

# St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II on Christmas Day

> December 25, 2023 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church. We are so grateful that you are here for worship today. Please know that this church is Christ's church and you are always welcome here. Please feel at home. If you are new among us or simply visiting with us, please make yourself known to the clergy and other parishioners so that we may properly welcome you.

St. Martin's offers three distinct worship services inside the church most Sundays.

## **REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE** (resuming January 14, 2024)

8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: no music

9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: Wonder Church Wonder Church is a wonderfully alternative service geared toward children and their families.

10:00 a.m. | Formation for all ages

11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with choir and congregational singing

### FIRST SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. | Service of Holy Eucharist

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Martin's has one Service of Holy Eucharist, with a meal to follow.

### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

December 31 | First Sunday after Christmas

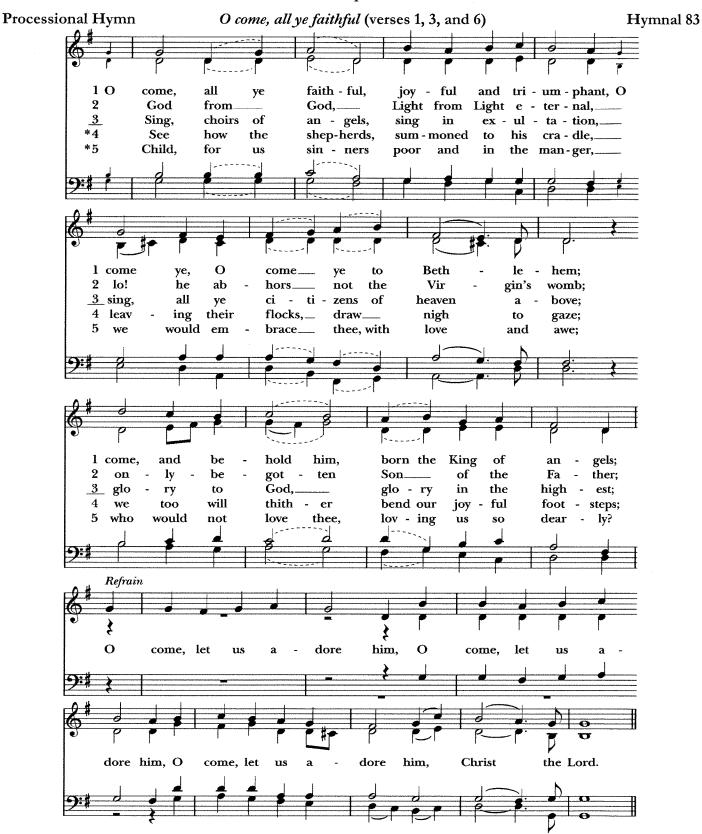
10:00 a.m. | Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher | The Rev. Monica Mainwaring
Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis
Lector and Intercessor | Gay Jolley
Organ | Will Gotmer

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6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

In unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people sit.

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,

who announces salvation,

who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,

together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,

you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people,

he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm

before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see

the salvation of our God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

Responsively by whole verse.

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

'Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,

when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world \*

and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



All stand.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁶He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁶He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁶The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

The people stand or kneel.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The People may their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### Confession of Sin

Remaining standing or kneeling.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

### Welcome and Announcements

### Offertory Voluntary

Thank you for your generosity. Your food offerings in support of the food pantry can be placed in the baskets outside the doors of the church. You may place your monetary offering in the plates as they are passed, mail it to the church, give online at www.stmartins.org/give, or you may text to give by doing the following:

1. Open a new text message. 2. Type 73256. 3. Use our code letters: SMECATL. 4. Put in the amount you would like to give.

Presentation Hymn

### The first Nowell (verses 1, 2, and 6)

Hymnal 109

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

# The Holy Communion

**Eucharistic Prayer B** 

The people stand.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

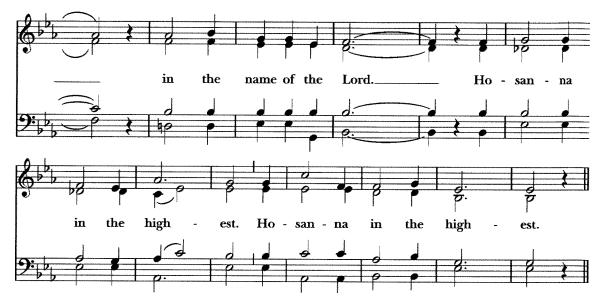
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The people stand or kneel.

### The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please remain in your pew until the usher prompts you to go forward to receive communion or a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you desire gluten-free. If you wish to receive Communion in one kind (bread only), please proceed to the rail and extend one hand to receive the host only. If you wish to receive a host that has been dipped into the chalice of wine, please proceed to the rail and extend both hands, and it will be placed into your hand. If you wish to receive only a blessing, please proceed to the rail and cross your arms in front of your chest.

