

St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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ANTECOMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.
St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. on Zoom (and/or in Cooper Hall)

ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Welcome! Our service will *always* be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037. You can enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>. Please either print or have this bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

If New Britain is red on the weekly Thursday (about 3 p.m.) update on the Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker map, the Sunday service will be on Zoom only.

For the map, please go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.

An e-mail will be sent out to the parish every Friday to let you know if the service will be in-person or on ***Zoom only***.

For in-person services at 90 Main St., everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. We will have masks available if you need one. Thank you.

Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.



Prelude 87 *“Hark! The heard angels sing”*

Mednellsohn

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
 glory to the newborn King!
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 join the triumph of the skies;
 with the angelic host proclaim
 Christ is born in Bethlehem!

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
 Christ, the everlasting Lord;
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of the Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 hail the incarnate Deity.
 Pleas'd as man with man to dwell;
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing
 glory to the newborn King!

3. Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give us second birth.
 Risen with healing in his wings,
 light and life to all he brings,
 hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!



THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation:

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 Gloria

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

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 of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,

and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,

and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

Volunteer

Leader: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
People: how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
Leader: The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
People: he gathers the exiles of Israel.
Leader: He heals the brokenhearted *
People: and binds up their wounds.
Leader: He counts the number of the stars *
People: and calls them all by their names.
Leader: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
People: there is no limit to his wisdom.
Leader: The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
People: but casts the wicked to the ground.
Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
People: make music to our God upon the harp.
Leader: He covers the heavens with clouds *
People: and prepares rain for the earth;
Leader: He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
People: and green plants to serve mankind.
Leader: He provides food for flocks and herds *
People: and for the young ravens when they cry.
Leader: He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
People: he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
Leader: But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
People: in those who await his gracious favor.
Leader: Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
People: praise your God, O Zion;
Leader: For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
People: he has blessed your children within you.
Leader: He has established peace on your borders; *
People: he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
Leader: He sends out his command to the earth, *
People: and his word runs very swiftly.
Leader: He gives snow like wool; *
People: he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
Leader: He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
People: who can stand against his cold?
Leader: He sends forth his word and melts them; *
People: he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
Leader: He declares his word to Jacob, *
People: his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
Leader: He has not done so to any other nation; *
People: to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because

you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 115 "What child is this, who, laid to rest"

Greensleeves

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(silence)

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Shaw Mudge

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, *remembering to pause at the punctuation:*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People III

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

[People may add their own petitions.]

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant sets the pace.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God.

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

People and Celebrant:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
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 Priest Blessing

Priest: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Worship Leader or Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

If using Zoom, the People unmute themselves.

Priest, Deacon or

Worship Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

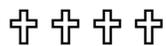
Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

Musical score for the hymn "dore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord." The score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord."

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain



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God Our Creator Prayer
(A prayer from the Bishop Transition Committee)

"God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, without you nothing can be done. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, especially the Bishop Transition Committee, during this time of transition.

Bless and continue the good work begun in your name. Open the committee's ears to the hurts and hopes expressed to them and broaden our vision to see where you lead. Enliven their hearts with honesty and compassion to do the work that lies ahead, within our church and beyond its walls. Grant us the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy.

Guide the committee as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Bless and be with our bishop, Ian, as he transitions to a new life serving you.

Bless our candidates. Bestow them with the abilities to lead and serve. Let us learn from them and they from us, so we may live your word serving all.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen"



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 26 - First Sunday after Christmas - Zoom only Service

Monday, December 27 - Parish Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)

Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve - Parish Office Closed

Sunday, January 2 - Second Sunday After Christmas

Monday, January 3, 2022 - Parish Office Closed - New Year's Holiday Observed



Christmas Diaper Drive

During Christmas we celebrate God coming to us in human form as the Babe Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes. This Christmas, in keeping our Baptismal Covenant to *care for those who are in need and respecting the dignity of all*, ECCT's deacons invite you to participate in an ECCT-wide diaper drive to benefit [The Diaper Bank of Connecticut](#).

Drop-off locations:

North Central Region (NC)

[St. Paul's, Southington](#): Jan. 11, 3–7 p.m. and Jan. 15, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Or, email [the Rev. Helena Martin](#) to coordinate another time that week.

[Christ Church Cathedral](#): Jan. 10 & 11, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Jan. 15, 12–1:30 p.m.

Contact: Kathy Frisoli, 806.527.7231 ext. 101 or [Deacon Bonnie Matthews](#), 860.985.9790 (Jan. 15 drop-off)

[Grace, Newington](#): Jan. 11 & 13, 1–4 p.m. (drop off in blue bin outside if building is closed)

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please send your Annual Report to the parish office no later than January 14, 2022.

All reports should be a short synopsis of your groups activity in 2021.

Thank you!

The First Sunday After Christmas – December 26, 2021

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, Joseph Howard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Kruvka, Linda, Lindsay, Louise, Ann Maltais, Christopher McLaughlin, Ron Napper, Gabriella Nauss, Kelly Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, and Zachary.

Healing: Mary Beth Dobmire, Pat Scarlett, Betty Barden, Kathryn (Cletus) Cone, Colin Rhoads, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Laura Rocco, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; for soup kitchen and food pantries, and all ministries that deed those who go without.

Those who serve our country: Ryan Alexander, Tiana Baptiste, Ryan Beaudoin, Parker Browne, Michael Johnston, and Ed Priesser.

Parish families: Patricia Anderson, Vicent Angell, Kwame Asomaning, Richard, Eric, Jeramie and Jenette Baba and Joe and Julia Baccash.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Gladys Cox.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: campbellba24@gmail.com

Please remember to send in your pledges and offerings to the parish. The mail in the St. Mark's post office box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.

Mailing address for financial contributions:

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church PO Box 1538 New Britain, CT 06050-1538
or send checks electronically to the Church via your bank.**

St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.

The worship services, the parish office, and ministry to the community adapt and continue. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are appreciated to make it happen.

The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 2).

STEWARDSHIP



Thank you so much for all of you who have returned your Pledge cards. You are a very faithful crew of Episcopalians!

If, however, when you cleared off the dining room table because people were coming for Thanksgiving, you found one very lonely Pledge card, please fill it out, sign it, put a stamp on the envelope and mail it. It will safely, Omicron or not, get to the church office and be welcomed by all the other Pledge cards. It will be a very hearty welcome!

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Broadcast Instructions

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There is also a telephone number that can be used to join the Zoom service: 1-646-558-8656 (phone charges may apply for the telephone call if you do not have unlimited calling).

If you are using a telephone to dial into the service: dial the zoom phone number, and then wait to be prompted by the voice to enter the meeting number.

Then, enter the meeting number, and as part of the meeting number, please add the "pound" sign (#) at the end of the meeting number (as the verbal instructions direct).

The Zoom broadcast opens at 9:45 am when remote participants can be admitted and will be greeted by the e-verger.

Remote participants are encouraged to stay connected after the service and greet and be greeted during the coffee hour.



Issues that have come to our attention:

Issue: "my screen goes back and forth between speakers."

Response: you may be in "speaker" view. If so, change to "gallery view".

Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you have any questions.