



St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Pageant
and
Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
on the
Eve of the Nativity

December 24, 2023

3:00 p.m.



Welcome to St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church. We are so grateful that you are here for worship today. Please know that this church is Christ's church and you are always welcome here. Please feel at home. If you are new among us or simply visiting with us, please make yourself known to the clergy and other parishioners so that we may properly welcome you.

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (resuming January 14, 2024)

8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: no music

9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: Wonder Church

Wonder Church is a wonderfully alternative service geared toward children and their families.

10:00 a.m. | Formation for all ages

11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with choir and congregational singing

FIRST SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. | Service of Holy Eucharist

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Martin's has one Service of Holy Eucharist, with a meal to follow.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24 | Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. | Christmas Concert

6:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist and incense

December 25 | Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. | Christmas Day Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 31 | First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 a.m. | Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher | The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

Deacon: The Rev. Victoria Jarvis | Subdeacon: The Rev. Colin Brown

Lector | Mary Grace Brown

Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST

Narrators: Lily Mac Dennard, Mia Smith, Jack Beckham, Ava Clarke, Lillie Igo

Isaiah: Andy Dyer

Angel Gabriel: EG Hyde

Mary: Josie Dennard | **Joseph:** Sebastian Brown

Donkey: Jeremiah Brown

Innkeeper: Mary Grace Brown

Shepherds: Ted Webb, Charlie Beckham, Ethan Dannemann, McNeer Hyde, Henry Yarbrough,

Nathaniel Brown, Grant Yarbrough, Man Martin, Tye Edwards

Sheep: Rockne Edwards, Leo Yarbrough

Head Angel: Tillan Hyde

Angels: Gabi Bendeck, Olivia Bendeck, Georgie Edwards, Reese Stewart, Sydney Stewart

The Magi: Callum Clarke, Elliott Councilman, Dylan Dannemann

Star of Bethlehem: Frances Brown

Processional Hymn

Oh come, all ye faithful

Hymnal 83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

As we do in Wonder Church, please repeat after the leader.

Almighty God,
Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open,
to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,
all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid:
and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,
that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy Name;
and worthily magnify your holy Name;

through Christ our Lord.
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Angels we have heard on high (verse 3)

Hymnal 96

*Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit

Lesson

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Answer
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Christmas Pageant

“God With Us”

by Stephen R. Shaver

During the pageant, the congregation remains seated and sings the carols listed under each scene.

Scene I: Isaiah the Prophet

O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Scene II: The Annunciation to Mary

O little town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Scene III: The Birth of Jesus

Once in royal David's city

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Scene IV: The Shepherds

Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Scene V: The Magi

We three kings of Orient are

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

The Homily

The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

In the Bleak Midwinter
Tory Farrington, soprano
Cody Otero, tenor

*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan;
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid-winter long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,
 Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
 In the bleak mid-winter, A stable-place sufficed.
 The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
 A breast full of milk and a mangerful of hay;
 Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
 The ox and ass and camel, which adore.*

*What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
 If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,
 Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.*

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Thank you for your generosity. Your food offerings in support of the food pantry can be placed in the baskets outside the doors of the church. You may place your monetary offering in the plates as they are passed, mail it to the church, give online at www.stmartins.org/give, or you may text to give by doing the following:

1. Open a new text message. 2. Type 73256. 3. Use our code letters: SMECATL. 4. Put in the amount you would like to give.

The people stand.

Presentation Hymn

***The first Nowell* (verses 1, 2, and 6)**

Hymnal 109

*The first Nowell the angel did say
 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
 in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
 shining in the east beyond them far,
 and to the earth it gave great light,
 and so it continued both day and night.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 born is the King of Israel.*

The Holy Communion

The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 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 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.

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. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." and "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please remain in your pew until the usher prompts you to go forward to receive communion or a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you desire gluten-free. If you wish to receive Communion in one kind (bread only), please proceed to the rail and extend one hand to receive the host only. If you wish to receive a host that has been dipped into the chalice of wine, please proceed to the rail and extend both hands, and it will be placed into your hand. If you wish to receive only a blessing, come forward and cross your arms in front of your chest.



