



The Episcopal Church of the Advent

January 28, 2025 Newsletter

Third Sunday After Epiphany



A message from Father Mark

In our Epistle reading from Sunday, we got a biology lesson from Paul. The body comprises individual members—one body, many members. The body works as a system, and all these members - the brain, the hands, the feet, the eyes, - are arranged to help the body live well. If all were separate, where would the body be? It is the same with the body of Christ. So many members, so many gifts, all of them a part of the body, all of them needed for the body to live well. No gift better than another, all matter to the body; no gift worth less than another, all matter to the body.

But it's not just about the community of faith functions. It applies to our community of humanity as well. No one group gets to look down upon another, and those who have been at the bottom—those who are weaker, those who have had less honor, those who have had less respect. They are lifted up in this body. They are indispensable to this body of humanity; they are clothed with greater honor, and more respect.

Look around our community, our society, how are we doing at breaking down the barriers? How are we calling out those who would say to another, "I do not need you," starting with a self-examination of that voice within ourselves who thinks that about another? How are we making known to those who have little power in our society that they are indispensable? How are we lifting up those who lack honor and respect and treating them with the respect and dignity that is their God-given birthright?

Take your place in the body, and let's be the hands that reach out until everyone knows they belong.

Question of the Week: Who is one person to whom you could reach out this week who you know longs to feel more a part of the whole?

Thank you and peace,
Mark+

Annual meeting report

Thank you to everyone who helped make this past Sunday's Annual Meeting a success! It was a joy to come together as a community to enjoy the fellowship and food provided by the church and our members. We are excited to announce the election of three new members to our Parish Vestry: **O. J. Booker, Mary Horton, and Annie Hunt Burriss**. We're also grateful for the hard work and dedication of **Shelley MacMillan, Brian Newsome, and Nancy Bush** during their time on the vestry.

O. J., Mary, and Annie will join Devon Dartnell, Vic Jackson, and Elizabeth Branch to serve on the Advent Vestry. Their first task was to elect our wardens: **Devon Dartnell will serve as Senior Warden, and Vic Jackson will serve as Junior Warden**. Debbie Permar will continue her exceptional work as Church Treasurer, and Elizabeth Branch will serve as Secretary.

It's not too late to pledge!

For those parishioners who plan to continue giving, please let us know that you are re-upping by contacting the church. Either email to adventmadison@bellsouth.net or go to our website at this link: <https://adventmadisonga.com/pledge-to-advent/>.

Rota for The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord February 2, 10:30 A.M.

Altar Guild – McCauley-Burriss-Harrell
Flower Guild – Rick Crown
LEM/PoP – O.J. Booker
1st Reading – Bob McCauley
2nd Reading – Alicia Ramfos
Vestry of the Day – Elizabeth Branch
Organ Tech - Jackson Lewis

**Readings for The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord
February 2, 10:30 A.M.**

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Psalm: 84

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Parish Prayer List

Parish: Carol Blow, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Sally Green, Kate Jackson, Shandon Land, Kathy and Brian Lehman, MaryAnn Lisle, Anna Maret, Dutton Morehouse, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas, and Ellen Warren.

Friends and Family: Eugene Broadbridge, Jane Brooks, Daphne Carter, Lynn Cupples, Lillian and Turner Eby, Mary Ann Edelman, Joseph Gagliano, Annita Hunt, Grainger Hunt, Johanna Dufort Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Nancy Labak, RB Lewis, Meg Limmer, Tracy Limmer, Jerry Maddox, Ross Mason, Dustin Pullen, Dennis Reeder, Carla Sherrill, Robin Thomas, Parker Westphal, Jay Whitecombe, and Carl & Joanna Yost.

Community and Beyond: Iliana Arias, Bishop Michael Curry, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz, Sherry MacMahon.

January Birthdays - 30 Frank Walsh; **31** David Land, Kim Jackson

February Birthdays

4 Emily Buck, Bonnie Dale; **7** Sally Green; **8** Harrison Buck; **9** Kelly Kozel; **11** Doug Adkins; **12** Debbie Permar; **14** Dan Jubelt; **16** Janet Mason; **19** Nancy Bush; **21** Grace Yost Kovar, Francis Ramfos; **23** Woody Burriss; **25** Paige Banaszak; **26** Cale Cronic; **28** Kathy Lehman

February Anniversaries

17 Dianne & Patrick Yost; **21** Annie Hunt & Woody Burriss

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, January 27, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	9:00 AM	CH	Morning Prayer, Rite I
Thursday, January 30, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open Book study)
Thursday, January 30, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed discussion)
Thursday, January 30, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	Al-Anon (open meeting)
Friday, January 31, 2025	7:00 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed Book study)
Sunday, February 2, 2025	8:00 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
Sunday, February 2, 2025	9:15 AM	PH	Sunday School - Lectionary Study
Sunday, February 2, 2025	10:30 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Sunday, February 2, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (open meeting)

PH - Parish House CH - Church

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