

O come all ye faithful...

Holiday Schedule

November 2025 – January 2026

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
stmarksfincastle.org



SUNDAYS AT ST. MARK'S

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES **(9:00am in the Education Room)**

Advent Begins in the Dark

November 30th - Join us as we look at sermons from Fleming Rutledge's book, *Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ*. Rutledge is an Episcopal priest, scholar and terrific preacher. Her advent insights are powerful and help to bring alive this incredible season in our Church.

December 7th - *Advent Begins in the Dark*

December 14th - *Advent Begins in the Dark*

December 21st - *Advent Begins in the Dark*

Adult Education: Christmas

December 28th - *A Christmas Carol*

January 4th - *The Magi*, led by special guest Dr. Eric Vanden Eykel

Adult Education: Epiphany

January 11th - *Steps Toward a Bishop Election*

SUNDAY MORNING HOLY COMMUNION – 10:00am

November 30th - Advent I, Holy Communion, Rite I

December 7th - Advent II, Holy Communion, Rite I // ***Willis preaches at
Glebe Vespers – 4pm***

December 14th - Advent III, Holy Communion, Rite I

December 21st - Advent IV, A Festival of Lessons & Carols, Fincastle,
followed by parish-wide potluck brunch and hanging of the greens!

December 28th - Christmas I, Holy Communion, Rite I – Wear your ugly
Christmas sweater and celebrate baby Jesus!

January 4th - Christmas II, Holy Communion, Rite I

MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 - *Advent Devotions: Visio Divina*
led by Jake Webb & Jenine Culligan at 7:30pm on Zoom only.

**Tuesday, December 9 - *Service of Holy Communion at The Glebe
in Daleville at 11:00am followed by lunch.*** All are welcome.

Thursday, December 4 – Christmas Spectacular – Potluck Lunch and showing of the movie *The Bishop's Wife*. An annual tradition. Bring a dish and enjoy a Christmas Classic.

Thursday, December 11 – Last Brown Bag Bible study of 2025, 12:05, Gospel of John. Note, Brown Bag Bible Study on break until 8 January.

Thursday, December 18 - *Blue Christmas Service of Holy Communion at 11:30am*. The holidays are hard for many of us and this service is a place to bring our laments, struggles and feelings to God. We will pray, read scripture and celebrate Communion.

December 24th – 4pm. *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* of Holy Communion. Service includes children's homily, Communion and *Silent Night*, kneeling by candlelight.

Botetourt Music Academy Events

December 2nd (Tue.) - Tree Lighting Celebration at the Blue Ridge Library at 6:00pm

December 3rd (Wed.) - Christmas Concert at 3:30pm at The Glebe

December 12, 13, 14 (Fri., Sat., Sun.) - The Nutcracker at the Berglund Center ~

Friday, Dec. 12, 7:00pm / Saturday, Dec. 13, 3:00pm / Sunday, Dec. 14, 3:00pm

**ST. MARK'S ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 25TH AT 9:00AM
IN THE SANCTUARY. PARISH BBQ AFTER THE SERVICE.**

December 14th after the service - St. Mark's Staff Brunch

Join us from Meal



to Magi!



A very warm WELCOME to you!

We would LOVE to get to know you better, so please fill out a newcomer card found in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or click on "CONNECTION CARD" on our website home page (stmarksfincastle.org - only 2 pieces of info to fill in!). We hope you will join us each week!

A few notes about Sundays at St. Mark's:

Communion - Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine. You may receive only the bread or the wine if you wish. If you want to come forward and receive a blessing, then please cross your arms as you come to the Communion Rail. Follow the usher's direction about coming to the Altar. Communion is received standing or kneeling. Gluten free bread available.

Offertory - The loose plate offering on the 3rd Sunday of each month is directed to the Rector's discretionary account.

Membership - Looking for a church home? We are looking for you! Willis would love to talk to you about Baptism, Confirmation and joining the church. Note that once you walk through our doors, we consider you a "member"!

Zoom – Currently all our Sunday services, bible studies and meetings are accessible on Zoom.

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The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector

Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Anna Preston, Music Minister

Jim Johnston, Treasurer

Allison Caldwell & Ana Uotinen, Children's Ministers

Sunday Morning

Adult Education (Education Room) 9:00am - 9:50am

Holy Communion Rite I or Morning Prayer at 10:00am

Monthly

Second Tuesday of each month, Holy Communion at The Glebe at 11:00am

Third Thursday of the Month—Holy Communion with Healing Prayers at 11:30am in sanctuary