



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Feb 1, 2015

10 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.

THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP
THE REV. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR
THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

AN OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

NURSERY SERVICES

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3. Nursery hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

RESTROOMS

Are located in the Sanctuary Foyer, through the Parish Offices door, on the right-hand side.

COFFEE BAR

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

OUR SERVICES

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 7:30 p.m. Sundays (Nave)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

JOINING

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 569

God the Omnipotent

Russia

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

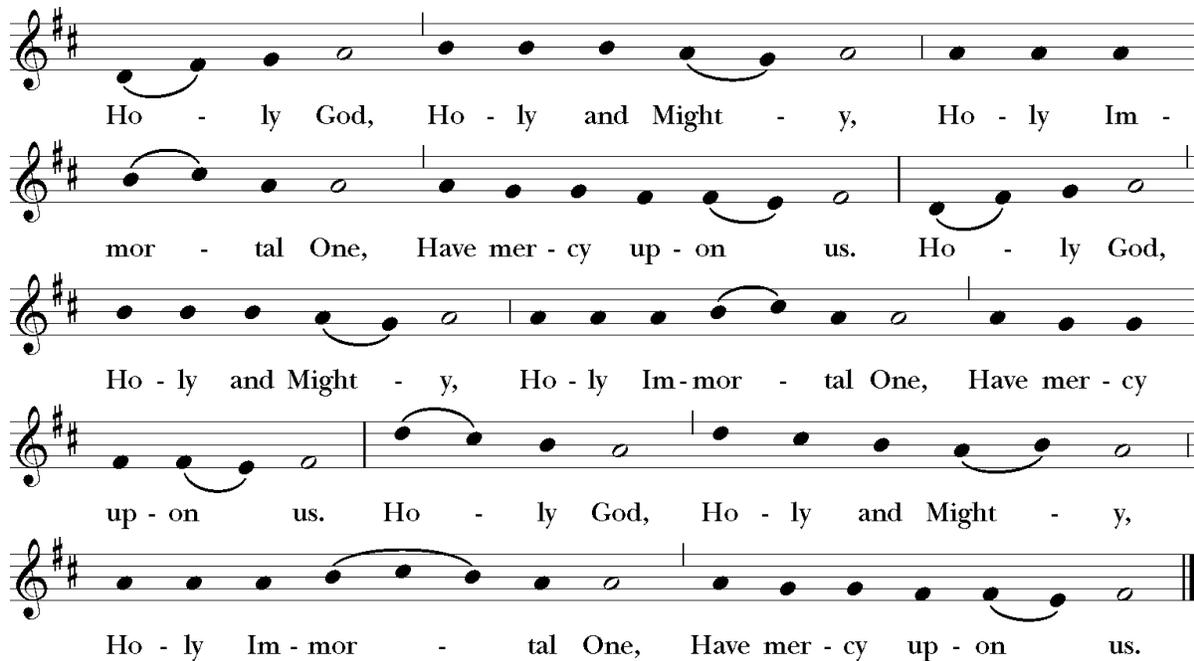
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant

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.**

THE TRISAGION S-100

All



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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COLLECT Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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THE LESSONS

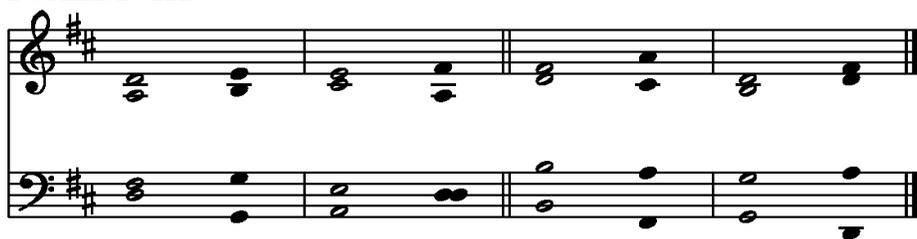
FIRST LESSON A reading from Deuteronomy [18:15-20]

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the Lord replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’”

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111



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1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole /heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congre/gation.

2 Great are the deeds of the /Lord! *
they are studied by all who de/light in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and /splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for /ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be re/membered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of com/passion.

