



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

📍 Sunday Services at 8am & 10am
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Greetings!

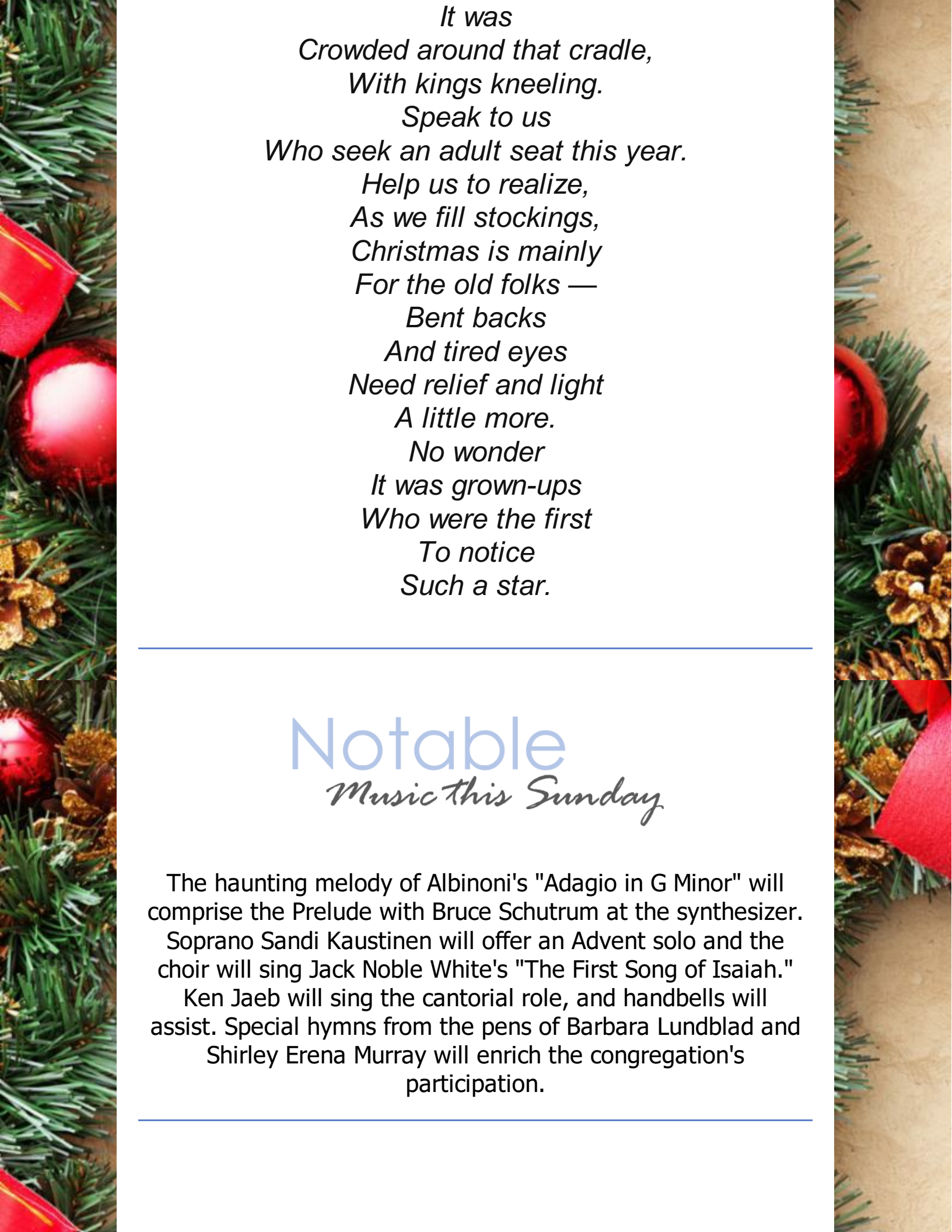
Third Sunday of Advent

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Frankly *Speaking*

Adult Advent Announcement-by David A. Redding
from If I Could Pray Again (1965)

*O Lord,
Let Advent begin again
In us,
Not merely in commercials;
For that first Christmas was not
Simply for children,
But for the
Wise and the strong.*



*It was
Crowded around that cradle,
With kings kneeling.
Speak to us
Who seek an adult seat this year.
Help us to realize,
As we fill stockings,
Christmas is mainly
For the old folks —
Bent backs
And tired eyes
Need relief and light
A little more.
No wonder
It was grown-ups
Who were the first
To notice
Such a star.*

Notable Music this Sunday

The haunting melody of Albinoni's "Adagio in G Minor" will comprise the Prelude with Bruce Schutrum at the synthesizer.

