

The First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024 Rite 2 Year C

Thank you for joining us in worship. We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220 804-358-4771 stmarksrva.org Advent is a strange, contemplative season to be grasped in the language of silence and poetry. It is a time to remember that what we long for and desire has already come and yet is to come in its fullness; a time to remember that we in our day are to be like Mary, to consent to cooperate with God so that God might complete what God began long ago.

---John Westerhoff

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

(1) The Liturgy of the Word

- The Gathering Rite

- The Lessons & Sermon

- The Creed

- The Intercessions and Confession

- The Peace

(2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

- The Offertory

- The Eucharistic Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

- The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread

- Holy Communion

- The Post-Communion Prayer

- Blessing and Dismissal

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

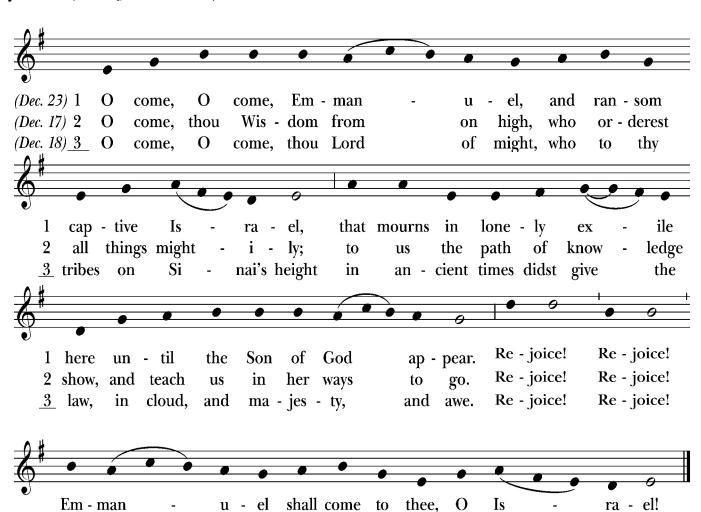
A Word of Welcome

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Hymn 56 (1982 Hymnal Blue Book)

O come, o come Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



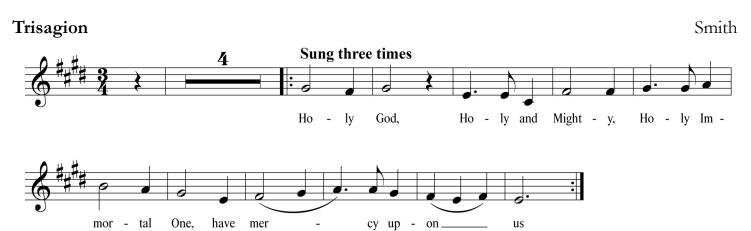
Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Collect for Purity

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. AMEN.



Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Williams Family

A Prophet heard the word of God. He was afraid but he spoke it. He spoke it to any and all that could hear. The prophet Isaiah said to the people, "You who have walked in darkness have seen a great light, you who have dwelt in a land of deep darkness have seen a great light that on you will shine." Isaiah spoke the word of God that promises, not just the return of the sun, but of the coming of new light.

As we light this candle let us remember to listen for the word of God in our lives.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



The Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Nick Roberts

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25: 1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Refrain - sung by Choir and Congregation



Psalm tone - chanted by Choir and Congregation



To you O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in <u>you</u>; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph <u>over me</u>. Let none who look to you be put to <u>shame</u>; let the treacherous be disappointed in their <u>schemes</u>.

Show me your ways, O <u>Lord</u>, and teach me your <u>paths</u>.

Lead me in your truth and <u>teach me</u>, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day <u>long</u>.

[REFRAIN]

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and <u>love</u>, for they are from ever-<u>lasting</u>.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans-<u>gressions</u>; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O <u>Lord</u>.

Gracious and upright is the *Lord;* therefore he teaches sinners in his *way.* He guides the humble in doing *right* and teaches his way to the *lowly.*

All the paths of the Lord are love and *faithfulness* to those who keep his covenant and his *testimonies*.

[REFRAIN]

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Becky Adams

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 61 (Blue Book)
PLEASE TURN PAGE

"Sleepers, wake!"

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The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke *All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.







The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. AMEN.



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Stand or kneel)

Prayers of the People

Karen Hardison

Beloved in faith, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Sean our presiding bishop, Mark and Gayle our bishops, Benjamin, Buck, and Sarah our clergy, Scott and Kate our wardens, and our vestry. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

All: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

All: Come and redeem us for our life together.

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill. We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends. For elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

All: Come save us and do not delay.

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for those unhoused, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

All: Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.

