



ST. MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
December 04, 2022  
11:15 a.m.

# Welcome to St. Mark's!

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We're so glad you're here. Our worship follows a similar pattern each week—it always includes readings from Scripture, lots of prayer, songs of praise, and most centrally, a meal we eat together called Eucharist. If you're new to this kind of worship and flipping through the bulletin feels overwhelming, feel free to just set it down, relax, and join in worship by letting us say the words on your behalf.

## Children in Worship

We offer drop-off childcare for crawling infants through age three in the nursery. Pre-K through 1st grade children will be dismissed to Children's Church near the beginning of the service, then brought back to church during the Peace. Prefer to have your kids stay and participate in the service? Ask an usher for a children's bulletin, find crayons in the pew backs, or head to the Kid's Corner in the narthex for reading and quiet play with your child.

## Prayers of the People Journal

If you know of anyone who would appreciate the prayers of the St. Mark's community, please add their first names to the Prayers of the People Journal found at the entrance to the church.

## New to St. Mark's?

Use this QR code for a direct link to our Newcomer's page. Just open the photo app on your phone and hover over the image, which will take you to a link to complete an online visitor card!



# GATHERING

## Prelude: *Savior of the Nations, Come!* *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Paul Manz  
Johannes Brahms

*Paul Manz (1919-2009) was a revered American composer for the organ. His most famous works are his chorale preludes. He continued the Lutheran tradition, epitomized by Bach, of adorning the hymn tune with counterpoint that reflects the meaning of the hymn text. Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) prepared a collection of chorale preludes at the end of his life. It was a way for him to pay homage to this rich Lutheran tradition.*

## Processional Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn 56 (verses 1-3,6)

*This hymn has its origin in a series of antiphons for the final week of Advent that arose no later than the 8th century. The second word of each antiphon yields an acrostic, spelling out the letters ERO CRAS: "I shall be present tomorrow." If one antiphon was sung each day, the full text of the acrostic was revealed on the day before Christmas Eve.*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

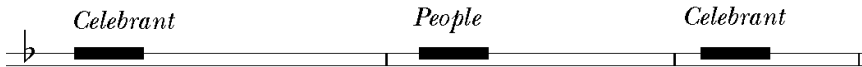
## *Kyrie eleison*

Hymnal S-95

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is marked 'Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The second staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is marked 'Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' on the first staff, and 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' on the second staff.

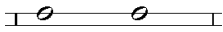
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## The Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

## Children's Church Dismissal

# THE WORD OF GOD

## The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

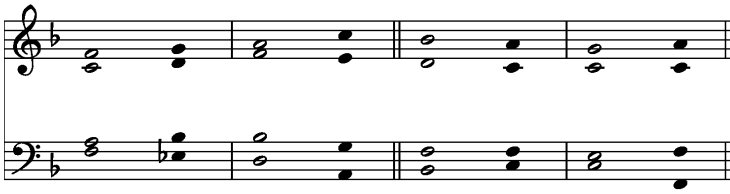
The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

## Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

*Deus, iudicium*



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- 1 Give the King your justice, 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 among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op-pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en-dure, \*  
from one generation to a-nother.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water 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. Amen. A-men.

## The New Testament

## 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

## Sequence Hymn: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Hymn 76

*This hymn is one of the few to focus on John the Baptist. The text comes from an 18th-century French breviary and was translated to English for a 19th-century Anglican hymnal. This version was paired with a rousing tune that has been a favorite of the English church ever since.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Mary Keenan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## The Nicene Creed *(leader and people, all standing)*

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.

## The Prayers of the People

Form IV

*Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin** *(the people kneel as they are able)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**



**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

## **The Announcements**

# EATING TOGETHER

## **Offertory: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying***

**arr. Craig Phillips**

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod: prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go! O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King. Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay, the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away; but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong, he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, the lambs he'll gently hold; to pastures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

*Canadian poet and journalist James Milligan (1876–1961) wrote these words in 1925, based on passages from Isaiah that Christians associate with John the Baptist. British-Canadian organist Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988) wrote a tune to fit Milligan's poem. This arrangement was prepared by American organist Craig Phillips (b. 1961).*

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# The Doxology *(all standing)*

Musical score for 'The Doxology' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.'

United Methodist Hymnal 95  
WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674  
MUSIC (OLD 100th, LM): Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

# Eucharistic Prayer A

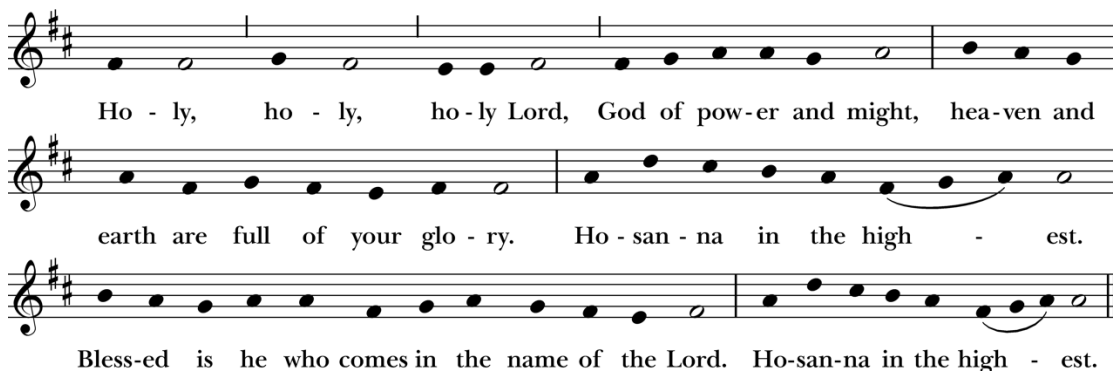
Musical score for 'Eucharistic Prayer A' in G major, 4/4 time. The score is divided into four parts, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