5 He gives food to those who /fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his /covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his /works *
in giving them the lands of the /nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and /justice; *
all his commandments are /sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and /ever, *
because they are done in truth and /equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for /ever; *
holy and awesome is his /Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of /wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for /ever.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from 1 Corinthians [8:1-13]

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

All sing the alleluia

Cantor sings a verse

All sing the alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Te Deum

REFRAIN:

Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

VERSES:

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 21-28

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

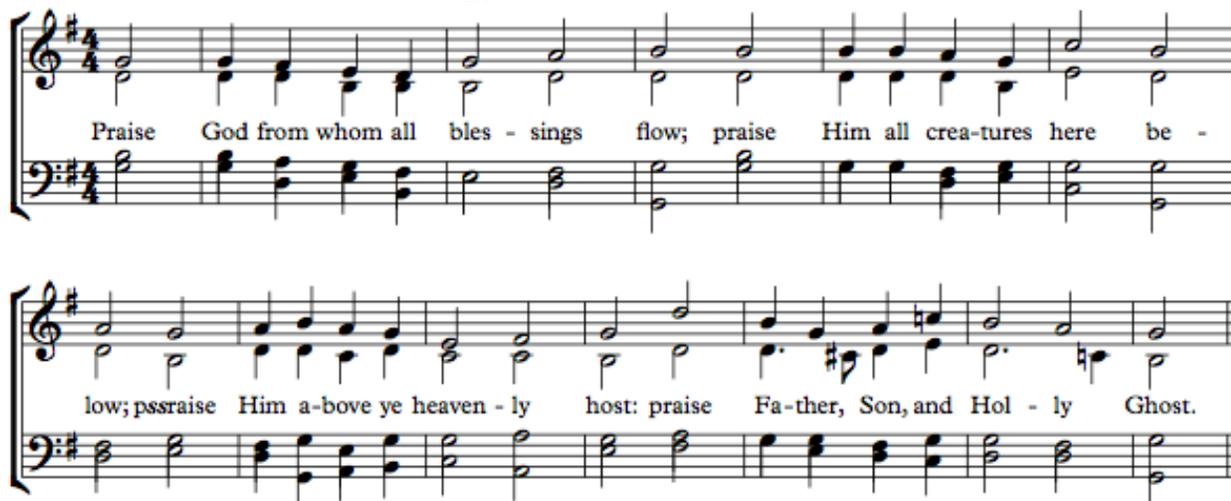
OFFERTORY

Shout for Joy

American Spiritual, arr. Alan Bullard

O Lord! Shout for joy! Early in the morning, Late in the evening, Feel like shouting, feel like praying. O Lord! Shout for Joy!

HYMN 380 (v 3) The Doxology and Presentation of Alms



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER A

BCP 361

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.**

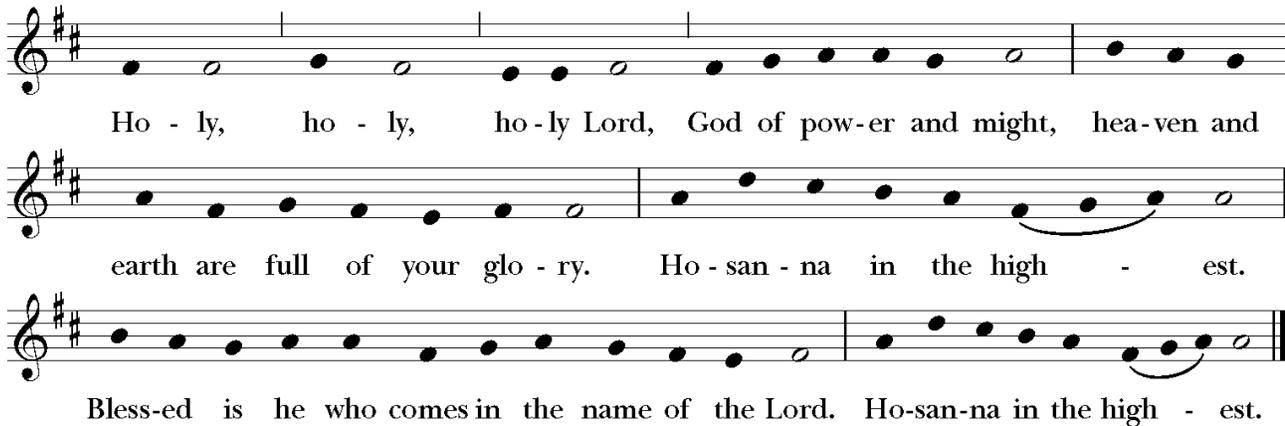
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a proper preface is said.

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:

S124 Sanctus



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.

The people kneel or stand and the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

