

Nursery: Sunday mornings 9:45 am until noon. Infants and small children are invited to gather downstairs to form relationships and have fun! The new nursery room is in the basement of the parish hall (in Sewanee Children's Center). Masks are required indoors for those age 2 and above. The children will be taken outside in nice weather.

Youth Sunday School: 9:45-10:45am on the upstairs porch of Brooks Hall and in the upstairs youth room. **CAC serves those in need** with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

CAC will once again be supporting Operation Noel. Anyone interested in helping and/or supporting this worthwhile annual event for our community can reach out to David Goodpaster at 598-5927.

Home Communion is available from the clergy and lay Eucharistic Visitors; please contact Deacon Betty Carpenter at deacon@stmarkstpaul.org.

Christmas Schedule (please note locations):

- December 19, 4:30 pm: Christmas Pageant—McCrary Hall, St. Andrews/Sewanee School
- December 24, 4:30 pm: Christmas Family Service—All Saints Chapel
- December 24, 9:30 pm: Christmas Music and Holy Eucharist—All Saints Chapel
- December 25, 10:00 am: Christmas Holy Eucharist—St. Marks & St. Paul

Writing During Advent-From 6:30pm-7:30pm, each Sunday evening in Advent, you are invited to join us for a simple time of reflection, journaling, and conversation in Kennerly Hall. "Writing During Advent" will be suitable for an intergenerational group, and will be hosted by Julianna Cappelletti Gray, Beth Chamberlain, and Lauren Goodpaster. Adults of all ages are welcome, and any child who is able to express themselves on paper will be able to participate. We ask all to wear masks while in the building. Please speak to Julianna if you have questions by email at giuliannagray@gmail.com, or at her cell (931) 636-3658. The gatherings will be from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Dec 12, and Dec 19.

Memorials and Honorary Christmas Decorating: This year we will be holding services both in the church (8:30am December 19, 10:00am December 25, 8:30am December 26 & January 2) and All Saints' Chapel (11am December 19, 4:30pm & 9:30pm December 24, 11:00am December 26 & January 2). In spite of the continued duress and hassle of the pandemic, we plan to decorate with memorial and honorary poinsettias and greenery to celebrate together the coming of our Lord and Redeemer!

If you would like to support this festive endeavor, please send your list of names to Diane Jones, at djones.sewanee@gmail.com. Or, call Diane at 615-594-4805. If she doesn't pick up, please leave a message. The cost is \$40 per household. Please make your check out to the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul and write "Xmas Decorating" on the memo line. You can mail it to PO Box 267 in Sewanee, or take it by the church office. We need to hear from you no later than noon on December 17.



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 8:30 service is open to those who are fully vaccinated for COVID; the 11am service is open to all. Masking is required indoors.

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

Prelude

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First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (insert)

Canticle 9 (insert)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 (insert)

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Sermon The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn

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The Peace (maintaining distance between households) page 360

Announcements

Offertory

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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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.

Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. An individual chalice is available to your left or right.

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

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Advent Blessing

Hymn 65: "Prepare the way, O Zion" (*Bereden väg för Herran*)

Dismissal

Postlude

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God in thanksgiving for Vice Chancellor Reuben Brigety and Dr. Leelie Selassie.

Please welcome **Charles Martin** as our guest organist today.

Vestry of the Day—Annette Smith

Tellers—Neil Patterson, Joel Cunningham

Altar Guild – Dorothy Gates, Meghan Mazur

Flowers – Marilyn Phelps

Bread Baker— Diane Jones

8:30 am service

Server— Beth Wiley

Readers – Annette Smith, Beth Wiley

Intercessor— John Solomon

Ushers -- John Solomon

Audio— Richard Ahlquist

11:00 am service

Isabel Patterson

Amy Patterson, Isabel Patterson

Neil Patterson

Beth Chamberlain, George Chamberlain

Meghan Mazur

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Anglican Church of Canada

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. David's Church, Nashville

Prayer Requests: Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Phoebe Bates, David Bowman, Paul Cahoon, Alison Cane, Corky Carlisle, Un Jung Ee, Barb Ford, Catherine Garcia, Anne Griffin, Sue Hawkins, Carl P. Hill, Jr., Jane Holmes, Misty Isbel, Ariel Jones, David Kearley, Michelle King, Brenda Matthews, Jeff Mazur, Susannah Metz, Kip Moravec, John Noland, Jamie Pappas, Dick Posan, George Ramseur, Jennifer Sturgis Cummings, Kathy Sturgis, Faye and Francis Walter, Estelle, and those suffering from COVID-19.

Departed: Ernest Sells, Sandy Bennett King

Birthdays: Vera McClain, Laurie Ramsey, Joseph Kitzrow, Rachel Lynch, Ramona Rose-Crossley, Kathy Solomon

8:30 am Holy Eucharist in the church for those fully vaccinated plus at least 2 weeks. Masking is required indoors. **The 8:30 am service is also livestreamed** on our Facebook page. It is available there and on our YouTube channel at 11am and afterward.

11:00am Holy Eucharist for all in Kennerly Hall December 12, and in All Saints' Chapel December 19 & 26 and January 2, with curtailed singing. Masking required for ages 2 and up.

Sunday's Forum, 9:45-10:45am in Kennerly Hall, the main gathering space in the parish house behind the church, with masks required. The forum also streams on our Facebook Page. Our theme is "A Year with St. Mark & St. Paul" and explores Christian life in light of our previous and present/future patrons. **This Sunday—Meghan Mazur, "Advent Music in a Christmas Carol World"** Meghan Mazur is a senior seminarian at the School of Theology from the Diocese of Texas. She holds Bachelors degrees in French and Vocal Performance from Oberlin College, a Masters in Voice from Southern Methodist University, and a Masters in Library Science from University of North Texas. Prior to coming to seminary, Meghan worked as a church administrator and professional classical singer. She recently retired from her role as seminarian at St. Mark & St. Paul's, but looks forward to staying involved with the parish in other ways.

Godly Play for Children: Two Montessori-based classes meet 9:45-10:45am inside with open windows and masks. We will go to the playground, weather permitting.

This Sunday: Godly Play 1—Advent 3—Beth Wiley

Godly Play 2—Advent 3—Julia Bates