

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

(Established 1836)
Flat Rock, North Carolina

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 & 11:00 am

Prelude: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Mark Sedio

Processional Hymn: No. 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Acclamation and Response

Book of Common Prayer, page 319

Summary of the Law

BCP, page 319

Confession of Sin

BCP, page 320

Kyrie

KYRIE ELEISON, THREEFOLD **H. WILLAN, 1928**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, . . have mer - cy up - on us.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

See Insert

Welcome and Announcements

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

See Insert

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

See Insert

Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

See Insert

Gradual Hymn: No. 54 Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

See Insert

The Sermon

Fr. Bill McCleery

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP, page 328

Hymn No. 717, vs. 4

America

The Exchange of Peace

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music: 8:45 Savior of the Nations, Come!
11:00 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Paul Manz
Robert Powell

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

text by
Ronald Palmer

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin Mother undefiled.
Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest Mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit; Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints the song ascends,
and the Church the strain reechoes unto earth's remotest end.

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow	Old 100th
Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP, page 340
Sanctus	BCP, page 341 or Hymnal, S-114
Prayer of Consecration	BCP, page 342
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, page 336
Agnus Dei	BCP, page 337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP, page 337

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. With whom will you share this communion?

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

Post Communion Prayer BCP, page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: No. 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel Veni, veni, Emmanuel
vs. 4-8

Postlude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Alec Wyton

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers particular intercessions and thanksgivings to God. Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People. As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Vanessa Wittman, Ernie, Paula, Pat Haire, Carol Hawbaker, Erica, Joanne Adams, Nancy King, Nancy VonHolle, Steve Williams, Tom Joiner, Lucas, Marcus Rector, Mary McCarty, Lois Johnson, Jack Creson, Mia, Elaine Howe, JoAnn Ebbs, Jan Knapp, Frank Oliveaux, Phillip Haire, E.R. Haire, Jr., David Kinsey, Lori Kristen Raines, and Jeff.

TO OUR VISITORS! We welcome all who have been baptized with water, in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to share the Eucharist. We are all called upon to repent of our sins, to be in love and charity with all people, and to approach the Holy Communion as an expression of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ to nurture and strengthen our lives. But, above all, we invite you to return to worship with us. Please complete the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate so we may more properly welcome you.

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO OUR CHURCH

	December 22, 2019		December 29, 2019	
	8:45	11:00*	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers/Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Petersen		Albert Gooch	Marti Smith
Intercessor/Intinctionist	Dick Zecher		Ann Stringfield	Alex Hagerty
Acolytes	Betsy Tibbs		Elaine Howe	John Ogletree
Ushers	Greg Newbold		John Knapp	John Hayes
	Michael Jeffery		Tom Deyerle	John Bell
Greeters	Dina Larsen		Lynne Miller	Terry Enslen
	Jeff Gunter		Judy Petersen	Sandy Gulbrandsen
Cart Driver	Tom Bullard	Tom Savage	Joe Giltner	Chris Kanipe
Eucharistic Visitors	Arnold Smith, Joe Kovaz		Dick Zecher, Margaret Barker	
Altar Guild	Kathy Newbold, Legaré Head, Joanie Covell, Gibson Sims, Sharon Johnston, Candace Lewis, Beth Melton		Beth Melton, Brenda Hillyer, Marti Smith, Judy Bevan	
Opening Gatekeeper	Albert Gooch		Albert Gooch	
Closing Gatekeeper	Greg Newbold		Greg Newbold	
Flower Guild	Flower Guild		Flower Guild	

***Today's Youth Servers:** *Lay Reader* – Isabel Shiro; *Intercessor* – Mary Shelton; *Intinctionist* – MacKenzie Savage; *Acolyte* – Julianna Savage; *Torch Bearers* – Jasmine Pharr, Danielle Pharr; *Ushers* – Mia Schiro, Lane Melton; *Greeters* – Ben Geiser, Bella Geiser; *Angels* – Laura Shelton, Jade Ogletree

Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Servers: *Lay Readers* – Sandra Jeffery, Susan MacDonald; *Acolyte* – MacKenzie Savage; *Torch Bearers* – Julianna Savage, Mary Shelton; *Ushers* – Tom Savage, Lynn Savage; *Cart Driver* – Steve Hutcherson; *Altar Guild* – Sandra & Michael Jeffery, Cathryn Harrell

Christmas Eve 10:30 pm Servers: *Lay Readers* – Joe Kovaz, Bill Taylor; *Acolyte* – Betsy Tibbs; *Ushers* – Karen Conley, Greg Newbold, David Christenbury; *Cart Driver* – Mike Covell; *Altar Guild* – Kathy Newbold, Candace Lewis, Cindy & Michael Shannon

