

Service of Holy Eucharist Baptism of our Lord

> January 7, 2024 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.

#### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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.

The altar flowers are given by Nancy Perk to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of her great-niece, Betty Jane Gutschenritter.

#### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring | Preacher: The Rev. Colin Brown
Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis
Verger | Leigh Ford
Lectors | Bob Comegys, Heather Zunzunegui
Intercessor | Tim Peek
Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer
The St. Martin's Adult Choir



### Opening Acclamation and Collect of the Day

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

Following the Collect of the Day, children are invited to make their way to the baptismal font to follow leadership to Lower Gable Hall to make their art offering. They will rejoin the congregation for the baptisms.

The people sit.

### The Lessons

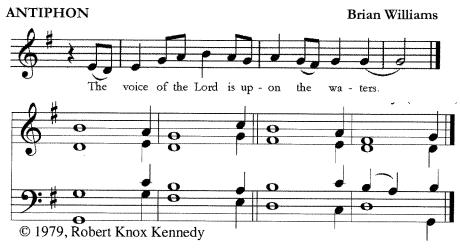
First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

The Psalm Psalm 29



The Antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all. The verses are sung by all.

- Ascribe to the LORD, you / Gods, \*
  ascribe to the LORD glory and / strength
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his / Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness. [ANTIPHON]
- The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory / thunders; \*
  the LORD is upon the mighty / waters.
- The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice; \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of / splendor.
- The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; \* the LORD breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a <u>young wild</u> / ox.
- †7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness; \* the LORD shakes the wilderness of Ka- / desh. [ANTIPHON]
- The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees / writhe \* and strips the forests / bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the / LORD \* all are crying, / "Glory!"
- The LORD sits enthroned above the / flood; \* the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever / more.
- The LORD shall give strength to his / people; \*
  the LORD shall give his people the <u>blessing</u> of / peace. [ANTIPHON]

Second Reading Acts 19:1-7

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—¬altogether there were about twelve of them.

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



The Gospel Mark 1:4-11

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Colin Brown

A moment of silent reflection is observed following the sermon.

# The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Deaton Henry Ciesla | Betty Jane Gutschenritter | Bailey Blythe Tate | Whitner Drew Tate

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After each child has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their lives in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with these families, who are committing these children to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? People I will, with God's help.

## Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader We pray also for the special needs and concerns of this

community, including \_\_\_\_\_.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.* 

#### Baptism Hymn

# In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Taizé





# Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

# The Baptism

Each candidate is presented to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon them, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to them N, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.** 

Then the Priest lights the baptismal candle from the Paschal candle and, giving it to the family, says N., may the light of Christ shine within you, today and always. **Amen.** 

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the candidates, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** 

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and your glory has dawn'd upon you.

Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has dawn'd upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and your glory has dawn'd upon you.

For over you the Lord will rise and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and your glory has dawn'd upon you.

Your gates will always be open by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you the city of the Lord the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and your glory has dawn'd upon you.

Violence will no more be heard in your land. Ruin or destruction with in your borders.

You will call your walls salvation and all your portals praise.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and your glory has dawn'd upon you.

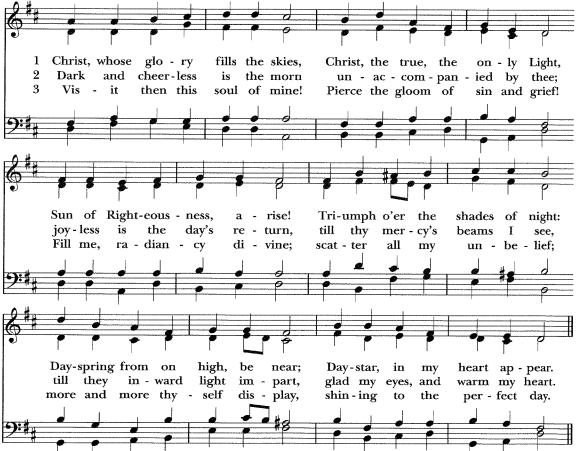
The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory.

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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, or give online at www.stmartins.org/give.