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 *3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

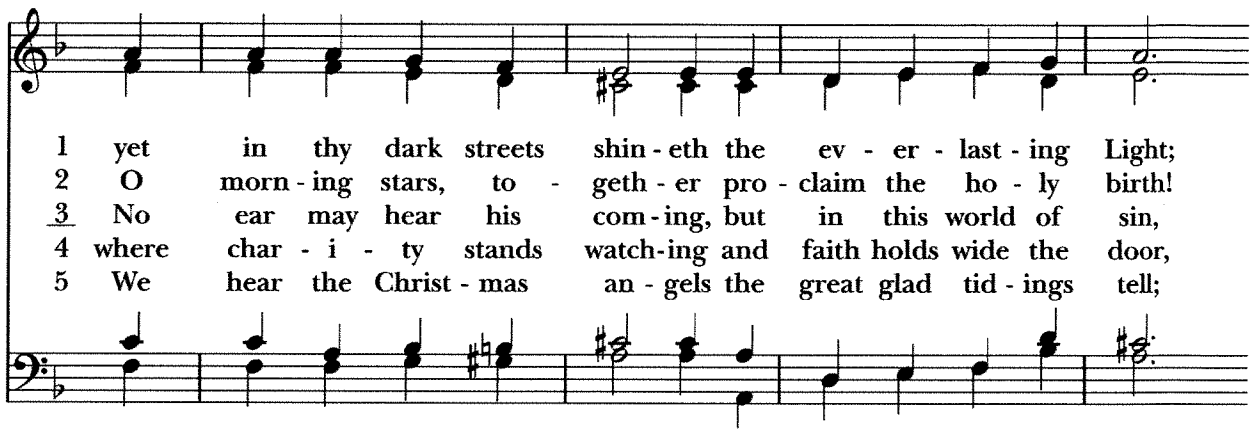


1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

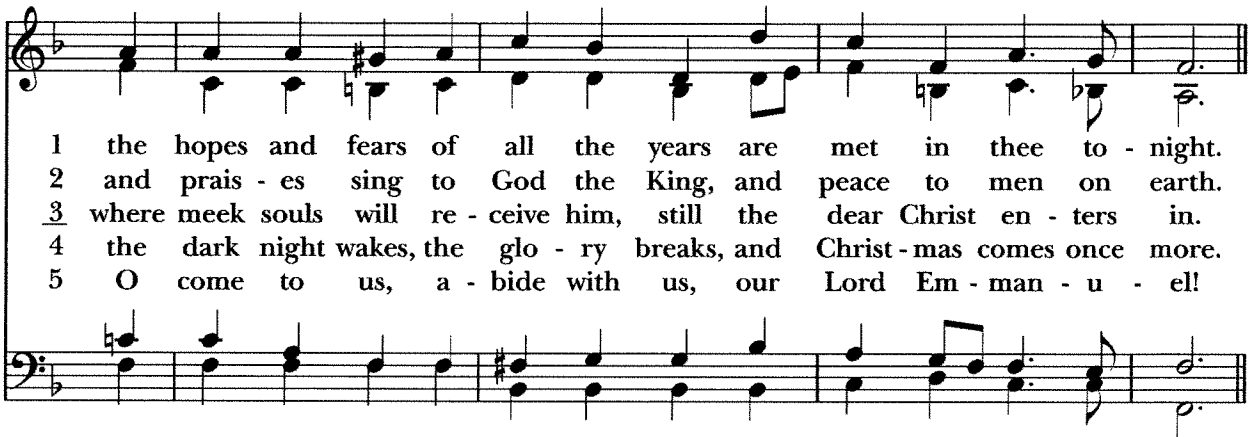


1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.





1 yet in thy dark streets shin-eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Unison or harmony