*The Celebrant proceeds*

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Hymnal S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*



**A - MEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Music

**Hymn: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers**

**Hymn 68**

*This text comes from a German hymnal published in 1700. Our hymnal pairs it with a tune "collected" in Wales by late 19th-century hymnal editors. Unusually, they heard it being sung in both the major and minor modes.*

## Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymn 67

*This poem was written by Johann Olearius (1611-1684), a Lutheran pastor and teacher at the University of Wittenberg. The English translation was made by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), an influential figure in the 19th-century English Church. The tune comes from the 16th-century Genevan Psalter.*

### The Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BEING SENT

### The Blessing

#### Recessional Hymn: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymn 616

*The author of this paraphrase of Psalm 72, James Montgomery (1771–1854) began writing poetry at age 10. Despite flunking out of school at 14, he found a job in 1792 at a radical weekly newspaper, the Sheffield (England) Register. He eventually served for 31 years as its editor, during which he was a supporter of social justice. He was jailed twice for his radical views, using the time in prison to write poetry.*

### The Dismissal

*Priest*                    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude: *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

Robert Hobby

*This setting of Hymn 61 was made by organist Robert Hobby (b. 1962). Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Hobby studied at Wittenberg University in Germany and at Notre Dame in Indiana. His accomplishments were recognized in 2014 with an Honorary Doctorate from his alma mater in Germany.*

## This Week at St. Mark's

<b>Today, December 4, 2022</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	St. Nicholas visit, front lawn
	<b>10:00 am</b>	The Four Last Things Adult Forum, Grace Chapel
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Youth Formation Class, Conference Room
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Youth Serve Dinner, Community First! Village
<b>Tuesday, December 5, 2022</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>	Service of Compline, Zoom
<b>Wednesday, December 6, 2022</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Wednesday Evening Eucharist, Grace Chapel
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Choristers Rehearsal
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, December 11, 2022</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	The Four Last Things Adult Forum, Grace Chapel
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Youth Formation Class, Conference Room
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Service of Lessons and Carols
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Youth Christmas Party, Parish Hall

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## Announcements

**Adult Sunday School for Advent:** Join us for the scend week of Advent Adult Forum on the Four Last Things: Death, Resurrection, Judgment, Consummation. The forum continues until December 18, at 10:00 am, in Grace Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, Father Zac, and Mother Mary.

**Youth Formation Class – Every Sunday during Advent:** We're excited to share that youth (grades 6-12) will have a dedicated class during the 10:00 formation hour throughout Advent, beginning today! We'll be meeting in the Conference Room (Bennett wing) to discuss Advent themes through the lens of pop culture. How is the good news that Jesus has put on human flesh and come into the world reflected through the various media, arts, and entertainment around us? It's going to be a fun discussion! Led by Casey and Father Zac.

**Angel Tree is still up!** Take a tag from the tree in the Parish Hall, and make your gift by next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. This year we are supporting children at Barton Hills Elementary and African American Youth Harvest Foundation. Contact Mother Mary at [mary@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:mary@stmarksaustin.org) with questions.

**Youth Serve Dinner at CF!V:** Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to help provide and serve a meal to formerly homeless neighbors at Community First! Village on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Youth confirmands will be organizing the menu. If you are interested in participating, contact Casey at [casey@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:casey@stmarksaustin.org). Additional parent help welcomed!

**Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 11:** Plan to attend the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am. The St. Mark's Choir and the Choristers Children's Choir will be joined by Reed Shaw on percussion and Iona Olive on violin. The service centers around nine Bible readings (lessons) that tell the Christmas story. Throughout the service, the choirs will sing beautiful carols for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

**Vestry Nominations Open:** Would you like to nominate someone to serve on the St. Mark's vestry? Send their names to Senior Warden Susan Bonnen ([sdbonnen@gmail.com](mailto:sdbonnen@gmail.com)) with a paragraph explaining your choice. All nominations are due by Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Compline Service during Advent:** Join us on Zoom Tuesday evenings at 9:00 pm during Advent for a service of Compline and sharing of music, prayers, and thanksgivings. Visit [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://www.stmarksaustin.org) (toward the bottom of the home page) for the Zoom link.

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to donate altar flowers (suggested donation of \$50), please sign up in the Parish Hall or email the church office at [office@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:office@stmarksaustin.org) with the Sunday of your choice and your dedication (in memory or honor of someone, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, etc.

**Congratulations** to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week (Dec. 04-10)!

Bill Adkins

Alexander Clark

Brodie Dordge

Cassandra Gehlken

Gage Pitt

Winston Raines

Susan Randle

Wade Miller

Ray Smith

Jeff Steinberg

Jonathan Vande Streek

Adam and Sliva Gates

Mary and Aaron Walpole

Bill and Susan Willis

## Ministers of the Service

**Lectors:** Andrea Michael, Ginny Acker

**LEMs:** Rachel Joiner, Heather Zdancewicz

**Ushers:** Lucas Breen, Stephanie Young, Bo Overstreet

**Altar Guild:** Judy Elkins, Debbie Thornal,  
Darlene Goodnight, Gail Weatherby, Dolores Minor

**Acolytes:** Nick Forrest, Eden and Titus Ballard

**Livestream Operator:** Stephen Dewrell

**Depositors:** Brenda White, Jennifer Shaw

**Hospitality:** Mary-Alis Kelly

## Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian in Residence*

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music & Bookkeeper*

Alexandria Weaver, *Parish Administrator*

Adriel (Atlas) Woods-Smith, *Director of Communications*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

Irma Glover, *Sexton*

Rachel Joiner, *Seminarian*