



The Episcopal Church of the Advent

May 19, 2025 Newsletter



June Harrell and Janet Mason, ca. 2017

A message from Father Mark

The Bible is full of visions from God and visions of God. On Sunday, we heard about some of those visions. The first is Peter's powerful vision from which he draws the powerful insight, "God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean." Put slightly differently, Peter's experience with Jesus made him receptive to a new vision. And it was a vision that said: There are no unclean people.

There's a straight line from this lesson to the gospel lesson. He tells his disciples, his friends, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This is Jesus' vision for his friends.

Peter's vision shows us that God does not judge people based on external factors, such as the accidents of birth and history. Jesus teaches that God judges the heart, the source and origin of all our words and actions. As we mature in faith, as we grow spiritually, our direction is to "put on the mind of Christ." This has to do with the transformation of our hearts to view all people as God's people, so that we will look with compassion on the world, so that we will act with love and give of ourselves generously.

Question of the Week: Is there someone or maybe a group of people whom you think you can't reach out to because of some difference, perceived or real, between you? What can you do to realign your views with God's view that our commonality supersedes our differences?

Peace,
Mark+

Death of Janet Mason

Dear Friends in Christ,

With sadness, I share with you that Janet Mason, a long-time and beloved member of Church of the Advent, died on May 18, 2025.

The family will receive friends at the Parish House on Friday, May 23, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025. The service will commence at 2:00 p.m. at the graveside in the Fairview portion of the Madison Historic Cemeteries (on the other side of the railroad tracks and up the ridge to the left) and continue in the church at approximately 2:30. A reception will follow the service in the Parish House. You are invited to bring a dish and memories of Janet to share.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Church of the Advent Foundation or Madison Artists Guild.

Please keep Janet's family and friends in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Janet, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Yours Faithfully,
Mark+

Reception for Father Mark

On Sunday, June 1, a reception will be held to recognize Father Mark's last day with Advent and to celebrate his service to the Parish. The reception begins after the 10:30 AM service in the Parish House. Please bring a dish to be shared.

First Wednesday Hosts: Ricardo and Janel Ureña

Wednesday, June 4 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

1041 Parsonage Road - Madison, GA 30650

Come meet amazing Advent parishioners. Make new friends and learn fun things about the people sitting in the pews next to you. Try your hand at corn hole or Blocks, enjoy a bonfire, drinks, food, and conversation. There's plenty of parking at the farm, and we look forward to seeing everyone!

Additional information re: Madison Transportation Plan

Follow the link to read the Letter to the Editor written by Glenn Eskew regarding the Madison Transportation Plan. [Glenn Eskew Letter](#) Interested in this issue? More information: [Madison Transportation Plan](#)

Rota for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 10:30 A.M.

Altar Guild: Bennett-Roman
Flower Guild: Eskew
LEM/PoP: 10:30 A.M. Pridgen
1st Reading: B Pridgen
2nd Reading: Freyer
Vestry of the Day: Horton
Organ Tech: Simpson

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 10:30 A.M.

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15
The Psalm: Psalm 67
Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
The Gospel: John 14:23-29

Parish Prayer List

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Clay Mason.

Friends and Family: Eugene Broadbridge, Jane Brooks, Hunt Brown, Daphne Carter, Lynn Cupples, Lillian and Turner Eby, Mary Ann Edelman, Joseph Gagliano, Maddie Gartland, Annita Hunt, Grainger Hunt, Johanna Dufort Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Nancy Labak, Meg Limmer, Tracy Limmer, Lloyd Long, 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.

May birthdays: 22 Shelley MacMillan, 25 Luke Roman, 28 Brennan Easton, 29 Bill Kurtz, 30 Allison Lehman

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

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

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