V. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord;
R. And you give them their food in due season.
Let us pray (in unison): Almighty God, we offer this food in obedience to your command that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and that together we may know the fruits of faith, hope, and charity. Grant that as bodies are fed, so might spiritual hunger be satisfied as well, through your Son Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life. AMEN.

Sanctus: S-130
The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)

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

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 wa-

fers 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 page 366
Hymn 597: “O day of peace that dimly shines” *Jerusalem*
Advent Blessing
Dismissal
Postlude

The arrangement at the altar today is given by Beth Wiley in memory of her mother Joyce Ann Crouse.

Altar Guild — Dorothy Gates, Julia Bates
Bread Baker — Luwin Lewis
Tellers — Kathryn & Alex Bruce
Flowers — Lina Welborn
Coffee Hour — Susan Holmes

8:30 service	11:00 service
Vestry — Robin Bates	Kathryn Bruce
Server — Will Moody	Jaxon Rudder
Chalice Bearer —	Beth Wiley
Readers — Robin Bates, Dorothy Gates	Erin O’Rourke Nieman, Alex Bruce
Intercessor — Rebecca Van de Ven	Kathryn Bruce
Usher(s) -- Linda Lankewicz	Betty & Jimmy Blythe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

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.

Birthdays: Zell Hoole, Grayson Clark, Diane Getty, Laurie Ramsey, Vera McClain, and Joseph Kitzrow.

Departed: Kenneth Bentley

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.

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 a thanksgiving dedication for living family and friends or a memorial gift for the dearly departed, including the names of those dedicated.

Please email, **Cheryl Lankhaar** at cheryllankhaar@gmail.com, no later than **Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 11 AM, including the exact wording of your dedication.**

Sunday Forum: This Sunday Dr. Pat Kelly, a noted international expert on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, will talk about the German theologian's response to the 1930's Nazification of Christian churches. The Sunday Forum will be held from 9:45-10:45 in Kennerly Hall.

Kelly says that Bonhoeffer was one of the public faces of those opposing the rise of Hitler and would ultimately pay with his life. Bonhoeffer's exploration of how Christians should respond to authoritarian oppression has made him an important figure in contemporary theology.

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.

Join a Winter Foyer Group!

What: A small group of parishioners meeting together for fellowship, guided scripture reflection, and prayer (scripture, discussion questions, and prayers provided by the church).

Where: Groups are encouraged to meet in a host home. You will have the opportunity to indicate whether you are willing to host when signing up.

When: Every week for three weeks, January 25 - Feb 13 (depending on the day of the week your group meets) for 1.5 hours each.

Why: To deepen our relationships with God and one another, and connect with new people.

How: Sign up to be included in a group by filling out the form at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPfgrgnHqHlmVKTqb8zEuWQisqnkbn8oMAuyJlFCxYH7CeGQ/viewform)

[e/1FAIpQLScPfgrgnHqHlmVKTqb8zEuWQisqnkbn8oMAuyJlFCxYH7CeGQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPfgrgnHqHlmVKTqb8zEuWQisqnkbn8oMAuyJlFCxYH7CeGQ/viewform) You'll rank your preferences for meeting day and time. We hope to have enough participants to offer groups at the following times:

Saturdays, January 25, February 1 and February 8 at 5 pm

Sundays, January 26, February 2 & February 9 at 2 pm or 4:30 pm

Tuesday mornings, January 28, February 4, & February 11 at 10 am

Thursday evenings, January 30, February 6, and February 13 at 6:30 pm

We will be in touch in mid-January with the details of your group meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you may reach out to Kelly at curate@stmarkstpaul.org or call Dan in the office.

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 Rev. 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

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

- Godly Play 1: *Advent II & St. Nicholas*, Storyteller — Wendy Prothro Howard, Doorperson — Liam Nieman
- Godly Play 2: *Advent II & St. Nicholas*, Storyteller — Kelly Moody, Doorperson — Reed Carlson
- 4th/5th: (Meets in 1st floor Brooks Hall)
- Youth Sunday School: (Meets upstairs in Brooks Hall).

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.