



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fincastle, Virginia

10:00 a.m.

January 25, 2026

## The Third Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00am Morning Prayer Rite I

PRELUDE

*How Firm A Foundation*

arr. P. Keveren

OPENING HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (v. 1,3,4,5)

#525

1 The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we

like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*The Church's one foundation*, #525 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

## OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 40

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The people kneel or sit in silence*

## CONFSSION

BCP 41

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

## THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

BCP 42

*[A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."]*

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Ghost. Amen.

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 42

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## VENITE

HYMNAL S-5

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth,  
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it,  
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Daily Morning Prayer I, The Invitatory: Venite, #5 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music — Music: John Naylor (1838-1897).*

*People Sit*

**THE PSALM 27:1, 5-13**

BCP 617

[READ RESPONSIVELY, BY WHOLE VERSE]

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

*People Sit*

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 1

MY GOD, THY TABLE NOW IS SPREAD (vs. 1,2)

#321

- 1 **My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.**
  
- 2 **O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.**

*My God, thy table now is spread*, #321 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*People stand*

CANTICLE 2

SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

#679

1 **Surely it is God who saves me;**  
    trusting him, I shall not fear.  
**For the Lord defends and shields me**  
    and his saving help is near.  
**So rejoice as you draw water**  
    from salvation's living spring;  
**in the day of your deliverance**  
    thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 **Make his deeds known to the peoples;**  
    tell out his exalted Name.  
**Praise the Lord, who has done great things;**  
    all his works his might proclaim.  
**Zion, lift your voice in singing;**  
    for with you has come to dwell,  
**in your very midst, the great and**  
    **Holy One of Israel.**

*Surely it is God who saves me*, #679 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*. Copyright © 1982 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Thomas Merton*, Ray. W. Urwin (b. 1950). Copyright © 1984 Ray W. Urwin.

*People sit*

THE SERMON

THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN

*People stand*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 53

*[The intercessor leads the people in affirming their faith with these words]*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**  
    **who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
    **born of the Virgin Mary,**  
    **suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
    **was crucified, dead, and buried.**  
    **He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**  
    **and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**  
    **the holy catholic Church,**  
    **the communion of saints,**  
    **the forgiveness of sins,**  
    **the resurrection of the body,**  
    **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 54

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

**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.**

## SUFFRAGES A

BCP 55

Intercessor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
**People: And grant us thy salvation.**  
Intercessor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
**People: And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
Intercessor: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**People: For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
Intercessor: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
**People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Intercessor: Let thy way be known upon earth;  
**People: Thy saving health among all nations.**  
Intercessor: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Intercessor: Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**People: And sustain us with your Holy Ghost.**

## THE PARISH PRAYERS

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 163

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### THE COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP 58

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING [UNISON]

BCP 58

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**  
**we thine unworthy servants**  
**do give thee most humble and hearty thanks**  
**for all thy goodness and loving-kindness**

to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen

#### A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OFFERTORY

*Morning Has Broken*

arr. M. Ham

*People stand*

DOXOLOGY (SUNG)                    *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*                    (#380, v. 3)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### BENEDICTION

#### BLESSING

#### CLOSING HYMN

#### HOW WONDROUS AND GREAT

#533

- 1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.
  
- 2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,  
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise*, #533 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

## DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

*There Shall be Showers of Blessing*

arr. J. Raney

# St. Mark's Weekly Prayer List

Prayer requests for individuals and families are left on for 4 Sundays unless requested. If you wish for someone to be left on longer, please let the office know at the time you make the request.

**IN OUR ARMED FORCES:** **Patrick** Funkhouser; **Erin** Funkhouser; **Nathan** Bradley; **Mason** Alexander; **Reeve** Alexander; **Jimmy** Brown; **Eric** Burton; **Ali** Taha; **Griffith** Wood; **Logan** Ching; and **First Responders**.

