



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2018

8:00 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. HANNAH HOOKER, 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

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 4 through 5th grade in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Nave during the processional hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Liturgy of the Word for Children is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m. Youth in grades 7-12 meet at 5:30pm on Wednesdays.

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 to the left of the main entrance, through the Parish Offices door.

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 6:30 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.

DIGITAL BULLETINS AND WI-FI ACCESS

Digital bulletins are available; to download please visit <http://stmj.us>. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the cross enters.

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

Celebrant and people say

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT The Baptism of Our Lord

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from the book of Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM 29 *Read responsively.*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hannah Hooker

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
Celebrant fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS

All: All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to

fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to

proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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.**

Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. Please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and people

**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

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today 8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Holy Eucharist and Baptism
3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm Compline

Wed 5:30pm EYC
6:15pm Healing Eucharist
6:00pm Christian Ed
7:00pm Choir Practice

Sat 9:30am ECW
10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team #5

SAVE THE DATE

- January 15** Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
January 16 7:00 pm Wrestling Team will meet in the Mullinix room
January 21: Annual Meeting
January 26 Men's Club will meet Friday, January 26 at 6:00 @ Church
We will set up for our 52st Annual Pancake Day
January 27 Pancake Day and Bake/Book and Bake Sale

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

01/07 Donna Gilbert 01/07 Dennis Zolper
01/07 Ashlyn Holland-Moore 01/09 Greta Grace Troutt

MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Elections

St. Mark's has four vestry members ending their terms in January, and will need to elect four new members. The vestry functions as the leadership council of the church, caring for facilities upkeep, financial endeavors, and church policies. Serving on the vestry can be a very fulfilling way to offer your gifts of creativity and service to our St. Mark's community. We are looking for positive, dependable folks who are passionate about St. Mark's to run for vestry at our annual meeting in January. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please call or email the church office.

Annual Reports Due

Those of you who are ministry leaders are asked to write a brief report describing your activities/accomplishments for the year 2017 to be included in the annual report booklet for 2017 and presented on January 21. Please email your report to secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org no later than January 15.

Annual Meeting- Will be Sunday, January 21, 2018 – following the 10:00 am service.
Please sign up on the potluck signup sheet in the Narthex.

United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for all men, women, and children. We give thanks for everyday blessings by dropping a few coins in the blue box. Please consider donating. The boxes will be on the table in the Narthex along with the familiar wooden cross to deposit your donation in.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for a super week! You donated \$20... keep up the good work!

ECW - will meet January 13th at 9:30 am.

St. Mark's family and friends- Please start saving and gathering your books, games, videos, dvd's, and puzzles for our Book and Bake Sale on Jan. 27, during Pancake Day.

Wrestling Team – Will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm in the Mullinix Room. This group is intended to be a place where anyone can talk about their faith, or lack thereof, without judgement or reprisal. We aren't coming together to "save" each other, but to create a community of people who struggle together to understand life, the universe, and everything. We do not have all the answers, so let's explore the questions together.

Kitchen Tree- Our Kitchen is in need of replenishing our supplies. Please take a tag and donate items to our kitchen, bring your donations back with the tag and place under the tree.

Pancake Day

The Men's Club of St. Mark's will host its annual Pancake Day Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 27th, from 6:30 am to noon. We are asking you to buy or sell 10 tickets to help us with this year's breakfast. Some people prefer to buy the tickets and give some away to friends or family. You may return your ticket money to Al Poston or Steve Thompson. Please note that Pancake Day is an important event that brings many visitors to St. Mark's. It also lets the Men's Club do many projects for the church, such as giving money to our youth program, purchase a new air-conditioning unit for the church and twenty other projects this past year. With your help, this year can be the biggest pancake breakfast we have ever had at St. Mark's! Tickets are \$6.00 each and will be mailed to everyone on January 1

Fund Raiser - MG Meyering and Conley Ferguson will be hosting a fund raiser on January 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at St. Mark's in the Parish Hall. This fund raiser will be benefiting Adam Pollock to help with his medical expenses while he is battling with cancer. We will have a silent auction, a delicious pasta dinner of Alfredo and Marinara, dessert, wine and beer. At seven we will be showing Star Wars Episode IV, A New Hope. Adult donations are \$20.00 and you receive two tickets for wine or beer, Children's donations are \$10.00 and donations can be given at the door. If you would like to donate for the silent auction, please contact Conley @ [870-629-3317](tel:870-629-3317) or Cferguson@delawarenorth.com , or MG [870-897-7474](tel:870-897-7474) or intbydesign@att.net Please come join us for a night of fun, all donations will go to Adam.

Confirmation Classes The bishop will visit on Sunday, April 8, for confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations. If you are interested in confirmation, it is necessary that you participate in the class. However, the class is open to anyone who is seeking a

deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and Episcopal theology, and is free for all participants! If you are interested in participating in the class or would like more information, please email Rev. Hannah at hannah.hooker@stmarksjonesboro.org, and please specify whether Sunday evenings or Monday evenings are better for you. Classes will begin in med February.

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget, Wk 1	Attendance
Offering 1/1/17	\$ 2,986	\$ 2,986	\$ 2,986	Last Week 67
Needed	<u>5,903</u>	<u>1,820</u>	<u>5,903</u>	2017 52 Wk Av 67
Shortage	(\$ 2,917)	\$ 1,166	(\$ 2,917)	2016 Average 143
Current Cash	\$ 15,644			
Outstanding bills	(\$ 5,655)		Loan Balance	\$ 153,548

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