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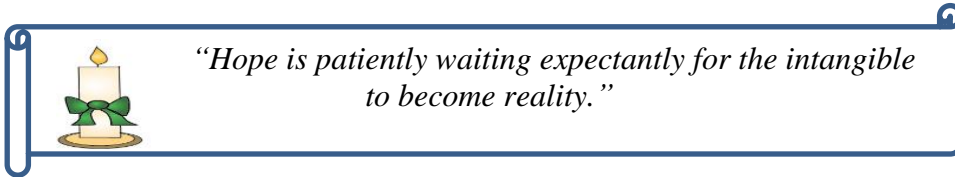
Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV, Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Warren E. Hicks, Priest-In-Charge



WELCOME to St. Mark's Episcopal Church. A Parish fed by God's word, we take Christ's love out to the world. We are blessed by your presence here today and invite you to return throughout this season of Advent as together we grow in our faith. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. for a covered dish breakfast and fellowship in the Wray Center.

A HEALING STATION is available during Communion for your own needs or those of loved ones.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT – For Pete Buelow, For Scott Buckman, For Mary Ann Maust, For Gil and Monica Mottley, For Rosemary and Jessica, Granddaughters of Joan Winters, For Kathy Dansey, For Janet and John Ryan, For Chuck Quinley, For Barbara Fisher, For Melva Ogilvie, For Sabra Barker, For Shirley Esada, For all those being affected by the weather. For all traveling in December.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

- ❖ **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:** Savannah Grace Spady (12-3).
- ❖ **THANKSGIVING FOR** all those who helped with the Community Dinner.
- ❖ **PRAYERS FOR H.E.L.P. NWI** at Wesley United Methodist Church.

WORSHIP TEXTS are found in the red books in the pews – the Book of Common Prayer (**BCP**)

MUSIC FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP is from the blue hymnal "1982 Hymnal" (**S&H**)
The red, black and green hymnal "Lift Every Voice" (**L**)
The green hymnal "Wonder, Love & Praise" (**WLP**)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017 at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



First Sunday of Advent



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GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

During this Advent Season the Congregation will gather in QUIET in a darkened church as we move into the space and time hallowed by our worship in this season of expectancy and longing.

NO PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noel Wilson/Kathy Dansey

ENTRANCE HYMN

H-68 “*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*”

Llangloffn

CEREMONY FOR ADVENT (*see insert*)

Choir: Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he.

People: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel*

LITANY *Advent Wreath (8:00 a.m. –Andy Marshall/Bert Pearce-Marshall)
(10:30 a.m. – Barbara/Larry Case)*

Advent Reader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.
People: *And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.*

Advent Reader: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled
with questions.
People: *And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.*

Advent Reader: We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded
and mend what has been broken.
People: *And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.*

Advent Reader: We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and
ignite our hearts with hope.
People: *And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH (said during the lighting of the candle)

Advent Reader: Today we light the first candle-the candle of hope-reminding us that Jesus was sent not only to be our Savior, but also to be our Wonderful counselor; the one who hears our prayers with compassion, and who offers guidance when we seek it. As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that our rest can be found in God, and through the gift of God's son our hope is forever restored.

THE ADVENT GREETING *responsively*

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

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie: S-96 "Lord, have mercy"

Franz Schubert

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray: *After a brief silence for reflection, the Celebrant says,*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: **ISAIAH 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*After the reading the Reader says, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church,"
and the People respond saying "Thanks be to God"*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PSALTER **PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18** *read responsively by half verse*

BCP 702

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3. Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4. O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6. You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17. And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE

SEQUENCE **H-616** “*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*” V.1-3 *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: **MATTHEW 13:24-37**

Response to Gospel announcement is “Glory to you, Lord Christ;” and at the conclusion “Praise to you, Lord Christ.”

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

THE SERMON

Padre Warren

THE NICENE CREED, *the People affirm the faith of the Church, saying*

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH CONFESSION Form VI

BCP 392

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (All with **December** birthdays please come before the Altar for a blessing by Padre Warren)

THE PEACE *is now shared as the Celebrant offers this bidding:*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

In thanksgiving we bring ourselves as a living sacrifice to God in the offering of our gifts of bread and wine and money.

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY **LEV-18** *“Swing low, sweet chariot”*
PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS: **H-380 v.3**
“Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow”
PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Spiritual

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer C

BCP 369

SURSUM CORDA, *spoken responsively*

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, 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:

SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS

Sanctus S-130

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord: God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

LORD'S PRAYER sung with contemporary text at S-149 *M. Robinson*
Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, and a period of SILENCE is kept.*

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the INVITATION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

+ All Who Seek God and Are Drawn to Christ Are Welcome to Come to God's Table +

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: **LEV-151** **“One Bread, One Body”** *Foley*

THE LITURGY OF MISSION

*Taken, blessed, broken, and now given –
sent forth into the world as witnesses of the risen Christ.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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.

