



The Episcopal Church of the Advent

February 18, 2025 Newsletter

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Today is the Episcopal feast day of [Martin Luther](#),
Pastor and Church Reformer 1546

A message from Father Mark

On Sunday, we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes, commonly called the Sermon on the Plain. Reflecting on this famous litany of blessings and curses, I was drawn to one central idea.

The more privileged lives that people lead, the more difficult it is to see the dynamics of anger and oppression. If you're on the top of the heap, then that just looks like the way things are and ought to be—you're totally happy to go along and be nice to everyone... as long as they don't step out of line and suggest that something needs to change.

Notice that when Jesus talks about being blessed, he doesn't talk about being angry or violent. What he does talk about is the prophets. The prophets spoke the word of the Lord—they expressed God's compassion and comfort to God's people. They expressed messages of hope and blessing. Exactly as Jesus does in today's Gospel lesson. But what particularly characterizes the prophets is that they were bold in criticizing and denouncing the rich and powerful who violated God's love for the poor; who exploited power for their comfort while God's people suffered.

Question of the Week: How do we rouse ourselves from the tendency to focus on the circumstances immediately around us and be reminded of God's call to compassion, generosity, and caring community?

Thank you and peace,
Mark+

New welcome video

We have produced a new Advent welcome video. It is now up on the front page of our website, <https://adventmadisonga.com/>.

Pastoral Care Questionnaire Reminder

If you haven't already done so, please email Penny Lyle (penny5128@comcast.net) with your input regarding the lay-led pastoral care activities Advent should prioritize. An explanatory sheet was handed out at the Annual Meeting and included in last week's newsletter. Email info@adventmadisonga.com if you need additional information.

Shrove Tuesday – March 4

The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is fast approaching. This is a festive occasion as the parish comes together to share food and engage in camaraderie and fellowship. To make this party a success we need people and food. So all you cooks out there who want to participate, get your spatulas ready and let's cook some pancakes! In addition to the pancakes, which will be cooked in the parish hall kitchen, a request is being made for **parishioners to bring cooked bacon and sausages** of all varieties. We would also appreciate any other food items that you would like to share to make this meal complete. Of course we will need help with setting up, decorating, and clean up. Please email or text Vic regarding how you would like to support the supper. It would be most appreciated if the cooks, the set-up volunteers, and the requested food items were at the parish hall at 5:00, on the evening of the 4th. The event begins at 6:00.

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Ash Wednesday

Don't look now, but **Ash Wednesday, March 5** is just around the corner! This year, we will have three options to observe the day, all with the imposition of ashes:

9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer with Imposition of Ashes

12:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday service (without Holy Communion or music) with Imposition of Ashes.

7:00 p.m.: Ash Wednesday service (with Holy Communion and music) with Imposition of Ashes.

Electronic Contribution Reminder

Anyone can give to Advent anywhere, from any device. The service we use is from a company named [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). In addition to the traditional means of giving (check or cash), you can now donate by debit or credit card or by bank draft. Electronic giving can now be done with the Tithe.ly app from the Apple or Android store or on our website at <https://adventmadisonga.com/giving>. For questions or more information, email info@adventmadisonga.com.

Rota for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 23, 10:30 A.M.

Altar Guild – Bennett-Roman
Flower Guild – Glenn Eskew
LEM/PoP – Paul Roman
1st Reading – G. Thompson
2nd Reading – R. Thompson

Vestry of the Day – Devon Dartnell
Organ Tech - Kim Jackson

Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 10:30 A.M.

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11

The Psalm: 37:1-12, 41-42

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, 42-50

The Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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, Meg Limmer, Tracy Limmer, Jerry Maddox, Ross Mason, Dustin Pullen, Dennis Reeder, Carla Sherrill, Wayne Tamplin, Robin Thomas, Parker Westphal, and Jay Whitecombe.

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

February Birthdays

19 Nancy Bush; **21** Grace Yost Kovar, Francis Ramfos; **23** Woody Burriss; **25** Paige Banaszak; **26** Cale Cronic; **28** Kathy Lehman

February Anniversaries

21 Annie Hunt & Woody Burriss

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, February 17, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	9:00 AM	CH	Morning Prayer, Rite I
Thursday, February 20, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open Book study)
Thursday, February 20, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed discussion)
Thursday, February 20, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AI-Anon (open meeting)
Friday, February 21, 2025	7:00 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed Book study)
Sunday, February 23, 2025	8:00 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
Sunday, February 23, 2025	9:15 AM	PH	Sunday School - Lectionary Study
Sunday, February 23, 2025	10:30 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Sunday, February 23, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (open meeting)

PH - Parish House CH - Church

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The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright - Bishop of Atlanta.

Reverend Mark Stewart Johnson - Interim Priest-in-Charge.

Devon Dartnell - Senior Warden, Vic Jackson - Junior Warden.

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