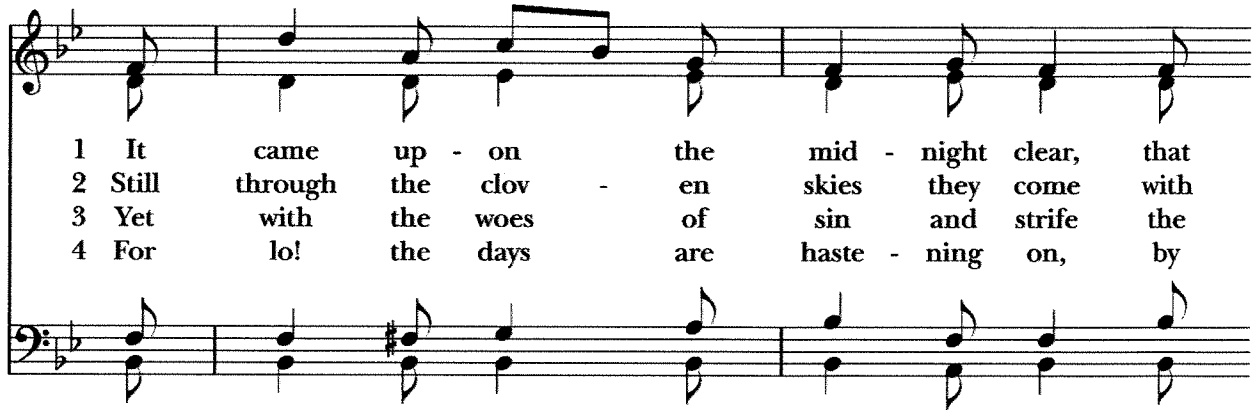
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by



glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -



near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

As we do in Wonder Church, please repeat after the leader.

Loving God,
Loving God,

we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food,
we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food,

the bread of life and cup of salvation,
the bread of life and cup of salvation,

Christ's Body and Blood.
Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people
Now send us forth a people

forgiven, healed, renewed;
forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may share your love and joy
that we may share your love and joy

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

All stand for the blessing.

Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who send his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candle and place it in a basket at the door of the church as you exit.

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and
 ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that
 Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
 2 The shep - herds feared and
 3 Down in a low - ly
 watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
 trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
 man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Postlude sur un Noel

Denis Bedard

Christmas Flowers to the Glory of God

- In memory of **David & Anserianna Adkins** by Mark Adkins
- In remembrance of my husband **Carl H. Anderson** by Lyna Anderson & the Anderson family
- In memory of **Dan Bacon & Jun Jang** by Lauren Bacon
- In thanksgiving for **Harper, Thomas & Lily** by Leslie Bentley
- In thanksgiving for **Grace, Hope, Andrew, & Hannah** by Susan & Ned Breunig
- In memory of **Frank, Bob, & Nell** by Susan & Ned Breunig
- In memory of **John W. Robinson** by Grant & Leigh Ford
- In memory of **Richard & Eugenia Sedlar** by Rebecca Gilbert
- In memory of **Dorothy Joan Edwards St. Clair** by Joan & Bill Goodhew
- In loving memory of **Sara Martin, mother of Lisa Martin Smith** by the Flower Guild
- In memory of loved ones & in thanksgiving for those in my life by Carolyn Haile & Jerry Smith
- In memory of "Miss" **Fran Farmer** by Susan and Bob Hamilton
- In loving memory of **Margaret Hurlbutt Graft** by Steve & Janet Hurlbutt
- In memory of **Gil Crumpler** by Raine Hyde
- In memory of **Deloris Coleman** by Cecelia Coleman Ingraham
- In memory of **John A. Jolley & Karen Ann Archer** by Gay Jolley
- In memory of **Belinda Wedgwood** by Karen Klein
- In memory of **Paul & Pearl Lloyd & Jane Friday** by John & Karole Lloyd
- In thanksgiving for **Alan, Jennifer, Colin & Andrew Lloyd, Michael Lloyd, Mitchell & Callie Lloyd, Grady Friday & Deborah Friday** by John & Karole Lloyd
- In loving memory of **Alden MacArthur, Jr & Keiko MacArthur** by Linda MacArthur
- In loving memory of **Silvio & Roselle D'Orazio** by Linda MacArthur
- In thanksgiving for **St. Martin's leadership, staff, volunteers, and parish family** by Monica Mainwaring
- In love forever to our parents, **David & Marge Young, Fred & Beverly McCracken** by Jackie McCracken
- In loving memory of son **Daniel Mudler** by Michael & Barbara Mudler
- In memory of **Sid Oakley** by Judi Oakley
- In thanksgiving for **Mary & Lucy Berend** by Judi Oakley
- In loving memory of parents **Emily & Marshall Ellingsworth** by Karen Otto
- In memory of **Joseph Thomas Pearson** by Fran Pearson & her family
- In thanksgiving for son, **John, nephews & their families - Lee, Alexa, Harper, & Hudson Gutschenritter; Peter, Camy, & Betts Gutschenritter; Chris & Jessica Gutschenritter** by Nancy Perk
- In thanksgiving for **Reeves, Mia, Anderson, Rees, Teddy, and Wheeler Roberts** by Jim and Carol Roberts
- In memory of **Ashley Dozier** by Jon & Sally Roy
- In memory of **Richard Leigh** by Matt & Caroline Rose
- In memory of **Allison, Sandy, Katherine & Stanley Rose, Irene & Fred Lewchik** by Karen, Chris & Whitney Rose
- In loving memory of **Dave Schwefler** by his children, grand children, & Marcia Schwefler
- In memory eternal of my parents, **Richard and Eugenia Sedlar** by the Silbert Family
- In loving appreciation for **Andy, Emily, Jasper, Meadow, Katie, Darren, Layla & Landon** by Barbara & John Skrobko