Soprano Sandi Kaustinen will offer an Advent solo and the choir will sing Jack Noble White's "The First Song of Isaiah."

Ken Jaeb will sing the cantorial role, and handbells will assist. Special hymns from the pens of Barbara Lundblad and Shirley Erena Murray will enrich the congregation's participation.



"One Starry Night"

Come warm your hearts with the Puppet Gang and Sunday School children as they perform the Christmas show after the 10am service **this Sunday**, December 16th. The show begins at 11:15am. Refreshments will be served afterwards and you'll get to meet our performers.

Sandy and Jan

Stewardship *Reflections*

Stewardship in a Season of Giving

"... remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

An abiding feature of the Christmas season is giving. Sometimes we plan ahead during the year and have the main presents in hand and ready. At other times we find ourselves scurrying through the malls or up late searching online at the last minute trying to find that last gift, perhaps recognizing it only when we see it.

Pledging involves planning ahead. It's about making a decision now on what to give next year—a portion of our income—and sticking with it. It's about thinking things through and giving what's right, not what's left. Have we all done that for the coming year?

ADVENT

Check out resources available in the Narthex.

[Click here](#) for information on Praying with Color Advent Calendars.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 16th:

Puppet Gang Show, 11:15am

Tuesday, December 18th:

Women's Christmas Luncheon at the Massillon Women's Club,
1:00pm

Wednesday, December 19th:

Study Group, 10:30am

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24th Family Eucharist @5:30pm

Festive Eucharist @10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25th @10:00am

DECEMBER 30TH Lessons & Carols @10:00am



Christmas Office Hours



Monday, December 24th: 10am-Noon

Thursday, December 27th: 10am-2pm

Friday, December 28th: 10am-2pm

For pastoral emergencies, please call Rev. Beth at 234-815-3849. For non-emergencies, [click here](#) to email her.

Katie will be out of the office December 24-January 2.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill, Peg Hill, Conley Family, Joe Hoot, Tom Burns, the Briggs family, Susan Hostetler

Family and Friends: Susan, Johnny Willoughby, The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), Erin, Carol Morton, Marcie (friend of Gordons), Baby Hudson, Shirley Allen (friend of the Mulls), Michelle Garber (family of Geoff and Bobbi Gordon), Matt Gagnon, The Kesslers, Mary Frech, Marcie Crowell, Deb Thompson (friend of Jan Hudson), Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), John and Phyllis Green (friends of Sue Little), Don Stock, Mike Lutsch (uncle of Bobbi Gordon), Weisenstine Family (friends of the Kennedys), Carson and Barb (friends of the Kieslings), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver)

For all those serving in the armed forces: Marine Squadrons 152 and 242 stationed in Iwakuni, Japan.

For all those who have died:
Captain Jahmar F. Resilard

-Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.-

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OHIO

This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

Church of our Savior - Salem

Holy and blessed Father,
you have called into being every speck of dust,
every spinning world, every hoping heart.
For love of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
you have allced into being Christian communities
where faith, hope, and love may flourish.
May the parishes of Trinity, Alliance and Our Savior,
Salem,
flourish in these virtues through the Holy Spirit;

their witness contributing to the celebration
and advancement of the grace bequeathed
to all the people of the Diocese of Ohio
in the course of its 200 year history.
This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Upcoming *Servers*

Servers Sunday, December 16th:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes, 10:00am: Lesley Kiesling, Alexis Wilson, Colin Jenkins,
Lauren Hoot, Justin Crowl

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Tom Turner, Pam McCarthy

Ushers: Bob Kocab, Al Korosi, Mike Ryan

Altar Guild 8:00am: Sharon Ryan, Sara Strattan

Altar Guild 10:00am: Louise Moore

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a sub as soon as possible and notify the office. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,
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