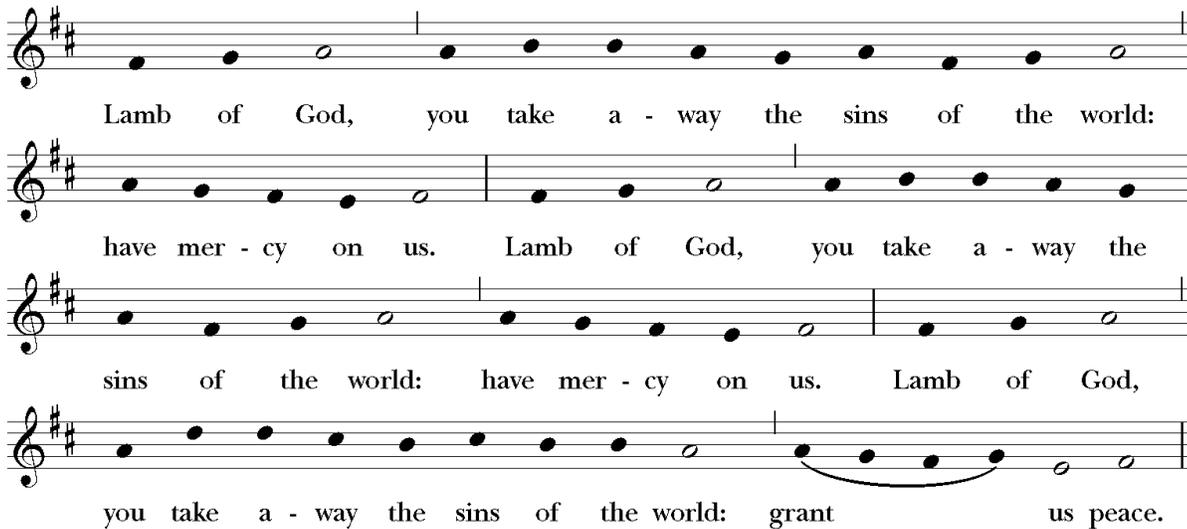
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

S161



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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Celebrant may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All

Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.

HYMN 577

God is love, and where true love is

Murray

HYMN 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All

**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.**

BLESSING

Celebrant

HYMN 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Flowers on the altar today are given by Rev. Carswell to the glory and honor of God in memory of Sharon Shepherd.

Epiphany

When you have a sudden realization or arrive at a greater understanding, it is often called an epiphany. This season is appropriately named, because it is here that we hear Bible readings about Jesus that reveal his true nature. Jesus is something special, something different: Jesus is God's Son, the Messiah.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell

Eucharistic Ministers: Brandon Johnson and Carol Hinck

Lectors: Jim McInturff and Lise Cater

Intercessor:

Ushers: Carroll Scroggin, Tony Fowler, Jill Davis

Vergers: Johnny Stayton and Barbara Keller

Acolytes: Donald Mankin, Jacob Penley, Kathryn Davis

Eucharistic Visitor: Claire Nix

Greeters: Gary and Rose Mary Latanich, Ronnie and Robin Sairls

Children's Chapel: Rose Mary Latanich

Vestry Counters: Lise Cater, Scott Darwin, Tammy Fowler

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today** 5:00 EfM
7:30p Compline
- Wed** 6:00p Christian Education
6:00p Confirm not Conform
6:15p Healing Eucharist
7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs** 6:30 Theology by the Pint
- Fri**
- Sat**
10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 2

SAVE THE DATE

- Feb 8 Coffee with the Rector
Feb 8 Rector Open House
Feb 13 Diocesan Convention
Feb 14 ECW
Feb 16 Vestry Meeting
Feb 17 Chili Cook-off (Please bring
your chili to the church at 5:00 for judging.)
Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Masses at 7a, 12p, and 7p
Feb 19 Men's Club
Feb 22 First Confirmation Class

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2/2 Elizabeth Matthews

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Last week St. Mark's collected a whopping 108 pounds of food and \$34 in cash/checks. Thank you for such great support!

Rector Open House Next Sunday from 2-4 pm Katy and I will host an Epiphany Blessing open house. The blessing will be at 2; we look forward to seeing you.

Baby Shower On February 8, immediately after the 10:30 service, there will be a Baby Shower in the Narthex for Lyla Cunningham, daughter-to-be of Jay and Tiffany Cunningham (Liam's parents). Tiffany has registered at Target but any gift will be appreciated. Lyla's birthdate will be February 18.

Confirmation Classes The 2015 Confirmation classes begin on Feb 22 at 11:30am (after the second service). If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, or becoming a Confirmed member, plan on attending this first class. Our class will be meeting in the parish hall each meeting.

The bishop will visit on April 26 at 10am for the Confirmation/Reception service.

- Feb 22- Class 1
- March 1- Class 2
- March 8- Class 3
- March 15- Class 4
- March 22- Class 5
- March 29- Class 6
- Make up Class- Wednesday March 25 7pm (optional)

The St. Mark's Garden will soon be starting seedlings with the day school children. Do you have extra flats, pots, potting soil, or lights that you would like to donate to this project? Please contact Brandon Johnson (bjohnson.ems@gmail.com) or Amber Carswell (curate@stmarksjonesboro.org) to arrange dropping the supplies off at the church.

WEEKLY REPORT				
	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 01/25/15	\$ 4,043	\$21,045	\$321,170	Last Week 155
Needed	6,178	26,479	321,262	2015 Average 135
Difference	\$(2,135)	\$ (5,434)	(\$ 92)	2014 Average 138
Current Cash	\$ 1,674			
Outstanding bills	(- \$ 5,979)		Loan Balance	\$ 173,608

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