

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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2013 Vestry

Sr. Warden: Jim Bailes (2014)	Jr. Warden: Karen Ashworth (2014)
Treasurer: Eric Bryda (2013)	Clerk: Michael Foughty (2015)
Outreach: Karen Ashworth (2014)	Communication/Worship: Michael Parris (2013)
Planning: David Boyd (2015)	Finance: Ann Sparks (2013)
Adult Ed.: Russell Bradley (2015)	Children's Ed.: Mary Jane Stockstill (2013)
Newcomers: Nihal Masih (2015)	Stewardship: Doug Varner (2014)
Fellowship/Pastoral Care: Linda Williams (2014)	

This Sunday's Schedule

December 22, 2013

<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:00 A.M.</u>
	Christmas Pageant

LEM	Kathy Caldwell	N/A
Lectors	Jackie Cerio	N/A
Intercessors	Barbara Scott	N/A
Acolytes	Pat Hoppe	Michael Parris Tyler Chui Kate Larson Danica Plihczik
Altar Guild	Pat Drabick	Sara Dillich Ann Sparks
Greeter		Dick & Mary Stockstill
Ushers		Wally Tienken Eulie Campbell
Flower Guild		Dec. 21 – All Guild
Tellers	Sara Dillich Bill Mendez	
Sunday Sch. Asst.		No Sunday School
Vestry Person	Mike Foughty	Mike Foughty

Next Sunday's Schedule

December 29, 2013

<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:00 A.M.</u>
	Lessons & Carols

LEM	Barbara Scott	N/A
Lectors	Pat Hoppe	N/A
Intercessors	Jackie Cerio	N/A
Acolytes	Ann Sparks	N/A
Altar Guild	Pat Hoppe	Ben Miles Will Miles Andrew Alonzo
Greeters		Pat Hoppe Barbara Scott
Ushers		Wally & Terry Tienken Emily Davis Kingsley Davis
Flower Guild	Sidoux Mitchell Linda Williams	
Tellers	Dave Powers Eunice Johnson	
Sunday Sch. Asst.		No Sunday School
Vestry Person	Ann Sparks	Ann Sparks

The Diocese of Virginia - The Rt. Rev. Shannon S Johnston, Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Suffragan Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop
Ministers of St. Mark's – Every Member
Rector – The Rev. John Weatherly
Associate Rector – The Rev. Meredith Heffner
Priest Associate – Rev. Dr. Cherian Pulimootil
Vicar of San Marcos – The Rev. Natividad Menjivar
Seminarian – Daniel Stroud
The Rev. Churchill J. Gibson, Jr., 1931 – 2008
Music Director/Organist – Tatiana Andronikova
Parish Administrator – Emily Cole ♦ Sexton – Francisco Robles ♦ Accountant – Mike Morgan

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Pageant (10:00 a.m.)

December 22, 2013

We warmly welcome those who worship with us today

Prelude

Processional Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal #56

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: Today we light four candles, adding the candle of love to the candles of hope, peace and joy. This Fourth Sunday of Advent, we look forward to Christmas and God's ultimate gift of love given in the birth of His son.

All four candles are lighted.

Celebrant: Let us pray: Almighty God, grant that the solemn feast of our redemption which is now at hand, may help us both in this present life, and further us towards the attaining of eternal joy in everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Opening Sentence

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Prayer

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Nativity Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing of the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. As we kneel before you - shepherds, innkeepers, wise men - help us to stand to greet your son with joy. Amen.

Welcome and Meditation

The Rev. Meredith Heffner

Hymnal #66 (Vs. 1-2)

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Congregation

The story foretold

Hymnal #265 (Vs. 1-3)

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Congregation

The Angel Gabriel visits Mary

Anthem

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

sung by Eric, Maddie and Megan Murchie-Beyma and Susan Byers

Jesus is born

Hymnal #101 (Vs. 102)

Away in a Manger

Congregation

An Angel visits the shepherds (During Hymn 96 please bring your hymnals, put on your coats and follow the angels outside to the stable.)

Hymnal #96

Angels We Have Heard on High

Congregation

The visit of the three kings (During this time, the ushers will pass baskets to collect our offering.)

Hymnal #128

We Three Kings

Congregation

The Collect of the Day

(from the insert)

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, receive the prayers of thanksgiving and petition which we offer before you with these words, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: And now let us also pray the prayer the Lord has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Intercessor: O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O Lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

The Peace

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Announcements

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

Hymnal #100

(Process into coffee hour.)

A special thanks to our Vestry, lay leaders, and children for taking part in our Pageant. Thanks also to our Sunday School teachers for their help with costumes and crowd control. We'd also like to thank Party Animalz Farm in Brogue, Pennsylvania for bringing their animals to be part of our service.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our Parish Hall following the service.

Remember to wear your name tags!