



The Episcopal Church of the Advent

June 3, 2025 Newsletter



Farewell, Father Mark

As most of you know, this last Sunday was Father Mark's last service at Advent. He served our parish for nearly two years with his wit and humor, his love and devotion, and his consistent and powerful messages of inclusion, unity and justice. Above all, Father Mark always reminded us that we are one body of Christ and that our parish reflected that fact in the services of every ministry and every worship service. He is excited for our future!

His going-away luncheon on Sunday (the Parish House was packed!) was a great success. Father Mark received a Priest's purse, a book on the beauty and history of Madison, numerous cards of thanks, and a framed print of a painting of the church. We want to give appreciation and thanks to all who helped organize and set up the Parish House (especially Vic Jackson-Lewis!), Nancy, who donated the ham and rolls, all those who brought the delicious food and deserts, and those who helped clean up afterwards!

The Rev. Dr. Harold Lockett – This coming Sunday

Father Lockett will be conducting Sunday services in June. He is a retired Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of Atlanta. He is the former Associate Priest of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, the former Rector and Pastor of St Timothy's Episcopal Church in Decatur Georgia, and the former Chaplain/Director of Absalom Jones Student Center and Chapel in the AUC.

Since graduating from the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, ITC, he has served as an Army Chaplain, as a ACPE Supervisor in Training, as a Hospice Chaplain, as a Pastoral Educator for Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation. He is retired from the US Army Chaplaincy after 21 years of military service.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas (BBA), C. H. Mason Theological Seminary (M. Div, D. Min), and the Virginia Theological Seminary (Diploma of Anglican Studies). He is married to Dr. Carol Marsh-Lockett, a retired professor of English at Georgia State University, and they have two children: Amanda and Joseph.

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!

Rota for the Pentecost Sunday of Easter

June 8, 2025 10:30 A.M.

Altar Guild: Abbott-Yost-Strickland

Flower Guild: Branch

LEM/PoP: 8:--A.M. Simpson 10:30 A.M. Crown

1st Reading: D Dartnell

2nd Reading: M Dartnell

Vestry of the Day – D Dartnell

Organ Tech: Jackson-Lewis

Readings for the Pentecost Sunday of Easter

June 8, 2025 10:30 A.M.

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

The Psalm: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

The Gospel: John 14:8-17

Parish Prayer List

Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Jerry Maddoz, Dennis Reeder, Iliana Arias, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz.

June birthdays: **1** Genia Bennette, Reese Freyer, III, **2** Charles Baldwin, III, **6** Rob McCauley, **11** Sue Baldwin, Elizabeth Branch, **26** Bob Baldwin, **27** Mary Carson Brown

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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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