**THANKSGIVING:** For those celebrating birthdays this week:  
**Meggan** Laucher (1/27); **Eric** Laucher (1/30).

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.*

**SEMINARIANS:** Parker Hughes.

## THOSE IN NEED:

<b>Danielle</b> Alexander	<b>Chelsea</b> G. H.	<b>Marie</b> Nganele
<b>Carol</b> Anderson	<b>Chuck</b> Geiger	<b>David</b> Ostrowski
<b>Jason Christian</b> Bayer	<b>Crofton</b> Held	<b>Gary</b> Overbay
<b>The Rev. Sue</b> Bentley	<b>Pat</b> Honts	<b>Janet</b> P.
<b>Cousin Beth</b>	<b>Tommy</b> Hunter	<b>Doug</b> Paysour
<b>John</b> Beverley	<b>Meg</b> Johnson	<b>Roderick</b> Plenge
<b>The Rev. Bob</b> Brodie	<b>Ed</b> Johnston	<b>Sis</b> Proffitt
<b>Kris</b> Browning	<b>Sharon</b> LaVonne Kidwell	<b>Roman</b>
<b>Adam</b> Burkley	<b>Stephanie</b> Keith	<b>Brook</b> Roncinske
<b>Kay</b> Canham	<b>Yvonne</b> Killers	<b>Mario</b> Saade
<b>Gabrielle</b> Clouser	<b>Allen</b> Layman	<b>Savannah</b>
<b>Marla</b> Cook	<b>Helen</b> Madine-Gregory	<b>Sue</b> Spickard
<b>Angela</b> Coon	<b>Si</b> Mandros	<b>Patti</b> Suite
<b>Cora</b>	<b>Darlene</b> Martin	<b>Suzanne</b>
<b>Jacob</b> Crawford	<b>Mary</b>	<b>Mike</b> Thompson
<b>Jeremiah</b> Crawford	<b>Laura</b> Holt McCann	<b>Sherry</b> Vinson
<b>Suzanne</b> Cronise	<b>Ella</b> Mitchell	<b>Virginia</b>
<b>Bryce</b> Dalton	<b>Joe</b> Mix	<b>Krystal</b> Weaver
<b>Connie</b> Diez	<b>Liz</b> Moore	<b>Charlie</b> Webb
<b>Josh</b> diPalma	<b>David</b> Moyer	<b>Jerry</b> Webb
<b>Christine</b> E.	<b>Charley</b> Neil	<b>Gary</b> Welch
<b>Evelyn</b> Edwards	<b>Edward</b> Neil	<b>Chad</b> Whitaker
<b>Claire</b> Ferguson	<b>Matthew</b> Neil	<b>Denise</b> Williamson
<b>Brooke</b> Forney	<b>Penny</b> Neil	<b>Bruce</b> Wilsie
	<b>Judy</b> Newbern	<b>Kim</b> Wyrick

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Lucile Bondurant.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Bondurant and Parish families.

## St. Mark's Prayer Ministries

Willis and Jake are available to talk and pray: call, email or text them.

*We Care Ministry:* A prayer and service ministry for St. Mark's

Contact: Carole Geiger (geiger.caroleb@gmail.com)

Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone (540) 884-2555

## Parish Activities – Week of January 25, 2026

### Sunday, January 25 - The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00am - St. Mark's Annual Meeting

10:00am - Holy Communion, Rite I. BBQ Potluck Lunch after the service!

### Monday, January 26

12:00pm - Bridge Group meets

### Tuesday, January 27

7:00pm - Open AA

### Wednesday, January 28

3:30-6:00pm - BMA Rehearsal

7:30pm - Evening Prayer Rite II on Zoom

### Thursday, January 29

10:00am - Dorcas Needlework Guild

12:05pm - Brown Bag Bible Study

### Friday, January 30

Office Closed

1:00pm - Diocesan Convention. Mandatory Orientation held in the ballroom for all lay delegates, alternates, and clergy in preparation for the bishop election. Registration available Friday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. to allow plenty of time before orientation.

### Saturday, January 31

9:30am - Botetourt Food Pantry

7:00pm - Open AA meeting

Diocesan Convention continues through Feb. 1

### **Serving Us Today**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: THE REV. G. WILLIS LOGAN, JR.

LEM/INTERCESSOR: BRIAN WOOD

2<sup>ND</sup> CHALICE BEARER: WALTER MICHAEL

LECTOR: JAKE WEBB

ACOLYTE: LUKE LAYMAN, MURPHY BOYS

MUSICIAN: ANNA PRESTON

ALTAR GUILD: DELORES WOOD

COUNTERS: MICHELLE COOK, TBD

USHERS: SALLY FIELD, JOHN ALEXANDER

#### **The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector**

Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Jim Johnston, Treasurer

Tommy Hunter, Organist Emeritus      Anna Preston, Music Minister

Allison Caldwell & Ana Uotinen, Children/Youth Ministers

#### **Vestry (Lay Leadership)**

Charlotte Hagan (Senior Warden) \* Phil Coffey (Junior Warden)

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#### **107th Annual Convention & Diocesan Electing Convention**

**January 30-February 1, 2026**

**The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia**

Lay alternates, spouses of delegates/alternates, and guests are encouraged and welcome to attend.

A livestream of the election on Saturday, and Sunday morning worship will be available on the [diocesan YouTube channel](#) as a view-only option for those unable to attend.