

Welcome

Prelude

Let us confess our sin

Absolution

Hymn LBW 22 The Advent of our God vs. 1-2, 5-6

(we are seated)

The first Sunday of Advent: Candle of Hope.

Lighting the First Candle of Advent while singing:

Hymn 254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Children's Time

Hymn 253 vs. 1-2 *(substitute vs.2 word "light" with "hope")*

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

Hymn 436 Wake Awake for Night is Flying

Nicene Creed

(please be seated)

Offering

Offertory - *What a Day That Will Be*

Prayers of Intercession

(please stand)

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Communion

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Hymn 253 He Came Down

Postlude



Today

No Kids Connect— enjoy service with your family!

+9:30am CONNECT for adults

+9:30am Advent wreath making

+11:45 Instrumental rehearsal

Welcome Thanksgiving turkeys and Black Friday shoppers and Giving Tuesday stewards! Happy New Year! A new church year begins today! **Matthew is our primary gospel text for the next 12 months.** We start, not with a birth story, but with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Thank you for waking up this morning, *"putting on the Lord Jesus Christ,"* and allowing the Spirit to help lead you worship at St. Mark's. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* (Romans 15:13)

Prayer Concerns

Shepherd of the Week: Liz McNabb

St. Mark's Members: Lorri Monterose, Pauline Biggs, Sharon Gombotz, Bob Anderson, Mike Carter, Ruth Ann Swart, Peter Cuocolo, Pauline Biggs, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

St. Mark's Friends & Family: Wendy Phillips (friend of Nina Keck), Tommy Barone (brother of Charlie Barone), Sandy Monterose (Tommy's sister), Luz Ortiz (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Adam Mann (son-in-law of Saleebys), Wes and Judy Koch (friends of the Hokes), Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), Cindy Munsey Hall (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Glen Bannister (Sharon Roy's brother-in-law), Betty Lowe, Sue Wilson (Michelle Corbett's mother), Bleier family, Sandra Davis, Rick Barger (friend of Kathy Jo McLean), Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Ronnie & kids, Emma (15- Hodgkins Lymphoma), Keith LaPrelle (nephew of Karen Pettit), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), James Nicholson (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Steve Belton (brother of Malinda Little), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Anne Monterosso (fiancé of Colin Davis), Marty Rink (friend of the Van Horns), Carol Masters (friend of Liz Whitlow), Pastor David Gerber (Diana Cosme Avery's stepfather), Clark "Tiger" LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin), Ian Russell

St Mark's Military Members: Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman, BK & Laura Barringer's great-grandson- Christopher Barringer.

Condolence: We extend our Christian Sympathy to: the family of Barbara Barteau at the death of her mother Joan; the family of Cliff Hucks at the death of his mother, Martha Hucks; Phyllis Witherspoon and family at the death of Floyd Witherspoon; the family of Robert "Bob" Klepfer at his death.

NEWS & EVENTS

Next Sunday, December 7

- + 7:30am LMM Breakfast
- + 8:30am Worship
- + 9:30am CONNECT groups for all ages in the FLC; Adult 1 in the conference room
- + 9:45am SERVE (4th-6th)
- + 10:30am **Christmas Pageant** (livestreamed)
- + 11:45 Instrumental rehearsal

Sunday, December 14

One service at 10am

- + 10am **Christmas Cantata** (livestreamed)
- + 3:30 LKN Big Band Concert
- + 5pm Advent Dinner

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday

- 5:30pm Dinner & Devotions
- 6pm Handbell rehearsal
- 7pm Adult Choir

Saturday

Serve Our Seniors day

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Online Time &
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Angel Tree— Community Ministries thanks all who have taken an angel to bless a special child this Christmas! We are serving local 35 children from 15 different families. There are still a few angels available (instruction sheets are on the table beside the tree, located in the Narthex). We request that all gifts be returned and placed under the tree *by the end of the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 7th.*

ENJOY (*Empty Nester's Just Older Youth*) Meet up *Friday, December 19 at 6:00pm at the corner of Broad Street and West Moore Street in front of Mooresville Ice Cream Shop* to participate in the Mistletoe Sip and Shop in downtown Mooresville. We will stroll and enjoy the shops and businesses open houses, store specials, and soak up the holiday season from 6 to 8pm. Contact Kristie Ward with any questions at 704-807-6155 or rkward93@yahoo.com

Serving Our Seniors on *December 6, 2025*. If you need assistance with raking leaves, light household projects, and checking detectors, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office. If you can help on the work day, contact Colin 704-650-1451 or cvdavis02@gmail.com.

YOUTH LOCK-IN for 6th-12th Graders. *December 5th - 6th* in the Hickory area. If interested, text/call Jessica F. at (828) 514-9248.

LYO Assembly 2026: *Keeping Up with the Lutherans: The Church Has Left the Building, February 27–March 1, 2026* in Greensboro. Middle & high schoolers are invited to a weekend of worship, service, and fun exploring how we live our faith beyond the walls of the church. For more information contact Pastor Dave.

Christmas Cantata on *Sunday, December 14 at 10:00am* in the sanctuary (one worship service).

LKN Big Band Christmas Show & Advent Dinner *Sunday, December 14*. Concert in the Sanctuary at 3:30pm followed by potluck dinner in the FLC. Please bring a dish to share with at least 8 servings.

Food for Days November item of the month: Fruit & Applesauce cups. Donations can be dropped in the bin near the office hall.

Wednesday Potluck and Worship on *December 3, 10, and 17 in the FLC*. 5:30pm Soup/potluck dinner; 6:15pm Worship with Holden Evening Prayer

Preschool Registration for 2026-27 is open for church families. To register before the public please contact Stephanie Mattingly at 704-609-6244 or mattinglysk920@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Ladies Lunch Bunch— not meeting in December.

Beer & Bible *Thursday, December 11 at 7:00pm at On Tap* on Main Street with Pastor Dave.

Christmas Eve services

4:00pm Children's service

7:30pm Communion & Candlelight traditional service with pre-service music beginning at 7:15pm

10:00pm Carols, Communion, & Candlelight

Thank you for your support of the Count Me IN campaign. As of Sunday, Nov. 16, we have received 69 pledges and 64 time and talent forms. We always welcome more engagement! Pledge cards and time and talent forms are available in the narthex, or use the QR codes to the left to complete online.