Christmas Day Servers: *Lay Readers* – Robin Howe, Mike Covell; *Acolyte* – Susan Rex; *Ushers* – Clint Adams, Bettie Orr; *Cart Driver* – Nancy Cooper; *Altar Guild* – Robin Howe, Vickie Taylor

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

TODAY 12/22	8:45 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School: The Bible as a Lamp (L) Mike Covell
	10:00 am	Youth Rehearsal (PH)
	11:00 am	Youth-Led Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	5:00 pm	Advent Lecture Series (WR)
MONDAY 12/23	7:30 am	AA/Early Birds (L)
	9:00 am	AA/Sober Sisters (L)
	6:45 pm	AA/Newcomers (WR)
TUESDAY 12/24		Office Closed
Christmas Eve	7:30 am	AA/Early Birds (L)
	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist
	6:45 pm	AA Men's Group (LCR)
	10:30 pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist
WEDNESDAY 12/25		Office Closed
Christmas Day	7:30 am	AA/Early Birds (L)
	10:00 am	Christmas Eucharist
THURSDAY 12/26		Office Closed
	7:30 am	AA/Early Birds (L)
	7:00 pm	AA/Spiritual Awakening (LCR)
FRIDAY 12/27		Office Closed
	7:30 am	AA/Early Birds (L)
	8:45 am	Backpack Group (Hubba Hubba Smokehouse)
SATURDAY 12/28	7:30 am	AA/Early Birds (L)
NEXT SUNDAY 12/29	8:45 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children and teens (Ed. Bldg.) Adults: Th Bible as a Two-Edged Sword (L) Fr. Bill
	11:00 am	Christmas Lessons and Carols with Eucharist

Restroom available – See an usher.

Key: PH – Parish Hall (across the road)

WR – Wilderness Room

UCR/LCR – Upper/Lower Conference Room in Parish House

L – Library in Parish House

Ed. Bldg. – Education Building behind the Parish House

Prayer List Reminder: Just a reminder that the Sunday and Wednesday prayer lists will be updated at the end of December. On Sunday, January 5, and Wednesday, January 8, the lists will be comprised of only the names that were submitted to Leslie since December 1.

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope in today's bulletin, insert your donation, and put it in the plate today. As the church office is closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1, this will be your only opportunity to have your donation recognized in the Christmas Eve and Christmas bulletins. **Please print clearly the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to remember.**

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Website: www.stjohnflatrock.org

Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00am

Children's Sunday School: 10:00am (during school year only) / Adult Sunday School: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Wednesdays 10:30am in the Parish Hall Office Hours- 8:30am-3:30pm M-F

In case of pastoral emergencies:

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The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin, Bishop

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VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden: Carol Rector

Junior Warden: Jerry Tanner

2019

Jodi Sundeen

Jim Olson

Margaret Barker

Debby Staton

2020

Susan MacDonald

Greg Newbold

Carol Rector

Michael Shannon

2021

Jerry Tanner

Cynthia Easterling

Janet Johnson

Shelley Schiro

PARISH OFFICERS

Jodi Sundeen, Treasurer
Kathryn Deyerle, Clerk of the
Vestry

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Robin Howe

By Laws, Canons & Insurance: Jim Olson

Christian Formation: Mary Anne Inglis

Communications & Publicity: Joey Popp

Finance: Jodi Sundeen

Historic Churchyard Committee: Ken Jones

New Member Ministry: Brenda Hillyer, Judy Petersen

Outreach: Tom Deyerle

Personnel: Margaret Barker

Stewardship: Michael Shannon, Candace Lewis

OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Acolytes: Lynn Savage

Altar Guild: Sandra Jeffery, Marti Smith

Chefs of St. John: Jim Vint

Churchyard Trustees: Pete Petersen

Docents: Albert Gooch

Endowment Trustees: Tom Griswold

Episcopal Church Women (ECW): Kathy Newbold

Eucharistic Visitors: Dick Zecher

Flower Guild: Bay Chamberlain

Flower Memorials: Gaston Motes

Funeral Reception Ministry: Brenda Hillyer

Garden Guild: Jerry & Jan Tanner

Gatekeepers: Albert Gooch, Dick Zecher

Greeters: Betsy Tibbs

Heritage, Archives & Gift Committee: John Barker

Lay Readers: Susan MacDonald

Meal Ministry: Kathy Newbold

Needle Work Ministry: Judy Petersen

Newsletter Editor: Leslie Stott

Ushers: Tom Deyerle, John Bell

Wedding Coordinator: Elaine Howe