

We are deeply grateful to All Saints' Chapel and the chapel staff for welcoming the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul to conduct this service here tonight! More information on the University chaplaincy may be found at new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel. All Saints' will hold Sunday services at 8:00am December 28 & January 4, and during the academic year holds Sunday services at 8am, 11am, and 6:30pm.

The Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul, 216 University Ave., warmly welcomes you to join us as we worship, study, and serve our community. Sunday services begin at *8:30 and 11 am*. Children are most welcome, and nursery care is available during both services.

Starting January 4, Christian education for all ages will resume at 9:45am in Kennerly Hall. The *Sunday Forum* theme for 2025-2026 comes from Micah 6:8, which tells us to “do justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.”

Youth group resumes on January 11th in Brooks Hall.

Rite-13 (6th and 7th grades) meet from 3-5 pm
J2A (8th-10th grades) meet from 4-6 pm

Choirs for adults & children

Choir for adults and older youth rehearses at 12:15 every Sunday with Wyatt Poe.

Choir for elementary-aged children with Wyatt Poe rehearses on Wednesdays. All Voices Choir meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10:30 am, in Kennerly Hall.

Bible study & Book study occurs on Tuesdays. Bible study meets at 2:30, is led by the Rev. Scott Lee, and explores the upcoming lectionary readings. Book study meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Check the bulletin for upcoming books!

Centering Prayer

Mondays at 7pm with Jennifer Michael in the church nave
Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm with Scott Lee in the church nave.

CAC is an outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul offering a food pantry and emergency assistance services for our neighbors in need. You can support this ministry by volunteering, donating food and hygiene items, and financial contributions. To learn more about CAC, reach out to Sarah at cac@stmarkstpaul.org or visit www.cacsewanee.org.

We also invite you to join us on Jan. 6th (Epiphany), Feb. 17 (Mardi Gras) and Feb 18 (Ash Wednesday). You'll find more details about these gatherings on our website: www.stmarkstpaul.org

—The Episcopal Parish of —
St. Mark & St. Paul
—On the Mountain—

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025, 4:30 pm

The Holy Eucharist (Service at All Saints' Chapel)

The warmest of welcomes on this holy night!

Nursery care (in the Trudy Cunningham Room) and **rest rooms** are available downstairs in Carnegie Hall; please ask an usher for directions.

Prelude

Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Hymn 83 (blue *Hymnal 1982*) “O come, all ye faithful” (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

Adeste fideles

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn 96 “Angels we have heard on high”

*Children sing the 1st verse and the first 3 refrains;
all sing verses 2-4 and the final refrain*

Gloria

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *People Amen.*

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 87: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,¹²
training us to renounce impurity and worldly passions and in the pre-
sent age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,¹³
while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory
of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.¹⁴ He it is who gave him-
self for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for
himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Rev. Rob Lamborn will be off work December 26-January 1. The parish office is closed through Friday, December 26, but will be open December 29-31, and Jan 2 (9am-noon and 1-4:30 MWF, 9am-1pm TuTh). In case of emergency outside of office hours, please contact Senior Warden Robin Bates.

Sunday Services at St. Mark and St. Paul on December 28 will be at 8:30 and 11:00 am.

Sunday school, youth, and adult education will resume Sunday, January 4.

The Feast of the Epiphany: will be celebrated at Christ Church, 530 10th St, Tracy City with a service on Tuesday, January 6, at 5:00pm, followed by a potluck supper. . .

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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**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing; the People respond Amen.

Hymn 100 “Joy to the world!”

Antioch

When dismissed, the People respond Thanks be to God.

Postlude Chorale Fugue and Fantasia on *Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her*
("From Heaven above to Earth I come") Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Serving Today

Celebrant - The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn

Preacher—The Rev. Molly McGee Short

Assisting Priests — The Rev. Kelly Ramer Moody, The Rev. Dr. Hilary Bogert-Winkler, The Rev. Leigh Preston

Crucifer/Server— Will Moody

Torchbearers — Will Mahler, Theo Leffler-Mitchell

Chalice Bearers—Julia Bates

Readers —Lane Price, Julian Price

Intercessor—Jay Fisher?/Jaxon Rudder?

