# Welcome to St. Mark's Bethany

We're so glad you're worshiping with us today. At St. Mark's, our mission is to build a family of believers who glorify God and help one another become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. As we cbegin this season of Advent, may our hearts be filled with hope as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Savior.

November 29, 2026 | 9:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

*Little hearts are welcome in worship!*
*Children's activity sheets for today's service are available in the Narthex.*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** — ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***
Christy Kiespert, *piano*

**Prayer**

**Hymn #171** — ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

**Baptism** — ***James Alexander Strickler***

**Statement of Faith** — **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Offering Reminder**

**Advent Reading**

**Anthem** — ***Come Thou Almighty King*** — arr. Ryan
Handbell Choir

**Hymn #83** — ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

**Message** — **Rev. Randy Wade**

## "Long Lay the World"

From the sermon series
**O Holy Night**

**Scripture Reading** — **Galatians 4:1-7**

4 My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than those who are enslaved, though they are the owners of all the property, 2 but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. 3 So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our[b] hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

**Communion**

**Prayer** — **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

**Hymn #162** — ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

**Hymn #169** — ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

**Prayer**

**Hymn #173** — ***Light of Those Whose Dreary Dwelling***

**Life at St. Mark's**

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** — ***"Doxology"***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**Postlude** — ***Of the Father's Love Begotten***
Christy Kiespert, *piano*

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