




St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8am & 10am

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Greetings!

Second Sunday of Advent

[Read This Week's Lesson](#)

Frankly *Speaking*

An Advent Affirmation of the Good News

Advent Credo- by Allan Boesak

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—
This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that

abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

Allan Boesak is a South African pastor and peace activist. Advent Credo appears in his book From Walking on Thorns, (Eerdmans, 2004).

Notable
Music this Sunday

Bach's "Savior of the Nations, Come" will be heard in the

Prelude. Tenor Ken Jaeb will offer John Prindle Scott's "The Voice in the Wilderness," and the choir will sing John Ness Beck's "Every Valley."

ADVENT

Check out resources available in the Narthex.

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



Sunday, December 9th:

Puppet Gang + Sunday School Dress Rehearsal

Monday, December 10th:

Knitting, 1:00pm

Wednesday, December 12th:

Study Group, 10:30am

Sunday, December 16th:

Puppet Gang Show, 11:15am

Tuesday, December 18th:

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

Sign up in the narthex by December 10th.

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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



"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 on December 16th. The show begins at 11:15am. Refreshments will be served afterwards and you'll get to meet our performers.

Sandy and Jan

PRAYER CONCERNS



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

Family and Friends: Susan, Johnny Willoughby, The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family (friends of Nadel's), Erin, Carol Morton, Barry (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.

For all those who have died.

James McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's father)

-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.

Restoration Campaign

One year ago, St. Mark's started the Restoration Campaign to raise \$150,000 over 3 years for 6 identified capital projects and to establish a reserve fund for future capital improvements.

Take a look at our progress:

St. Mark's Restoration Campaign	
Project	Status
Sanctuary Roof	✓
Sanctuary HVAC controls	✓
Office renovations	✓
Legal, security, and other preparations for Weaver School	✓
Nursery Renovations	✓
HVAC units for office, main entrance, old puppet room, library, family room, and choir room	✓
Reserves for future capital improvements	○

The six identified capital projects have been completed!

- Thanks to the **63** participants that have pledged or contributed to this campaign!
- Our current focus is working to replace the funds from the church's trust account, paying off a loan from the diocese (for the HVAC project), and building up the Reserve Fund for future capital improvements.
- To reach the Restoration Campaign Goal of \$150,000 there is

still work to do; but the Restoration Committee is very thankful for all your financial support and the *many* volunteer hours that went into these projects.

Kirk Bletzacker, Derek Gordon, Emily Gordon, Joe Hoot, Charlie Kiesling, Sara Strattan, and Chuck Violand



THE EPISCOPAL
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This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

St. Timothy's Church - Perrysburg

O God,
you sent faithful missionaries along horse-back trails
to share the Gospel in the Black Swamp region.
Through the Holy Spirit's power and their valiant efforts,
our forebears in the faith grew congregations
along the Maumee River that eventually
birthed St. Timothy's Church in Perrysburg.
we pray that the Father's spirit of adventure
and the saving grace of Jesus
may be offered through the earthen vessels
of this generation's faithful,
that your Holy Name may be praised
and the Gospel continue to be shared here
in word and action.
We ask this in the holy Name of Jesus.
Amen.

Upcoming Servers

Servers Sunday, December 9th:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Sharon Ryan

Acolytes, 10:00am: Joe Hoot, Marilyn Thorp, Susie Hines, Karen Violand

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Sara Strattan

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Bob Kennedy, Anne Coen

Ushers: Gary Giammarco, Tom Temelkoff, Bruce Hixon

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

Altar Guild 10:00am: Louise Moore

16-Dec	6	Robert Kocab	Alex Korosi	Mike Ryan		
23-Dec	7	John Willoughby	Bill Rand	Gary Mull		
24-Dec	1	Richard Crowl	Wayne Paradis	Kirk Bletzacker	Christmas Eve (early)	
24-Dec	2	Dave Thorley	John Wise	Kent Clark	Christmas Eve (late)	
25-Dec	3	Emily Gordon	Geoff Gordon	Rick Werren	Christmas Day	
30-Dec	4	Bob Kennedy	Derek Gordon	Ron Brown	Lessons and Carols	

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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