BLESSING, *the Celebrant then offers a blessing prayer*

MISSION HYMN

H-596 **“Judge eternal, throned in splendor”** *Komm, o komm, du Geist des lebens*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth awaiting the coming of our God.

People ***Thanks be to God! Come Lord Jesus.***

NO POSTLUDE

TODAY WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO REV. LISA GREEN, wife of Rev.



Warren E. Hicks. Almost 35 years (!) after graduating from The College of William and Mary, I am thrilled to be returning to Southern Virginia as clergy spouse at St. Mark's and Associate Rector at St. Martin's, Williamsburg. I've just completed six years as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church

in Sutton, Massachusetts, which has just come together with a neighboring parish to form Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Before that I served parishes in New Jersey as assistant and interim, and before ordination in 2008 worked for many years for Interweave, a nonprofit interfaith spirituality and wellness center. I started seminary when my daughter Mary (W&M '10) started high school. 2017 was a big transitional year for our family as my stepson Jonathan moved to Colorado, Mary moved to Houston, and now Warren and I have moved to Hampton! I'm looking forward to getting to know the people of St. Mark's and our new hometown.



DECEMBER 3RD	ADVENT 1
8:00 AM WORSHIP WARDEN	NOEL WILSON
Advent wreath lighters	Andy Marshall/Bert Pearce-Marshall
Isaiah 64:1-9	Lloyde' Young
Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18	Lloyde' Young
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Marsha Ware
Prayer Leader	Marsha Ware
Chalicer	Lloyde' Young
10:30 AM WORSHIP WARDEN	KATHY DANSEY
Advent wreath lighters	Barbara/Larry Case
Isaiah 64:1-9	Kathy Dansey
Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18	Kathy Dansey
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Floria Smith
Prayer Leader	Floria Smith
Chalicer	Irene Kratz
Usher/Greeter	Pam Craft/Billy Allen
Altar Guild	Holly Whittenburg/Tony Crudup/Don Martin
Alter Flowers	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Altar Bread	Shawn Cooper
Element Bearers	Floria Smith/Gene Moser
Counters	Patty Green/Bert Pearce-Marshall
Fellowship	Covered Dish Breakfast

WEEKLY CALENDAR

WC-Wray Center Sanc- Sanctuary OPH-Old Parish Hall

Sunday, December 3 Advent 1	8 & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	EUCCHARIST COVERED DISH BREAKFAST (WC) SDA-Evangelistic Meeting
Monday, December 4	7:00 p.m.	SDA-Evangelistic Meeting
Tuesday, December 5	12:00-Noon 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	AA (WC) NWI “All hands Meeting” (WC) SDA-Evangelistic Meeting
Wednesday, December 6	7:00 p.m.	SDA-Evangelistic Meeting
Thursday, December 7	12:00 Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	AA (WC) BELL RINGERS CHOIR SDA-Evangelistic Meeting
Friday, December 8	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	GISA (Whole Church) GISA-Service
Saturday, December 9	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	NWI SDA- (Church) SDA (Whole Church) till 3 p.m. SDA-Evangelistic Meeting
Sunday, December 10 Advent 2	8 & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	NWI EUCCHARIST ADULT FORUM CLASS (RR) STEWARDSHIP (RR) FINANCE (RR)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE CARDS - If you have not turned in a pledge card for the year 2018, please get one out of my mailbox (next to the office), fill it out and place it in the collection plate. The finance committee needs to know where we are with pledges for the coming year to be able to make a budget. Thank you for helping us with this important part of life at St. Mark's.
Janet Dyer - Pledge Steward



ADULT FORMATION CLASS – December 10th at 9:15, in the Rose Room. Don Martin will be our facilitator for Advent and we will be listening to and discussing Handel’s “Messiah”. Padre Warren will continue the class in January. Everyone is invited to participate as we discuss and share our faith.

ST. MARK’S HOSTS NIGHT’S WELCOME INN - Mark Your Calendars: Dec 9th – Dec 16th. Matt 25: “for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” All those participating in this program are requested to attend an “All hands meeting” with Padre Warren at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5th in the Wray Center.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER for Poinsettias for Christmas. The Poinsettias will be Red or White the cost will be \$15.00. Please fill in form below, then place in offering plate /or give to Elvira Cooper. The money for Poinsettias can be placed in the offering plate in a labeled envelope or given to Elvira Cooper. All forms should be turned in by 12/19/2017 so that your memorials and thanksgivings can be placed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Your name _____

Color _____

1) Given by _____

2) Given in Thanksgiving for _____

3) In memory/honor of _____
(Please circle one above)

If you need to order more than one poinsettia, add additional orders in the section below:

Your name _____

Color _____

1) Given by _____

2) Given in Thanksgiving for _____

3) In memory/honor of _____
(Please circle one above)

