

**Fraction Anthem** *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 164  
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Please be seated*  
**Communion of the People**  
*At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.*

**Communion Anthem – Advent Message** Martin How  
*Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, O come quickly. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.* *Words Revelation 22:20 and Isaiah 40:3; music © Josef Weinberger, Ltd.*

**Communion Hymns** *sung by all*  
The king shall come when morning dawns *(St. Stephen)* Hymnal 73  
Come, thou long-expected Jesus *(Stuttgart)* Hymnal 66

**Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors** *(when applicable)*  
*Celebrant* 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.  
*Congregation* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Please stand*  
**Prayer for Mission** *said by all* BCP 365  
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**

**Hymn in Procession** *sung by all*  
Comfort, comfort, ye my people *(Psalm 42)* Hymnal 67

**Dismissal** BCP 366

**Postlude** – From heaven above to earth I come Johann Pachelbel

**Music Notes**  
Today is the second Sunday in the season of Advent, and the focus of our waiting for Christ’s coming shifts to John the Baptist, who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus. Three of today’s hymns, “There’s a voice in the wilderness”, “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”, and “Comfort, comfort, ye my people”, as well as the communion anthem focus on John the Baptist or the prophecy about him, even quoting it. The second communion hymn and offertory anthem reflect general Advent themes, as does “The King shall come” which also specifically fits with today’s psalm.

*Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from One License lic. #A-732869 and CCLI lic. #20201141.*

## VISITOR INFORMATION

### Children’s Chapel

A Children’s Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

### Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

### Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

## GIVING INFORMATION

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →

## PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan QR code →

## Worship Participants

*We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.*

### 8:45 a.m. service


<b>Advent Wreath</b>	The Smith Family	<b>Verger</b>	Frank Scheu
<b>Lectors</b>	Charles Chunn, Agnes Danciger, Brooks Whittaker		
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lucy Perkins, Gray Chunn, Ann Palmer Chunn, Evelyn Dunton		
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Kelli Chunn, Frances Hutto, Mark Hutto, Payson Tilden		
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Sirbaugh, Jim Graham, Joey Milne, Nick Pulignano, Jeff Smith		

### 11:00 a.m. Service

<b>Advent Wreath</b>	The Hofheimer Family	<b>Verger</b>	Keith Daw
<b>Lectors</b>	Hugh Burkett, Mamie Burkett, Marcela Beard		
<b>Acolytes</b>	William Beard, Virginia Beard, Maddox Racine, Harry Wilson		
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Amy Morales, Barbara Stevenson, Christine Burkett, Alex Cain		
<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Lockwood, John Falconetti, Rocco Falconetti, Baker Madison, Ben Stewart		

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara Pickett, Katie Athey, Daisy Davidson, Debbie Fannin, Patti Frykberg, Valerie Goodwin, Judy Lanier, Anne Lee, Ann Scheu
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Cynthia Athey, Betsy Booth, Russell Glasheen

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**  
*and in loving memory of Sharon McCormick by Shawn and Bonnie McCormick.*  
\*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.



### St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Vision


St. Mark’s is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God’s world. (Ps 46:4-5)

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### St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God’s Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.

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## St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an “S” (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.*  
*Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.*

**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
Holy Eucharist - Rite II  
December 7, 2025 - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

**Prelude** – From heaven above to earth I come Johann Pachelbel

**The Word of God**  
*Please stand*  
**Hymn in Procession** *sung by all*  
On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry *(Winchester New) verses 1-4 only* Hymnal 76

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** BCP 355  
*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**  
*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.**

**Hymn of Praise** *sung by all* Hymnal 56, verses 1 and 2  
O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*  
O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*  
*Words Latin, ca. 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; Hymnal 1940, ver. alt.; music Plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. adapt. Thomas Helmore, arr. Richard Proubs; both © Public Domain*

