



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**The Presentation of Our Lord**

**February 2, 2020**

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**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**

[www.StMarksJonesboro.org](http://www.StMarksJonesboro.org)

**Welcome** to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are so glad you are here! Please complete a Visitor 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.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children process out during the first hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace (under 30 minutes). Also we invite all children to bring a food donation during the offering each week.

**FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Children in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet from 6 p.m - 7 p.m. every Wednesday for snacks and fellowship, then split up by age. Youth in grades 7-12 meet every Sunday at 4:30pm.

### **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 from 9:30 am 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 office 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**

**SUNDAY** Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)  
EYC- 4:30pm  
Sung Compline Service at 6:30 p.m. Sundays (John Roberts Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY** \*Christian Ed 6-7pm

### **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 for ever. 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.**

## COLLECT The Presentation of our Lord

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

**FIRST LESSON** A reading from Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 24:7-10** *Domini est terra*

*Read Responsively by whole verse*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 **"Who is this King of glory?" \***  
**"The Lord, strong and mighty,**  
the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 **"Who is he, this King of glory?" \***  
**"The Lord of hosts,**  
he is the King of glory."

## **SECOND LESSON** A Reading from Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never

left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Paul Richardson

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Larry, our Bishop, and Jon, Katherine and Matthew, our seminarians; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

# CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

*The celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Celebrant and people*

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.

*the Priest, stands and says*

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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER** *Celebrant and People*

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*People:* All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*The people remain standing.*

*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 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.

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

### SANCTUS

*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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 [all] for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **Amen.**

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

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant:* 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 OF THE PEOPLE**

*All are invited to share in the bread and wine of holy communion. To receive the bread, place one hand in the other with palms up and extend them to the minister distributing the bread.*

*To receive the wine, please assist the minister with the cup, grasping the base and guiding the cup to your lips; or you may dip the bread in the cup. If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine but instead receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

## **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**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light in the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

## **DISMISSAL**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## SAVE THE DATE

**February 2:** DOK Meeting following late service

**February 4:** 6:00pm Chili Cook Off- (to have your chili judged have it here by 5pm)

\*Note Chili Cook-Off is earlier than usual this year

**February 22:** ECW Meeting 9:30am at Sue's Kitchen

**February 26:** Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7:00pm

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

02/02 Elizabeth Matthews

02/05 Jessica McBride

02/07 Tasha Weeks

### Anniversaries

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### No Christian Ed on Wed., Feb. 5

**Stewardship Corner:** Stewardship is not about fundraising. Stewardship is about mission - God's mission in the world, and our mission as followers of Jesus Christ. The vestry, along with the finance committee, are currently working on the budget for 2020. We would like for those who haven't yet pledged to consider doing so and return the pledge cards to the church office as soon as possible. If you haven't received a pledge card or need another please contact the church office or a vestry member. The vestry would also like to thank those who have already made a pledge commitment to St. Mark's.



**Chili Cook-Off** - Join us on Tuesday- February 4th for an evening of friendly rivalry and lots of fun! Just cook your favorite pot of chili and take it to the church by 5:00 pm that Tuesday...let the judges decide the winners!

***\* Note that the Chili Cook-off is being held earlier this year***

Chili Cook-off is a friendly competition between the various groups of our church. I am asking that you please encourage someone from your group to represent your Ministry for the Chili cook-off. You know that we cannot miss the humor only brought to you by Phillip Wells, so let's all help make this year's Chili Cook-off a grand Success! *143 Community/ Adult Formation/ Acolytes/ Altar Guild/ Christian Ed/ Choir/ DaySchool/ Daughters of the King/ ECW/ Eucharistic Visitors/ EYC/ Flower Guild/*



EYC will be going to see the musical Newsies at  
The Forum on February 23 at 2:00.



**Parent's Night Out for Valentine's Day 2020 - Hosted by EYC -**

Contact: Lori Alpe (870) 219-9573 or [lori.alpe@gmail.com](mailto:lori.alpe@gmail.com) - EYC (the Youth of St. Mark's Episcopal Church) is hosting a Valentine's Parents Night Out! Friday, February 14th from 5pm-9pm.

At St. Mark's Episcopal Church Cost is \$20 for one child and \$10 for siblings. This money will go to the EYC (Youth Group) account to help pay for costs WinterStar at Camp Mitchell.



**Winterstar 2020** - This is the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas' annual Spring Retreat for youth in the 6th-12th grade. The weekend begins at [Camp Mitchell](#) on Friday March 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm with registration and ends Sunday, March 15th at 11:00am. The weekend includes games, music, worship services, hiking, sports, and hammocking.

**Ordination:**

Bishop Larry Benfield and the Diocese of Arkansas are pleased to announce the upcoming ordinations of

Laurie Bridewell, Emmanuel, Lake Village

Katherine Wren, St. Mark's, Jonesboro

Brandon Hudson, St. Thomas, Springdale

Murdock Jones, Christ Church, Little Rock

Teresa Cantrell, Good Shepherd, Forrest City

to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 11:00am

with a reception to follow.

Please join us.



**We want to encourage each of our Parishioners to have a more active role with Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.**

Bring a non perishable food item with you to church on Sunday mornings and place it in the shopping cart when you come in. Canned items, instant oatmeal in individual packets, granola/cereal bars, can soups, coffee, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, individual applesauce and fruit cups, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, shampoo, laundry detergent, bath soap, and magazines. Helping Neighbors feeds many many families and also feeds school age children on weekends when they cannot eat at school, this is a great way for us to be involved in our community and be thankful for our many blessings.

**Donation Statements:** 2019 Donation Statements have gone out via email this past week.



**Poinsettias and Helping Neighbors Donations at Christmas:** If you purchased a poinsettia or made a donation to Helping Neighbors Food pantry for Christmas and have not paid for your donation, you may do so by indicating on your envelope or check memo line which item you donated. You may place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office.

[ex: Poinsettias (\$20), Wreaths (\$30), Helping Neighbors \$20]

**Adult Formation:** 9:00am Sunday Mornings in the Parish Hall

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**For Diocesan Events:** Please check the weekly Mid- Week announcements that are sent out via email every week. If you would like to sign up, contact the office at [secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org](mailto:secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org) and Dana will sign you up. This is a great way for you to keep updated on events at St. Mark's and the Diocesan!



**Altar Flowers for 2020 -** If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one for 2020, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$35.00



**For Our Children** *Reminder:* Please have your child bring a non perishable food item so they can participate and have an active role in the church's offering. All donations go to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Also, if you would like to help provide non perishable food items for the children's offering, please let Rose Mary know. This is a great way to make sure that a child is not left out during the offering, in case they forget their food item at home.



**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry:** Thank you for your donations this week. **Always need: instant oatmeal that comes in packets, dry pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, cereal, canned soups, canned fruit and vegetables, canned ravioli, peanut butter, apple sauce, individual fruit cups, granola bars, and coffee.** Thank you for all of the donations!

Two Saints' Kitchen



**Two Saints Kitchen** January 25, 2020 Team #1- this week our guests enjoyed pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and milk.

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## WEEKLY FINANCIAL

Last week #	4
Attendance	
Actual Offering	\$4,563.72
Needed for Budget	\$5,179.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$615.28
Current Cash	\$10,797.00
Loan Balance	\$127,547.45

01/26/2020	
Actual Income	\$17,831.00
Actual Expenses	\$7,525.00
Surplus (Shortage)	\$10,306.00
Food Pantry	\$70.00
Two Saints	\$175.00

Attendance : 93 last week

Online giving also available by scanning here, using the Tithe.ly mobile app, or going to <http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org>.



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