

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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 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 (more information in Announcements).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude
Hymn 546 (*blue book*): “Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve” *Siroë*
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity Prayer Book (red) page 355
Gloria in excelsis: S278 (*near front of hymnal*)
Collect of the Day (*insert*)
First Reading: Sirach 35:12-17 (*insert*)
Psalm 84:1-6 (spoken at 8:30; sung at 11:00) Wyatt P. Poe (b.1998)



1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O | Lord of | hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living | God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her | young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King | and my | God.

3 Happy are they who dwell | in your | house! *
they will always be | praising | you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength | is in | you! *
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' | way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a | place of |
springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of | water.

6 They will climb from | height to | height, *
and the God of gods will reveal him- | self in | Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sequence Hymn 656: “Blest are the pure in heart”	<i>Franconia</i>
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sermon	The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn
The Nicene Creed	page 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	page 392
Confession of Sin	page 360
The Peace	
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Offertory hymn 314: “Humbly I adore thee verity unseen”	<i>Adoro Devote</i>
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)	Page 361
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus: S128</i>	
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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Agnus Dei: S165	
Communion of the People: <i>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.</i>	
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 365

Hymn WLP <i>(green book)</i> 819 : “Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race”	
Blessing	
Dismissal	
Postlude	
The flowers at the altar today are given to the greater glory of God by Lynda Gotko in celebration of her daughter, Kathryn Gotko Bruce’s birthday, October 26 and her husband Ray Gotko’s birthday October 27.	
We welcome as guest organist this morning the Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander, former bishop of Atlanta, former chancellor of The University of the South, and former Dean of the School of Theology.	
Altar Guild — Dorothy Gates, Andrea Sanders Flower Guild — Marilyn Phelps Bread Baker — Andrea Richaud Tellers — Rachel Lynch Coffee Hour — Annette Smith	
8:30 service Vestry — Dorothy Gates Server — Seanna Mainord Chalice Bearer — Mary Priestley Readers — Rebecca Van de Ven, John Solomon Intercessor — Dorothy Gates Usher(s) -- Mary Priestley Acolytes —	11:00 service Rachel Lynch Jaxon Rudder Alec Moseley Sue Moseley, Alex Bruce Diane Jones Alex & Kathryn Bruce Antonio & Esteban Lara
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Messiah, Pulaski	
Prayer Requests: Steve Burnett, Duane, Steve Butler, Corky Carlisle, Karen Davis, Katherine Fisher, Sophie Geraghty, Brady Hall, Kim Heitzenrater, Mike Jones, Anita Larson, Erika Lewis, Mike Mattei, Julian Price, Leah Rhys, Isaiah Shelby, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, Dickie Zabbia, refugees, and the people of Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.	
Birthdays: Henry Fisher, Kathryn Bruce, Ray Gotko and Callan Cook.	
Departed: Virginia Lapins and Trish Thomas	

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.

Sunday Forum On Sunday, Oct. 26, Professor Amy Patterson will discuss “Justice and Mercy in Mental Health Work: Lessons from Africa” for the St. Mark and St. Paul Sunday Forum. The presentation will occur in Kennerly Hall from 9:45-10:45.

Dr. Patterson has extensive experience in researching African affairs. Before earning her Ph.D. from Trinity University in political science and African Studies from Indiana University, she worked as a Peace Corp volunteer in rural Senegal. Since that, she has written extensively on the role of civil society in Africa, including how local organizations promote democracy and address issues such as AIDS, Ebola, and non-communicable diseases. She has written five books on these and related issues, two of which have won awards from the International Studies Association.

October Book Study: Beowulf Book Study happens Tuesday nights 5:30-6:30 with food and beverage in Brooks Hall dining room. Join us next Tuesday for the last night of Beowulf with Robin Bates. This has been a wonderful study, with Robin’s insights and some wonderful discussion around the table. If you haven’t made it yet, please come on out next week.

In November, Julia Bates will lead a study of Psalm for the Wild Built, a novella by Becky Chambers.

Julia writes:

"Part of our responsibility as Christ followers living in troubled times is to build a vision of what we want to create on the other side of the turmoil. Martin Luther King did that in his vision messages to America as our culture went through wrenching changes in the 50s-70s. What I find in Rebecca Chambers short parable is a vision of what a post industrial/ post pollution world could look like."

Sunday, November 2 is CAC Pantry Sunday, please bring in items to support the food pantry. This month CAC is in need of: pasta, bread, instant oatmeal packets - original, baby diapers (sizes 3 and 5), toilet paper, and shampoo. CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

Parish Photo Directory: For the first time in several years we are assembling a photo directory of the congregation. We are asking each household to do two things—review (and correct/add to, if necessary) our current information using the pages provided, and allow Rachel Lynch to take an informal photograph (or submit a recent photo). We hope the directories will be available to distribute at the Annual Parish Meeting November 16, with a suggested donation to help defray the cost. Thanks go to Rachel for heading up this effort!

Reading Buddies: The Community Action Committee is working with Sewanee Elementary School to recruit reading buddies who can help out during library time for our young students. This partnership requires consistent volunteers who will read with students and help select books, while overall fostering a love for reading and providing support for the library program. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at cac@stmarkstpaul.org to see how you can get involved.

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

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

Godly Play 1: *The Prophets*, Storyteller – Wendy Prothro howard,

Doorpersion – Liam Nieman

Godly Play 2 – *The Story of Ruth*, Storyteller – Barbara Prunty,

Doorpersion – Reed Carlson

4th/5th - *Maniac Magee*, (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 (aelrod@sewanee.edu) for details.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a 4 year seminar (Year 1- Hebrew Bible, Year 2- New Testament, Year 3- History of Christianity, Year 4- contemporary theology of the Episcopal tradition. The Sewanee EfM seminar group meets on Monday nights from 6:30 until 9:00 in the Hethcock Room. Please contact Wendy at wendyprothrohoward@gmail.com for registration information!