Ushers—Kathryn & Alex Bruce , Jay Fisher

Altar Guild— Lynda Gotko, Beth Wiley, Elizabeth Koella

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

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00am on Christmas Day at the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul.

The St. Mark & St. Paul office will be closed on Monday, December 22 through December 26 as well as January 1, 2026.

CAC will be closed December 25 through December 26 and January 1, 2026.

Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black) #27 “Away in a manger”

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, ^[a] the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, ^[b] praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ^[c]

¹⁵ 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.”

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Molly McGee Short

Prayers of the People

The people respond to each petition Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect (prayer), to which the People respond Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 89: "It came upon a midnight clear"

Carol

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . .

. . . who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (music near front of blue hymnal at S130)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (repeat)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

The celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God. . . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. . . .

. . . all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

All

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant and People (music near front of blue hymnal at S164)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace. (repeat)

When Bread and Wine are ready for distribution, the Celebrant says
The gifts of God for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; those not baptized are invited forward to participate by receiving a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

Communion of the People

Hymn 112: "In the bleak midwinter" *Cranham*

Hymn 79: "O little town of Bethlehem" *St. Louis*

Hymn 109: "The first Nowell the angel did say" *The First Nowell*

Hymn 94: "While shepherds watched their flocks by night" *Winchester Old*

Hymn 111 "Silent night, holy night" *Stille Nacht*
Verse 1 sung by children; Verses 2 & 3 sung by all

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,



In Thanksgiving



- Charlie Baird
- Barnett family & friends
- Bates children and grandchildren
- Emily and Zachary Blount
- Beth Pride Blythe
- Ellen Fennel Blythe
- Our Fisher grandchildren:
 - Lulie, Katherine & Harry
- Blythe Ford
- Fields Ford
- the blessings of my Gates family
- Tee Gildemeister
- Shelby Gildemeister
- Mary Ellen Gooding
- the Lankhaar family
- Ben Louderback
- Anna Louderback
- Winnie Louderback
- Macfie parents
- Evan Patterson Murray
- Miller Robert Murray
- Timothy Nelson
- Brown Patterson

- Becky Sanderlin
- Sandy Sanderlin
- Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Trulove
- Gracie Trulove
- Canaan Trulove
- the life of Reid Ward
- Katie Wehrmeyer and Steven Starr
- Wehrmeyer family
- Katherine and Samantha Wiley
- Jacob Kiser Wiley
- in gratitude for Rob and the church staff.
- for the Staff at St. Mary's Sewanee



Memorials



- Ian Asmussen
- Joan Baird
- William Mac Barnett
- Carolyn & Kenneth Bentley
- Mr. & Mrs. James Blythe, Sr.
- Paul Cahoon
- the Camp family
- Frank and Pebble Carter
- F.M. and Helen Carter
- Joyce Ann Crouse
- Nick Davis
- Al and Ester DeHond
- Grace Holland Ellis
- Julia Gildemeister
- Christopher Cook Gooding
- Charles Patrick Gooding
- Carter Cook Gooding
- Tim Graham
- William Hoover Hethcock

- Virginia Blythe Key
- Bob & Elinor Lamborn
- John and Marian Lankhaar
- Stiles & Peggy Lines
- Kate Martin
- Julian Mast
- Catherine Case Murray
- John Robert Murray
- Evelyn Byrd Patterson
- Don and Jane Potter
- Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Barton Pride
- Mac Priestley
- Ruth Ramseur
- George Ramseur, Sr.
- in memory of the Sowar family
- Margaret Jeanine & Allan Wehrmeyer
- Paul Gray Wiley, Sr.

