

Welcome

Prelude: Handbells: What Child is this arr. Guebert

*(we remain seated until the first hymn)*

In the name of God the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*(we stand)*

Hymn 257 O Come, O come Emmanuel with Handbells

Prayer of the Day

*(we are seated)*

Lighting of Advent Wreath's Candle of Joy

Choir Anthem Come Now, O Prince of Peace arr. J. Bankson

A reading from Genesis 22:15-18

Hymn 435 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (Helmsey) with Brass

A reading from Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Hymn 249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry with Brass

Choir Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter

A reading from Luke 1:26-35, 38

Choir Anthem: The Angel Gabriel

A reading from Luke 2: 1, 3-7

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A reading from Luke 2: 8-16 (Shepherds)

Offering and Anthem: How Far is it to Bethlehem arr. M Ijames

*(We stand)*

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken)*

Hymn 270: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*(please be seated)*

Postlude The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy arr. S. Pethel

Benediction

Go in peace. The LORD is near.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Today

+ 3:30 Lake Norman Big Band Christmas Concert

+ 5pm Advent Dinner



*The flowers on the altar  
are given to the glory of  
God in celebration of  
the coming of our  
Savior and in honor  
of the birthdays of my  
sister, Linda, and niece,  
Savanna, by  
Lisa Locklin.*

Welcome! Thank you for your presence as we continue preparing hearts and homes for Christ, the "Prince of Peace" to enter in; and as we continue to pray "Come, Lord Jesus" and "O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel."

Shepherd of the Week: Susan Suther

### Prayer Concerns

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

*St. Mark's Friends & Family:* David Whitlow (son of Liz W), Wendy Phillips (friend of Nina Keck), 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.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### **Sunday, December 21**

*No children connect*

+8:30am Worship

+9:30am CONNECT for adults

+10:30am Worship (livestream)

### **Sunday, December 28**

*No children connect; One service at 10*

+10am Worship with Lessons & Carols (livestreamed)

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

#### *Wednesday*

5:30pm Dinner & Devotions

6pm Handbell rehearsal

7pm Adult Choir

#### *Thursday*

12pm Fellowship Group

#### *Friday*

6pm Empty Nesters/JOY

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**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](mailto:rkward93@yahoo.com)

**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.

### **LKN Big Band Christmas Show & Advent Dinner Today.**

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** December item of the month: Vienna sausages. Donations can be dropped in the bin near the office hall.

### **Wednesday Potluck and Worship on December 10 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](mailto:mattinglysk920@gmail.com) to secure your spot.

### **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

**Free Christmas Cards** Hands On has received wonderful donations of Christmas cards that can be found in the FLC and Narthex. All cards are free to church members to bless others and brighten someone's holiday! In addition, we will continue to create hand-made cards this season. If you have an interest in making cards or donating supplies, please reach out to Pam Core at 704-340-7883 [pjcore@gmail.com](mailto:pjcore@gmail.com) or come join us on Tuesdays at 12:30pm!

**Break Room** If you need to step out of service for a moment away, you are welcome to visit the break room. Follow the signs to the room towards the back of the building.