

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

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025, 9:30 pm

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The warmest of welcomes on this holy night!

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

Prelude: *Chant de Paix* (Song of Peace) Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Hymn 83: “O come, all ye faithful” *Adeste fideles*

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, to which the people respond **Amen.**

Hymn 96: “Angels we have heard on high” *Gloria*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the bright-
ness 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
After the lesson
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Serving Today

Celebrant– The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn
Deacon —
Crucifer – Seanna Mainord
Torchbearers — Cayleigh Mainord
Chalice Bearer– Beth Wiley
Readers— Cheryl Lankhaar, Rebecca Van de Ven
Intercessor— George Dick
Ushers – Robin Bates
Altar Guild – Beth Wiley
Bread Baker – Diane Jones

Prayer Requests: Brady Hall, Emily Hauze, Kim Heitzenrater, Phebe Hethcock, Mike Jones, Mike Mattei, Julian Price, Leah Rhys, Isaiah Shelby, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, 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.

The Rev. Rob Lamborn will be off work December 26-January 3. The parish office will be open December 29th through December 31 and January 2., 2026. For urgent matters outside of office hours please contact _____.

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 5.

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 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.

Communion of the People

Hymn 78: "O little town of Bethlehem" *Forest Green*

Hymn 111: “Silent Night, holy night” *Stille Nacht*

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
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.

Hymn 100: “Joy to the world! the Lord is come” *Antioch*

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing. To each of the four sections, the People re-
spond Amen.

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)

Titus 2:11-14

After the lesson

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

Hymn 87: “Hark the herald angels sing:” *Mendelssohn*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 2:1-20

After the Gospel

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Molly McGee Short

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

**He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The people respond to each petition **Hear our prayer.**
The celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect; the people respond **Amen.**

Then the celebrant says
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 *Our Brother is Born* Eleanor & Harry Farjeon

Now every child that dwells on earth, stand up, stand up and sing:
The passing night has given birth unto the children's King.
Sing sweet as the flute, sing clear as the horn, sing joy of the children, come Christ-
mas the morn:
Little Christ Jesus our brother is born.

Now every star that dwells in sky, look down with shining eyes:
The night has dropped in passing by a star from paradise.
Sing sweet as the flute, sing clear as the horn, sing joy of the stars, come Christmas
the morn:
Little Christ Jesus our brother is born.

Now every beast that crops in field, breathe sweetly and adore:
The night has brought the richest yield that e'er the harvest bore.
Sing sweet as the flute, sing clear as the horn, sing joy of the creatures, come Christ-
mas the morn:
Little Christ Jesus our brother is born.

Now every bird that flies in air, sing raven, lark, and dove:
The night has brooded on her lair and fledged the Bird of love.
Sing sweet as the flute, sing clear as the horn, sing joy of the birds, come Christmas
the morn:
Little Christ Jesus our brother is born.

Now all the angels of the Lord, rise up on Christmas Even:
The passing night will hear the Word that is the voice of heav'n.
Sing sweet as the flute, sing clear as the horn, sing joy of the angels, come Christ-
mas the morn:
Little Christ Jesus our brother is born.

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
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.**



In Thanksgiving



Memorials



-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

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.

