



The Episcopal Church of the Advent

March 4, 2025 Newsletter

Last Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday's foyer arrangement by Glenn Eskew (r)

A message from Father Mark

In our Gospel text, Jesus goes up to a high mountain with three of his disciples. On that mountain, Jesus is transfigured. His appearance radically changes. His face radiates power in a way that recalls Moses' encounter with God. His clothes are described as "dazzling white," as if they are a source of light. At that moment, his human appearance slips for just a second and he must have looked to his disciples like the God that he is.

Jesus was not transfigured because God wanted to put on a show, but to invite us to share in his likeness. And not in the glowing face and sparkling white garments. But to share in a love so intense that it led God into the body of a human being and to death on a tree. God invites us to partake of a love so profound that it is not afraid to descend into the valleys of despair and bring new life and hope to those who need them. So let's do as Jesus asks. Let's get up and not be afraid to let the love of Christ change us into the people that God intends for us to be.

As we begin the season of Lent this week, many of us will look for ways to grow closer to God. To deepen our faith and find new connections with our siblings in Christ. Some people will give up some things; some people will take on new things, like new spiritual practices. This year, let us also earnestly consider what is keeping us from fully embracing the likeness of Christ.

Question of the Week: What do we need to give up, what do we need to take on, that will open our hearts to allow them to be changed into the likeness of Christ's heart?

Thank you and peace,
Mark+

You're Invited to a Lenten Bible Study!

Join us for Loved to Life: A 40-day Pilgrimage through the Gospel of John

When: Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 12, 2025

Where: Advent Parish House 6:00-8:00 pm

What to Bring: You and the book Loved to Life by Ann Voskamp (available on Amazon, Target, Walmart, Barnes & Noble)

RSVP or questions: Debbie Permar, debbie.perman@gmail.com or adventmadison@bellsouth.net

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, March 5 is tomorrow! 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.

Stations of the Cross

The regular Stations of the Cross will begin on **Friday, March 7th, at noon**. This liturgy will continue each Friday at noon through Lent, including Good Friday.

Birthdays and anniversaries updates

If there are new birthdays and anniversaries of parishioners you know about, please send that information to info@adventmadison.com.

Rota for the First Sunday in Lent

March 2, 10:30 A.M.

Altar Guild – Abbott-Yost-Strickland

Flower Guild – Elizabeth Branch

LEM/PoP – O. J. Booker

1st Reading – D. Dartnell

2nd Reading – M. Dartnell

Vestry of the Day – D. Dartnell

Organ Tech - Jackson-Lewis

Readings for the First Sunday in Lent

March 2, 10:30 A.M.

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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 Marett, Dutton Morehouse, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, and Betty Thomas.

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.

March Birthdays

12 Dick Schmidt; **13** Deloris Ramfos; **14** David Medlock; **18** David Buck, Alicia Ramfos; **20** Mary Mack Hall; **21** J.P. Roberts; **23** Christine McCauley-Watts; **24** Annie Hunt Burriss; **30** David Dodge, Ann Leighton Jackson

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, March 3, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Tuesday, March 4, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	9:00 AM	CH	Morning Prayer, with imposition of ashes
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	12:30 PM	CH	Ash Wednesday service no music or communion
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	7:00 PM	CH	Ash Wednesday service with music and communion
Thursday, March 6, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open Book study)
Thursday, March 6, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed discussion)
Thursday, March 6, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	Al-Anon (open meeting)
Friday, March 7, 2025	12:00 PM	CH	Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 7, 2025	7:00 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed Book study)
Sunday, March 9, 2025	8:00 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
Sunday, March 9, 2025	9:15 AM	PH	Sunday School - Lectionary Study
Sunday, March 9, 2025	10:30 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Sunday, March 9, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (open meeting)

PH - Parish House CH - Church

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

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

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