



# Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

Seek God. Love one another. Serve Others.



The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017 | 10am

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

## ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Pursue and recognize heaven on earth  
through relationship with God and service to others and one another.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY.** We are glad you are here! All that you need to participate in our worship service can be found in this worship booklet and in the blue hymnal (*The Hymnal 1982*) found in front of you in the pew. The worship booklet indicates which numbers to turn to in the blue hymnal when it is time to sing a hymn. All the other prayers and songs you will need are found in the worship booklet. Please follow along and join with us as you are able, and feel free to ask us questions about the service afterwards.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND THANKSGIVING:** Members of the Healing Ministry will be in the South Transept (near the large image of the Blessed Virgin Mary) to offer prayers of healing or thanksgiving with you after you have received Communion. You can receive healing prayer standing or kneeling.

**TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN MAY WE SUGGEST:** *Relax.* God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it here. *Even if your children do not take advantage of the soft space, sit toward the front:* children will be more attentive when they can see what is going on. *Explain the parts of the service,* and help your child follow along with the printed parts of the service and the hymns. *Sing, pray, and respond.* Your child will learn by copying you. *If you need to remove your child from worship,* please do so, but please come back. You are welcome to walk your baby about in the narthex (entryway) or Grauer Lounge, (a speaker is available there so you can still hear the service) if need be.

**Nursery:** A nursery is available from Aug 13<sup>th</sup>-May 20<sup>th</sup> On Sundays from 9:30am-11am for children up to age 3.

**Children's Formation Age 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade | 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays September-May** We gather in the Grauer Lounge at 9:30am. We then go to our two different programs from 9:45am-10:30am. Ages 3 through 6 attend our atrium. Grades 2 through 5 meet in our classroom.

**Youth Groups (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade) | September-May | | Middle School Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) | | Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. It consists of food, discussions, teachings, games, and fellowship. **High School Youth Group (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)** generally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. It includes food, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.**

**ALL Y'ALL SUNDAYS |** On All Y'all Sundays, the third Sunday of each month, the children are invited to join us in the back of the church prior to the service and process into church with us. They may sit on the floor in front of the altar with our adult leader for the first part of the service. They depart with the adult leader after the Gospel reading for an age-appropriate exploration of the day's Scriptures and prayers, returning to worship in time for communion. Nursery is also available for small children on All Y'all Sundays.

**Holy Eucharist**  
**December 10, 2017**

*Presider: The Rev. Patrick J. Skutch ~ Preacher: The Rev. James L. Risk III*  
*Guest Musician: Jackie Totsch*

**Prelude**

*All stand, as able, at the ringing of the tower bells, and join in the singing of the Entrance Hymn*

**Procession into Worship**

Blue Hymnal ~ 76

*Winchester New*

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Presider:* Blessed are you, holy and living One

*Assembly:* ***You come to your people and set them free***

**The Collect for Purity**

*Presider:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*Assembly:* ***Amen.***

*The Kyrie begins on the next page →*

# Kyrie

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have

This system contains the first two lines of music. The top line is a vocal line in 4/4 time, with lyrics "Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have". The bottom line is a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, featuring chords and moving bass lines.

This system shows the piano accompaniment for the first system, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

**Fine**  
mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,

This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The top line is a vocal line with lyrics "mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,". It includes a fermata over the word "mercy" and a triplet of eighth notes. The bottom line is the piano accompaniment, also featuring a triplet of eighth notes.

**Fine**

This system shows the piano accompaniment for the second system, including a fermata and a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

*Continued on next page →*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Christ have mercy". It consists of three systems of staves. The top system contains the vocal melody in treble clef with lyrics "Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy." and a "D.C." (Da Capo) instruction. The middle system contains the vocal bass line. The bottom system contains the piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The music features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. There are two measures of a triplet in both the vocal and piano parts. The piano accompaniment includes chords and a steady bass line.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* ***And also with you.***

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day and the Assembly responds:*

*Presider:* Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Assembly:* ***Amen.***

## The First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God**

*A period of silence is kept*

## Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Organ:                      Everyone:

Show us your mer-cy, O Lord, and grant us your sal - va-tion.

From the *Ionian Psalter*

©1987 by IONIAN ARTS, INC. – All Rights Reserved

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. (*ref.*)

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. (*ref.*)

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. (*ref.*)

## The Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God**

*A period of silence is kept*

*All stand, as able, for the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*All are invited to sing the Alleluia, first following the choir and then after the verse.*

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le -

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! (hum)

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, © 1982, 1983, 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLecmsse.net #A-704768.

Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ***

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## The Sermon

*The Rev. James L. Risk III*

*Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher*

*All stand, as able, for the Creed*

## The Creed



1. We believe in God al-might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,  
2. We believe that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
3. We believe in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-in

Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for-give - ness frees from sin;

We be-lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion for the break - ing of death's chain

of the Spir - it, and of Ma - ry, born to bring a - bun-dant life.  
then as-cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

*Leader:* Emmanuel, God with us, ransom of mourning exiles, we wait with eager longing for you to come among us, and so we pray:

*Assembly:* ***Prepare us, O Lord.***

*Leader:* Wisdom from on high, we ask that you fill Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey, our Bishop, and all the clergy and people, with the wisdom of the just, that your whole Church may be faithful stewards of your mysteries for the welfare of the world, and so we pray:

*Assembly:* ***Prepare us, O Lord.***

*Leader:* Lord of might, we ask that you guide the leaders of all nations and communities, especially Donald, our President; and Bruce our Governor;

*Assembly:* ***Prepare us, O Lord.***

*Leader:* Branch of Jesse's tree, we ask that you grant that whoever seeks you may find the refuge you offer, and that we learn from you the hospitality that welcomes all into your fellowship, and so we pray:

*Assembly:* ***Prepare us, O Lord.***

*Leader:* Dayspring from on high, draw near and cheer the hearts of the sick and the suffering, the frail and the dying, the lost and the lonely, the imprisoned and victims of violence, the poor, the homeless, and the hungry, especially those we name now:

***If your bulletin has a name written in the blank below, please speak it aloud now. Please also speak aloud the names of others in need of prayer.***

---

*Leader:* We ask that you strengthen us to perceive their needs and minister to them in the name of your love, and so we pray:

*Assembly:* ***Prepare us, O Lord.***

*Leader:* Key of David, open your heavenly home to all who have gone before us through the gate of death, especially those we name now:

***If your bulletin has a name written in the blank below, please speak it aloud now. Please also speak aloud the names of others in need of prayer.***

---

*Leader:* We ask that you grant them peace as you comfort those who mourn, especially in this time of joyful anticipation, and so we pray:

*Assembly:* ***Prepare us, O Lord.***

*Leader:* Desire of nations, King of Peace, thank you for all the blessings of this life, for this season of preparation, for those who love us and mirror your love, for all who have the courage to bring peace into a world filled with conflict, for the work of all who help those in particular need, and any other blessings we now name:

***All are invited to speak aloud the blessings for which we give thanks this day.***

We ask that you give us grateful hearts that we may live generous lives, and so we pray:

*Assembly:* ***Prepare us, O Lord.***

***The Presider adds a concluding Collect.***

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Deacon:* Most merciful God,

*Assembly:* ***we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Assembly:* ***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly:* ***And also with you.***

*The Ministers and People greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

*The Presider begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture*

*Please be seated for the Offertory Music*

### **Offertory Anthem**

Come Jesus, Holy Child

*Treble Choir*

Healy Willan

*All stand, as able, for the Presentation Hymn and Great Thanksgiving. During the Presentation Hymn, representatives of the Assembly bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider, and the Altar is prepared for the Great Thanksgiving.*

### **The Presentation**

Blue Hymnal ~ 67

*Psalm 42*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you

*Assembly:* ***And also with you***

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts

*Assembly:* ***We lift them to the Lord***

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*Assembly:* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise***

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Sanctus begins on the next page →*

Sanctus

*Eucharist of the Soul*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might,

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san-na in the

*Music continued on next page →*

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."<sup>4</sup>

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Assembly:* ***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*Presider:* We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

*Presider:* By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*Assembly:* ***Amen.***

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Assembly:* ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.***

# The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then is sung or said:*

Musical score for the first system, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of three phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. Both staves conclude with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

Musical score for the second system. It begins with a vocal line labeled "Leader" singing "Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed\_ for us;". The piano accompaniment features sustained chords in both hands, with the label "(organ)" below the bass staff. A vocal line labeled "Response" enters with the lyrics "There-fore let\_ us\_ keep the".

Musical score for the third system. It begins with a vocal line labeled "Leader" singing "Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed\_ for us;". The piano accompaniment features sustained chords in both hands, with the label "(organ)" below the bass staff. A vocal line labeled "feast." follows.

*Music continues on next page →*

*Leader*

Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-

*Response*

There - fore let... us... keep the feast. *(organ)*

*D.C.*

ficed\_ for us;

*Response*

There - fore let... us... keep the feast. *D.C.*

*Please be seated until the Communion Procession begins*

*All who gather in this sacred place are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. You may come forward to the table in procession with the assembly. To receive the bread, you may hold your hands forward toward a member of the clergy. To receive the wine, you may help to guide the cup to your mouth or dip the bread in the cup. Grape juice is also available at the outside communion stations. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, you may approach a member of the clergy with arms crossed over your chest.*

## Communion Music

We Shall Prepare

*Treble Choir*

Janet Vogt

*All stand, as able, for the Postcommunion Prayer*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer**

from *Enriching Our Worship*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Assembly:* ***God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

*Please be seated*

## **The Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*All stand, as able*

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Presider pronounces the Blessing and the Assembly responds:*

*Assembly:* ***Amen***

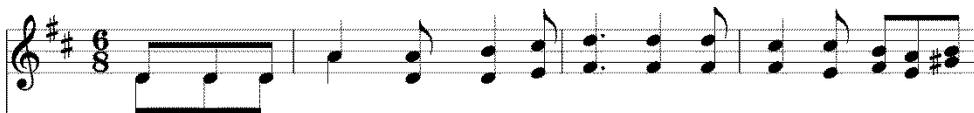
*The Deacon dismisses the Assembly and the Assembly responds:*

