

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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February 2 marks the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. In the law, it was directed that every firstborn male should be redeemed with a sacrifice. So, forty days after Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to offer the appointed sacrifice.

While they were in the Temple, the Holy Family was met by Simeon. When he saw Jesus, the Spirit revealed to Simeon that Jesus was the Messiah. He then responded with the Nunc Dimitis, the canticle that often follows the reading of the Gospel at Evening Prayer.

Then, Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be rejected, saying, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed."

The inner thoughts of many were revealed by the way they responded to Jesus. Pilate's political expediency at the cost of truth and justice was revealed. Herod's anxiety and paranoia were revealed. Caiaphas' blind ambition was revealed. The devotion of the women who followed Jesus was also revealed.

Our response to Jesus will reveal our inner thoughts. Our willingness or unwillingness to follow in the way of the cross reveals what we value and who or what we trust.

**Fr. RJ**

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## **Wednesday, February 3**

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

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Meeting ID: 973 6218 0094

Passcode: 942461

## **Sunday, February 7**

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. on Facebook Live

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### **Sunday School**

St. Mark's Sunday School is continuing with their lessons each Sunday via ZOOM. All of our wonderful teachers are doing a great job keeping the lessons creative in this remote setting. If a child in your life is interested in joining us, please contact Emily Gordon at [ecgordon16@gmail.com](mailto:ecgordon16@gmail.com).

### **Online Giving**

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your

one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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### [Music Notes with Bob Morrison](#)

John Finley Williamson, who eventually became the founder of Westminster Choir College, was the pastor's son at First EUB in downtown Canton. There was an unchurched family that became the target of Rev. Williamson's evangelistic efforts, the Cogans. Ruth Cogan (who eventually became a cherished high school choir teacher at Lehman and later at Lincoln) told me that her dad would say, "Uh-oh, here comes Rev. Williamson. What excuse can I give him this time?"



Well, the good Reverend's persistence paid off. Dad Cogan joined First EUB and became Sunday School Superintendent, and, to show his appreciation to the pastor, financed the education of young John Finley at Otterbein. Because of the closeness of the Williamsons and Cogans, Ruth became like a sister to John Finley and an advocate for his choral methods. She sent scads of kids to Westminster over the years -- and her prowess as a choral master made my job at First Methodist a pleasure since a number of her former students were in the choir!

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Amelia Rowland, Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Jack and Pauline Briggs

# Prayer Concerns

**Family and Friends:** Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorley's), Paula Temelkoff (daughter-in-law of the Temelkoff's), Erin, Troy, & Trystan (Schutrum family), Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kiesling's), Bridgette (Friend of the Browns), Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech), Addelyn, Don, (friends of Judy Hixon), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak), Christine, Anne, & Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan, Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell), John Streb, Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz, Conrad Family, (friend of Bill and Beck Rand).

For all those serving in the Armed Forces.  
For all those who have died.

*Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*

## 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](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

Please note: Prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here, in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



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