# Presentation Hymn Christ, whose glory fills the skies Hymnal 7



# The Holy Communion

The people stand.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

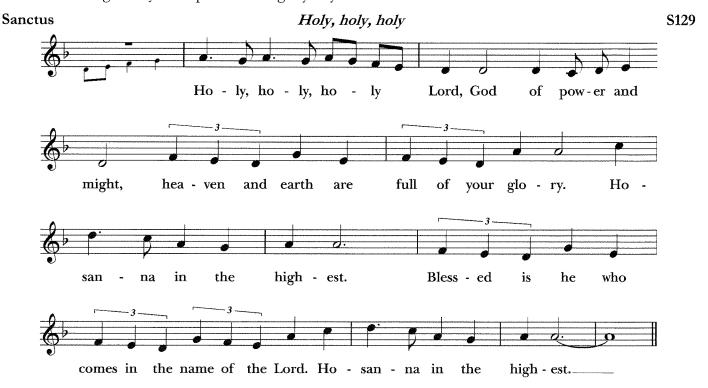
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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**.

#### 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.

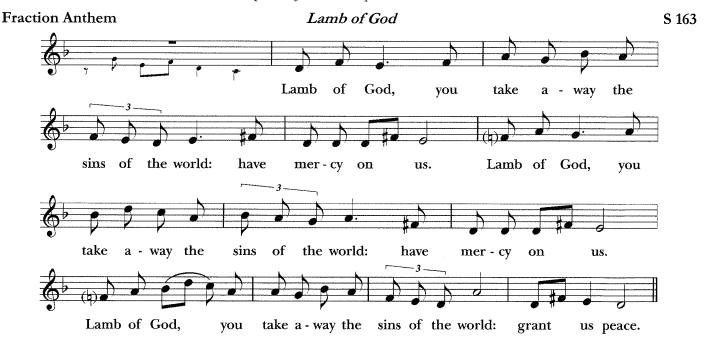
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

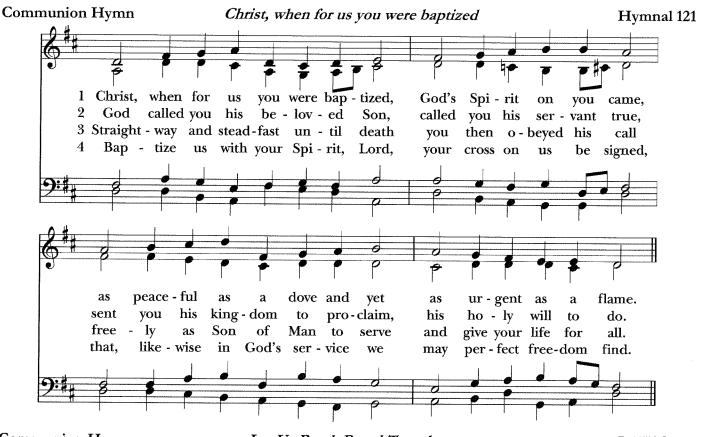
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

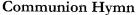


#### Invitation

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.

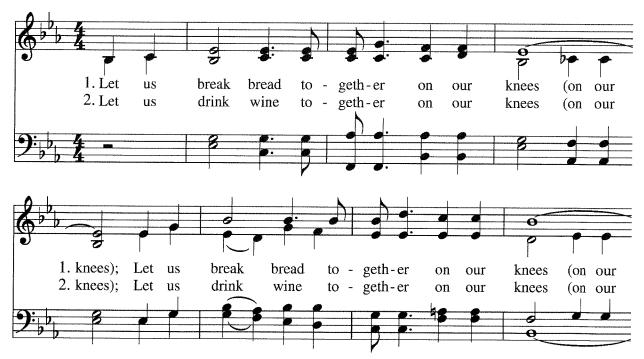
Please remain in your pew until the usher prompts you to go forward to receive communion or a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you desire gluten-free. If you wish to receive Communion in one kind (bread only), please proceed to the rail and extend one 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.