*Assembly:* ***Thanks be to God.***

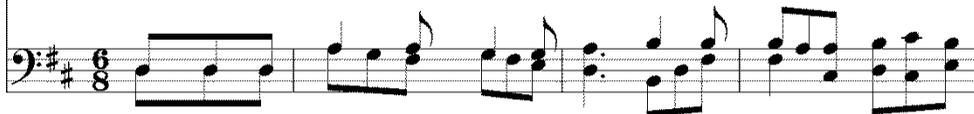
# Procession into Mission

WLP ~ 724

*Besaçon Carol*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



*The Assembly goes forth for service in the world*

## **Postlude**

Music is reprinted by permission of OneLicense.net # A-704449 and CCLI License # 11265127. Bulletin cover image, Ford Madox Brown "Jesus Washing Peter's Feet" 1852

## **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

### **CHRISTMAS BASKET UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Revive Center Christmas Basket program. On Tuesday, 80 boxes were picked up representing 38 families served by St. Mary's generous parishioners! Thank you also to Judy Druschitz and Pete Donovan for helping load the boxes in the truck. ....Judy Donovan

**A MEMORIAL MASS WILL BE HELD FOR KATHY MEYER** on the 1st anniversary of her death on **December 14 at 7:00 pm** in the Chapel. A reception will follow in Grauer Lounge. All are invited.

**IN MEMORIAM:** For All the Departed

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** James Harbert, Debbie Whamond, Charles Bliss, Elliot Bliss, Alexander Heyde

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Richard Spsychalski and Barbara Versino

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**TODAY! SECOND SUNDAY SACK LUNCHES** ~ Following the 10am service, join us in the auditorium to make lunches for hungry people! If you are able to donate for next months event , please email [dawnsteffen@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnsteffen@yahoo.com)

**TODAY! CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE 2017** ~ Following the 10 am service, join us in the auditorium for an array of cookies!

**TODAY! CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** ~ Please join us for the Christmas Pageant TODAY at 3 pm in the Auditorium.

### **ST MARY'S WOMEN'S RETREAT: SIGN UP NOW!**

**WHEN & WHERE:** February 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> at Techny Conference and Retreat Center Ladies, join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual discovery! The Rev. Debra Bullock, Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Evanston, will help us to explore this year's theme, "Discovering Your Spiritual Self...Relax, It's Already Fine!" Through discussion, bible study, introspection, and service, we plan to grow together in faith and friendship. Space is on a **first-come, first-served** basis, and there are only a limited number of spaces available. The cost is \$180.00 for a single room and \$161.00 for a double. Checks should be made payable to, "St. Mary's Episcopal Church", with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the church office and must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Sally Manning for more information ([sally@nwbenefit.com](mailto:sally@nwbenefit.com)).

## Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10** | Second Sunday of Advent  
Worship at 8 and 10 am  
*\*3:00 pm Christmas Pageant*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17** | Third Sunday of Advent  
Worship at 8 and 10am

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24** | Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Worship at 10am

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24** | Christmas Eve  
5:00pm Festival Celebration of the Christ Mass with the Gospel Choir  
9:30pm Congregational Christmas Caroling and Prelude Music  
10:00pm Festival Celebration of the Christ Mass with the Parish Choir

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25** | Christmas Day  
10am Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols and Organ Music

## **TODAY'S SERVICE MINISTERS**

**Welcome Team:** Daisy Bowe, Nicole Mascheri

**Ushers:** Mark Barrett, Jim and Trish Morris

**Thank you** to all of our Readers, Acolytes and Chalice Bearers

**Altar Guild:** (Dec 4 – Dec 10) Karen Reid, Sally Dixon, Desta Elliott, Trish Morris

**Bulletin Printing Staff:** Judy Donovan, Dava Kondiles, Carol Johnson  
Daisy Bowe

### ***St. Mary's Episcopal Church***

306 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Phone: 847-823-4126

Email: [parishadmin@stmaryspr.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmaryspr.org)

Website: [www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org)

#### **Contact a Staff Member**

The Rev. Patrick J. Skutch, *Rector* [patrickskutch@stmaryspr.org](mailto:patrickskutch@stmaryspr.org)

Christina Rompon, *Parish Administrator*, [parishadmin@stmaryspr.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmaryspr.org)

Zach Dyrda, *Associate for Youth and Children's Formation* [zachdyrda@stmaryspr.org](mailto:zachdyrda@stmaryspr.org)

The Rev. David E. Grauer, *Deacon*, [dgrauerdds@aol.com](mailto:dgrauerdds@aol.com)

Sarah Sippl, *Director of Music*, [music@stmaryspr.org](mailto:music@stmaryspr.org)

Jim Morris, *Facilities and Space Rental*, [jim@stmaryspr.org](mailto:jim@stmaryspr.org)

#### **Affiliated Clergy**

The Rev. James L. Risk III

The Rev. Belinda Chandler