Upcoming Events at St. Martin's



A **Gathering Of Women** is a retreat at the church for all women of St. Martin's. On the cusp of Lent, this is a chance to connect as community, meet new friends, step away from our busy day-to-day, and recharge with many creative and interactive options through the day.

REGISTER FOR
WOMEN'S RETREAT:



Looking for the best Mother's Day gift? Bring Mom (and the family) to our **Kanuga Parish Retreat** on Mother's Day Weekend. See God's gifts in: the mountains, our children playing in the fresh air, communion with other families, music, and worship. Share your own God-given gifts at Kanuga. Come and enjoy.

REGISTER FOR
KANUGA:



Vacation Bible School 2024 is June 10 - 14, 2024. Registration is now open for all campers (4 years old - 5th grade), Jr. Counselors (6th - 8th grade), Sr. Counselors (9th - 12th grade), and Adult Leaders & Volunteers.

REGISTER FOR VBS:



Join in the church-wide **ASP Mission Trip**, June 23 - 29, 2024. We'll journey to the Appalachian region of the U.S. and partner with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) for this week of service to others who call Appalachia their home.

REGISTER FOR ASP:





Welcome



Scan for the Connection Card.

Give



In addition to Sunday services listed in the front of the bulletin, you are invited to:

Christmas Gifts - Gift an Experience with St. Martin's

If you are struggling with what to get your family member for Christmas, consider an experience with St. Martin's: the Women's Retreat (February 10), Kanuga Parish Life Retreat (Mother's Day Weekend, May 10 - 12), Intergenerational Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project (June 23 - 29), Vacation Bible School Week (June 10 - 14). Registration is now open for each of these events on Realm. If you are not wanting or able to attend but would like to support these efforts financially, your gifts are welcome. Please make a note designating your gift.

Office Closure

The Church offices will be closed December 26 - January 1. If you have pastoral needs, reach out to Mtr. Monica at mmainwaring@stmartins.org and if you have any questions related to year-end giving, reach out to Business Administrator Leslie Rose at lrose@stmartins.org.

Pledge for 2024 - "Close the Gap" for 2023

Please send your 2024 pledge card into the church, complete your pledge online, or email our Business Administrator Leslie Rose at lrose@stmartins.org. Thank you also for your 2023 pledges and gifts - you will have received your statements in the mail this week. As we work to "close the gap" between revenue and expenses in 2023, there is a special dropdown in our online giving menu entitled "close the gap." We look forward to seeing the year end well. **Charitable**

Giving Before Year End

As the end of the year approaches, here are a few reminders regarding charitable giving...

- Checks that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 to be credited in this calendar year. For a check to be credited in this tax year, it **MUST** be postmarked by December 31, 2023. The mailing address is Post Office Box 190109 Brookhaven 31119.
- Online gifts are time stamped. Please make sure all online gifts are made by December 31 so that they can be credited in 2023.
- If you plan to give a stock gift, please make the request of your broker by mid-December. We need time to sell the stock before the December 31 deadline.

ONE St. Martin's Service, Baptisms and Feast January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our January ONE St. Martin's Service and Feast. We will welcome many to the church through baptism. Following the service, all are invited to share a feast in Gable Hall, hosted by Wonder Church families. AMIS (Atlanta Ministry to International Students) leadership and students will be with us to share about this good outreach partner. Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m., Wonder Church

11:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