Let Us Break Bread Together

LEVAS 152





On Sundays when Eucharistic Visitors are making visits, they will be commissioned as follows:

#### Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

# The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

As we do in Wonder Church, please repeat after the leader.

Loving God,

### Loving God,

we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food, we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food,

the bread of life and cup of salvation,

the bread of life and cup of salvation,

Christ's Body and Blood.

Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people

Now send us forth a people

forgiven, healed, renewed;

forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may share your love and joy

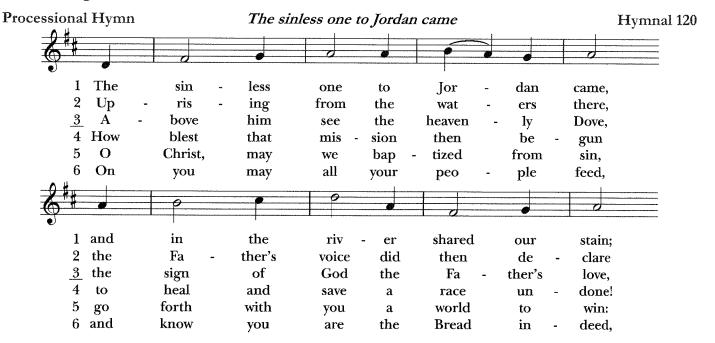
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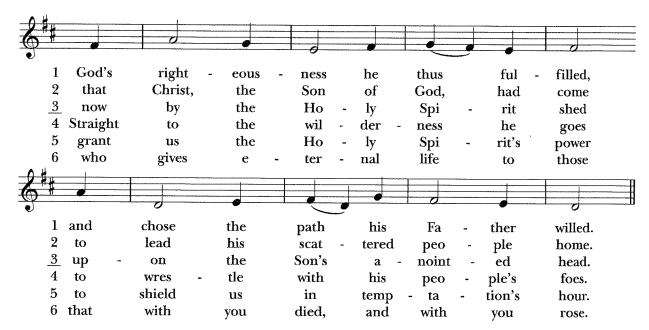
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

All stand for the blessing.

# The Blessing





#### Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Hornpipe from Water Music

G.F. Handel







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

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

Following the service today, 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.

### Pledge for 2024 - "For God is at work in you..."

Thank you to the 215 individuals and family units who have pledged \$952,395 in support of St. Martin's mission and ministry in 2024. If you have yet to pledge, please send your 2024 pledge card into the church, or complete your pledge online, or via an email to our Business Administrator Leslie Rose at <a href="mailto:lirose@stmartins.org">lirose@stmartins.org</a>. If you wish to give online, please be sure to set that up online in your Realm account - your pledge does not automatically enroll you in online giving. Likewise your online giving does not register as a pledge unless you communicate via a pledge card, a pledge online, or an email that you are pledging.

# Youth Group Resumes January 14 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group resumes January 14 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All middle and high schoolers are welcome to join us in Gable Hall for dinner before splitting into our Oasis and Crossroads groups. We're thrilled to begin a new year together with lots of fun and fellowship in store. All are welcome.

# Annual Report & Annual Meeting January 21, 10:00 a.m.

Our Annual Parish Report will be published in mid-January, and the Annual Parish Meeting will take place in Gable Hall on Sunday, January 21, after Wonder Church and before our third service, during the formation hour, 10:00 a.m. Please plan to come and celebrate all of the ways God has been at work in and through St. Martin's throughout 2023.

## January Outreach Spotlight: AMIS

Atlanta's 19 colleges and universities host 15-20 thousand students each year. Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS) seeks to build cultural understanding between people of different countries to foster peace. An American friend helps an international student adjust to the new language, culture, and environment. The American friend enjoys the unique opportunity to become culturally enlightened, to participate in global outreach here at home. AMIS volunteers meet at least once during the student's first year in Atlanta, for a meal in your home or at some sporting or social event in the local area. In some cases, true friendships form. Visit www.amisatlanta.org or talk to Jim

# Upcoming Events at St. Martin's



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.

REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT:



Kanuga Parish Retreat | May 10 - 12

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 KANUGA:



Vacation Bible School | June 10-14

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:** 





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.