O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially Meredith, the Tucker family, Jerry, Kenneth, Garry, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Mike, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Juette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Ron, Pam, Jodi, Laurence, Sarah Grace, Duncan, Will, and the McDuff Family, John, Kathy, Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara, Jane, Corey, Karen, Kathy, Florence, Terry, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don, Norma, Betty, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ginny, Ronnie, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria, Rick, Amy, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, and Hollis. We also remember those living with HIV/AIDS and those who minister to them. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

All: Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died, and bring comfort to all those who mourn. On this World AIDS Day, we especially remember those who have died of AIDS. (*Pause*)

All: Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Saviour, We give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for all those who today celebrate birthdays, especially Robert and William, anniversaries, and for all the other blessings of this life.

Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

All: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN.

The Absolution

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. **AMEN.**

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Offertory

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Text: Revelation 22 Music: Paul Manz



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(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

The 8th Tune

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.



The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or "host"), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

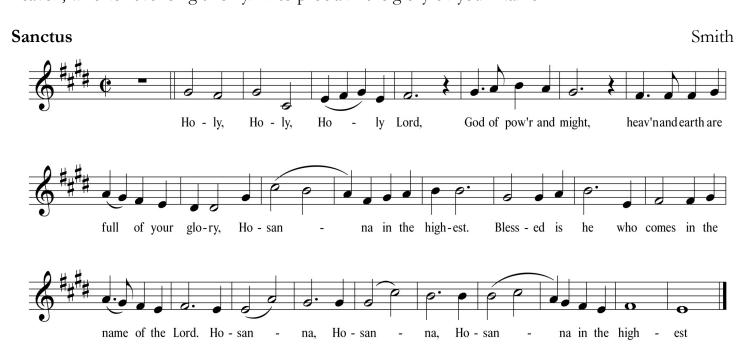
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: 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, Almighty God, 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:



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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

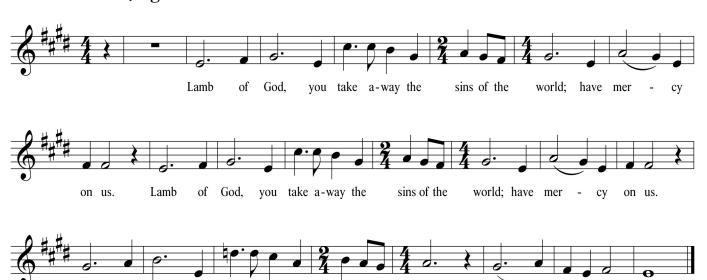
Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

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Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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of God,

peace.

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the front you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher and the clergy will bring communion to you.

Communion Hymn LEVAS 13 (Red/Black Book)

My Lord, what a morning

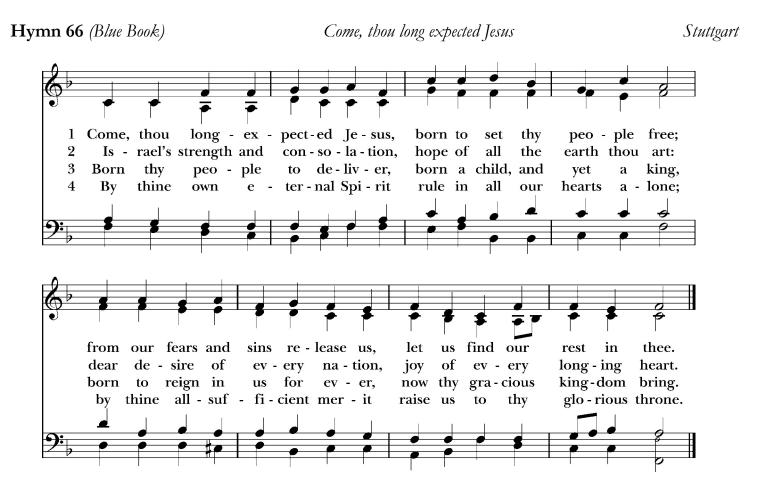


Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. AMEN.

The Blessing



The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

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The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

<u>Parishioners</u>: Meredith Franklin, the Tucker family, Jerry Long, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juette Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Ron, Pam, Jodi, Laurence, Sarah Grace, Duncan, Will, and the McDuff Family, John Golden III, Kathy, Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara Taylor, Jane, Corey Sims, Karen Sokohl, Kathy Treaster, Florence, Terry Brown, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don Foltz, Norma Hylton, Betty Kuhn, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace Franco, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ginny Jones, Ronnie, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria Wiley, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those who have died:

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Robert Tillman and William Tillman.

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray in thanksgiving for God's Creation and those who care for it

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends. For elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

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All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the "Welcome" card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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