

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Announcements

Offertory: SUNG BY THE CHOIR

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

Because you sent your beloved son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; That when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Celebrant and People (S130)

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

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command O Father,

Celebrant and People

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 St. Mark, St. John 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Officiant and People Together.

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **GRANT US PEACE.**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: 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.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN HOLY EUCHARIST AT GOD'S TABLE

Communion: 657 LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Celebrant and People: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CELEBRANT: GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD,

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 59 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING



The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People – Form IV from the Book of Common Prayer

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, -and for all the clergy and people, Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church- especially - Calvary, Tamaqua; and St. Barnabas Center, Kutztown in the Diocese of Bethlehem and Emmanuel Kansuk Parish, Kajo Keji. Lord in your Mercy- **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Pray for - Cheryl, Monica, Don, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, The Hower Family, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Tommy, Frieda and Deanna-Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Georgine & Wally Wormer, in whose memory today's bulletins have been sponsored, and Naomi Lennon, in whose memory this month's communion cups have been sponsored-that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

December 8, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Timothy Griffin

Mr. Kris Hartenstine- Director of Music

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: 72 HARK THE GLAD SOUND, THE SAVIOR COMES

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN

The Celebrant may say

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.**

Canticle 16- The Song of Zechariah (SUNG)

1 Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree. So have the prophets long declared that with his mighty arm God would turn back our enemies and all that wish us harm.

2 With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham; from foes to save us all; that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise, in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

3 My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way, to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway. Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease, to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons (see insert)

The Gospel: **76 ON JORDAN'S BANK (1-3) (4-5)**

The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Communion Cups Sponsorship- \$15 per week or \$50 per month. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

SPONSORSHIP

BULLETIN SPONSOR: In Loving Memory of Georgine and Wally Womer by Cheryl Horvath
COMMUNION CUPS- This month's Communion Cups are sponsored by Judy Lennon In Loving Memory of her mother, Naomi Lennon

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
December 8	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Bill Diehn	Tom Lager
December 15	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
December 22	4 th Sunday of Advent	Sue Urban	Jill Perry
December 24	Christmas Eve		
December 29	Christmas 1	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa, Jr.

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
December 8	Laura Ferko	Sue Urban
December 15	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
December 22	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
December 29	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon

Pastoral Needs: Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: frtimgriffin@gmail.com

LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

CHOIR REHEARSAL: choir will rehearse immediately after the 9am services- new members welcome!

Journey the Way of Love: this Advent with a Monday night Zoom study and an Advent calendar of daily practices to help us Worship, Pray, Turn, Bless, Rest, Go, and Learn in this holy season. The Rev. Maria Tjeltveit will facilitate from 7-8 p.m., Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. Email her at revmariat@gmail.com to register or with questions.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS: Order forms are in the vestibule of the Main Sanctuary. Orders with payment due on December 8th. Thank you.

Lessons and Carols- December 15th at 7pm in the Main Sanctuary- Come and join us for an evening of Readings and Hymns meant to inspire all in preparation for the Celebration of the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ANGEL TREE - Tags must be taped to the gift and returned no later than December 15th. Thank you!

CHURCH DECORATING AND PARISH POTLUCK DINNER: following the 9am Services on December 22nd. Turkey, Ham and Cheesy Potatoes will be provided by Karen Gasker. Parishioners are asked to bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Karen will need kitchen crew volunteers. Please do see Karen Gasker to volunteer. Sign up sheet will be posted.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY AT 6:30PM

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Juice, Canned fruit, Apple sauce, Spaghetti, Pasta sauce, Hamburger Helper, Canned tuna, Peanut butter, Jelly, Instant oatmeal, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Body wipes, Shampoo, Feminine products

SICK AND HOMEBOUND- Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, The Hower Family, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Tommy, Frieda and Deanna

**If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office*

St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

21 Race Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229-2003

E-mail: markjhn1@ptd.net (Parish)

Find us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/st.mark.stjohn.jt>

View our website! <https://www.stmarkandjohn.org>

Scan to donate now:



Parish office hours: Monday- Wednesday 10am – 2pm, Thursday & Friday- By appointment

SERVICES

Sunday 9am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

September – May

9:00am

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

STAFF

Parish Office (Karen Horvath, Parish Secretary)

Kris Hartenstine Director of Music hartenstinekris@gmail.com

Michele Bubar, Bookkeeper, email: michele@fasttaxnepa.com

570-325-2241

484-895-7143

570-325-3438

Pastoral Needs

Fr. Tim Griffin: 215-796-4602 or email: frtimgriffin@gmail.com

CHURCH SCHOOL

Zachary and Melissa Baker

VESTRY

Senior Warden: James Pompa, Jr. ('25)

Junior Warden: Deborah Fry ('26)

Rose Douglas ('25)

Karen Gasker ('28)

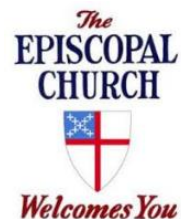
Sue Ellen Andreas ('28)

Clerk of the Vestry

Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 8th, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Mission Statement

Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.



this photo by unknown author is licensed under cc by-sa-nc