### The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand for the blessing.

### The Blessing



### Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

A Nativity Suite V. Joy to the World

Wilbur Held

# Christmas Flowers to the Glory of God

In memory of David & Anserianna Adkins by Mark Adkins

In remembrance of my husband Carl H. Anderson by Lyna Anderson & the Anderson family

In memory of Dan Bacon & Jun Jang by Lauren Bacon

In thanksgiving for Harper, Thomas & Lily by Leslie Bentley

In thanksgiving for Grace, Hope, Andrew, & Hannah by Susan & Ned Breunig

In memory of Frank, Bob, & Nell by Susan & Ned Breunig

In memory of John W. Robinson by Grant & Leigh Ford

In memory of Richard & Eugenia Sedlar by Rebecca Gilbert

In memory of Dorothy Joan Edwards St. Clair by Joan & Bill Goodhew

In loving memory of Sara Martin, mother of Lisa Martin Smith by the Flower Guild

In memory of loved ones & in thanksgiving for those in my life by Carolyn Haile & Jerry Smith

In memory of "Miss" Fran Farmer by Susan and Bob Hamilton

In loving memory of Margaret Hurlbutt Graft by Steve & Janet Hurlbutt

In memory of Gil Crumpler by Raine Hyde

In memory of Deloris Coleman by Cecelia Coleman Ingraham

In memory of John A. Jolley & Karen Ann Archer by Gay Jolley

In memory of Belinda Wedgwood by Karen Klein

In memory of Paul & Pearl Lloyd & Jane Friday by John & Karole Lloyd

In thanksgiving for Alan, Jennifer, Colin & Andrew Lloyd, Michael Lloyd, Mitchell & Callie Lloyd, Grady Friday & Deborah Friday by John & Karole Lloyd

In loving memory of Alden MacArthur, Jr & Keiko MacArthur by Linda MacArthur

In loving memory of Silvio & Roselle D'Orazio by Linda MacArthur

In thanksgiving for St. Martin's leadership, staff, volunteers, and parish family by Monica Mainwaring

In love forever to our parents, David & Marge Young, Fred & Beverly McCracken by Jackie McCracken

In loving memory of son Daniel Mudler by Michael & Barbara Mudler

In memory of Sid Oakley by Judi Oakley

In thanksgiving for Mary & Lucy Berend by Judi Oakley

In loving memory of parents Emily & Marshall Ellingsworth by Karen Otto

In memory of Joseph Thomas Pearson by Fran Pearson & her family

In thanksgiving for son, John, nephews & their families - Lee, Alexa, Harper, & Hudson Gutschenritter; Peter, Camy, & Betts Gutschenritter; Chris & Jessica Gutschenritter by Nancy Perk

In thanksgiving for Reeves, Mia, Anderson, Rees, Teddy, and Wheeler Roberts by Jim and Carol Roberts

In memory of Ashley Dozier by Jon & Sally Roy

In memory of Richard Leigh by Matt & Caroline Rose

In memory of Allison, Sandy, Katherine & Stanley Rose, Irene & Fred Lewchik by Karen, Chris & Whitney Rose

In loving memory of Dave Schwefler by his children, grand children, & Marcia Schwefler

In memory eternal of my parents, Richard and Eugenia Sedlar by the Silbert Family

In loving appreciation for Andy, Emily, Jasper, Meadow, Katie, Darren, Layla & Landon by Barbara & John Skrobko



A Gathering Of Women is a retreat at the church for all women of St. Martin's. On the cusp of Lent, this is a chance to connect as community, meet new friends, step away from our busy day-to-day, and recharge with many creative and interactive options through the day.

Looking for the best Mother's Day gift? Bring Mom (and the family) to our Kanuga Parish Retreat on Mother's Day Weekend. See God's gifts in: the mountains, our children playing in the fresh air, communion with other families, music, and worship. Share your own God-given gifts at Kanuga. Come and enjoy.

# **REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT:**



**REGISTER FOR** 



KANUGA:



Kanuga Parish Ret

Vacation Bible School 2024 is June 10 - 14, 2024. Registration is now open for all campers (4 years old - 5th grade), Jr. Counselors (6th - 8th grade), Sr. Counselors (9th - 12th grade), and Adult Leaders & Volunteers.

### **REGISTER FOR VBS:**



**REGISTER FOR ASP:** 



ASP Mission Trip June 23-29

Join in the church-wide ASP Mission Trip, June 23 - 29, 2024. We'll journey to the Appalachian region of the U.S. and partner with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) for this week of service to others who call Appalachia their home.



In addition to Sunday services listed in the front of the bulletin, you are invited to:

# Welcome





### Christmas Gifts - Gift an Experience with St. Martin's

If you are struggling with what to get your family member for Christmas, consider an experience with St. Martin's: the Women's Retreat (February 10), Kanuga Parish Life Retreat (Mother's Day Weekend, May 10 - 12), Intergenerational Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project (June 23 - 29), Vacation Bible School Week (June 10 - 14). Registration is now open for each of these events on Realm. If you are not wanting or able to attend but would like to support these efforts financially, your gifts are welcome. Please make a note designating your gift.

### Office Closure

The Church offices will be closed December 26 - January 1. If you have pastoral needs, reach out to Mtr. Monica at <a href="mainwaring@stmartins.org">mmainwaring@stmartins.org</a> and if you have any questions related to year-end giving, reach out to Business Administrator Leslie Rose at <a href="mainwaring@stmartins.org">lose@stmartins.org</a>.

### Pledge for 2024 - "Close the Gap" for 2023

Please send your 2024 pledge card into the church, complete your pledge online, or email our Business Administrator Leslie Rose at <a href="mailto:lesses:le

### Giving Before Year End

As the end of the year approaches, here are a few reminders regarding charitable giving...

- Checks that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 to be credited in this calendar year. For a check to be credited in this tax year, it MUST be postmarked by December 31, 2023. The mailing address is Post Office Box 190109 Brookhaven 31119.
- Online gifts are time stamped. Please make sure all online gifts are made by December 31 so that they can be credited in 2023.
- If you plan to give a stock gift, please make the request of your broker by mid-December. We need time to sell the stock before the December 31 deadline.

# ONE St. Martin's Service, Baptisms and Feast January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our January ONE St. Martin's Service and Feast. We will welcome many to the church through baptism. Following the service, all are invited to share a feast in Gable Hall, hosted by Wonder Church families. AMIS (Atlanta Ministry to International Students) leadership and students will be with us to share about this good outreach partner. Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.