

**Timothy Jones, Bass-Baritone, Guest Soloist for  
St. Mark's Christmas Eve Services  
including Prelude Music at 5:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.**



American Bass-Baritone Timothy Jones enjoys a reputation as a charismatic presence on operatic and concert stages throughout the United States, Europe, and South America. The Boston Globe hailed his voice as "stentorian and honeyed" and the Chicago Tribune called his "complete connection with the text extraordinary." The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review praised him for his theatricality, noting that he "relished the dramatic possibilities of the songs' text and music." His eagerly anticipated performances combine intelligent musicianship, commanding vocal technique and a unique ability to connect with audiences.

**All 2018 contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark's!**

**Advent Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve**

The music for our 2018 Advent Lessons and Carols will include "O Come, O Come, Immanuel", the Carol of the Advent know as "People, Look East", "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree", "The Lamb", "Prepare the Way, O Zion, your Christ Is Drawing Near", "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day", "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came", "The Holly and the Ivy", and "Once in Royal David's City".

Lessons and Carols in the Anglican tradition began in 1878 and was formalized as a Christmas Service in 1880 by the Bishop of Truro, later Archbishop of Canterbury, Edward Benson. An Advent version of the service developed slightly later at King's College and is now celebrated around the world. Scriptural readings are interspersed with choral anthems and hymns, all reflecting our hope and expectation for both the first and second coming of Christ our Lord. The Bidding Prayer begins the liturgy "Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning."

Our Christmas Eve Services this year will be musically embellished by our Guest Soloist, Dr. Timothy Jones, who will conclude our Prelude Music before both early and late services, singing the well-known solo, "O Holy Night." Later in the service his vocal selection will be the beautiful "I Wonder as I Wander out under the Sky." When I played my first Christmas Eve services at St. Mark's some 24 years ago, Dr. Jones sang both of these selections. I am most grateful that he is returning this year, in particular, to sing for us and be present as I play these final services before my retirement.

*Soli Deo Gloria!* (To God alone be the glory.)  
Jerome Wells

**The Weekly Word  
December 23, 2018**

**St. Mark's Calendar  
This Week:**

December 23

**Advent Lessons and Carols**

10:15 a.m.

**Jerome Wells' Farewell Reception in the Cloister**

11:30 a.m.

December 24

**Christmas Eve Services with Guest Soloist, Timothy Jones**

6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

(Christmas Carols begin at 5:45 and 9:45 p.m.)

December 25

**Christmas Service**

10:00 a.m.

December 25 and 26

**Parish Office Closed**

**Save the Date:**

December 31

**New Years Eve**

Parish Office closed

January 1, 2019

**New Years Day**

Parish Office Closed

January 6

**Burning of the Greens**

6:00 p.m.

January 9

**Worship and Wisdom Wednesdays begin**

January 27

**Annual Parish Meeting**

Join us in Payne Hall Sunday, December 23, after the 10:15 Service for a reception honoring Jerome Wells as he retires from St. Mark's as Choirmaster/Organist.

**Please Pray For...**

|                      |                   |                  |                     |                   |                    |                 |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Margo Abshire        | Carol Bayard      | Michael Boyer    | Wilbur Butler       | Angela Broussard  | Tom Broussard      | Gabriel Carreon |
| John Clark           | Richard Clark     | Hal Clarke       | Ann Cobb            | Howard Cobb       | Rebecca Couverette | Marty Craig     |
| Brenda Davis         | Chris Dobson      | Nicholas Edwards | Carleen Faucett     | Chad Ferguson     | Tracy Mabry Fink   | Misty Ford      |
| Katherine Gardner    | Mary Anna Glasgow | Elizabeth Gwin   | Cherie Ball-Harding | Cindy Harland     | Margie Nell Harris | Pryce Haynes    |
| Brittney Henslee     | Bridget Hoke      | Jessie Hoke      | Jeanie Hood         | Harrison Jordan   | Kevin Kabelle      | Betty Kirwin    |
| Wanda Lawhorn        | Eileen Monte      | Emilie Neild     | John Nelson         | Neal Nielson      | Clare Parker       | Sherry Perkins  |
| J. T. Richard        | Joyce Richardson  | Rachael Risch    | Dale Robinson       | Shirley Salisbury | Chris Sherman      | Sue Simcox      |
| Melissa Miller Sitos | Katie Smith       | Sheila Smith     | Larry Talley        | Millisent Taylor  | Charlie Thompson   | Sharon Wagner   |
| Margaret Wheelus     | Melinda Williams  | Kelly Wilson     | Ben                 | Beverly           |                    |                 |

**For those who have died...**

Marie Vaccarello

**For those serving in the Military...**

|                   |                 |                     |                  |                |               |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Joe Alexander     | Danny Anders    | Christian Bornefeld | Justin Clark     | Tony Clark+    | Stephen Davis | Travis Goodwin  |
| Isaiah Grant      | Brad Holton     | Jimmy Howell        | James Fredericks | Kaffrey Jacobs | Erwin Jasmin  | Madison Johnsen |
| Michael Kobilijak | Lucas Low       | Joseph Lynch        | Joshua Lynch     | John Matlock   | Colton Means  | Collin McBride  |
| Logan Nunez       | Will Odham      | Tony Ogden          | Stephen Ricker   | Gavin Ritchie  | Donnie Romero | Jesse Russell   |
| Grady Salisbury   | Adam Schlegal   | Brian Shajari       | Daniel Lee Smith | Matthew Smith  | Morgan Smyth  | Gary Tipton     |
| Tim Uncapher      | Stuart Williams | Roland Zech         |                  |                |               |                 |

# ATTENTION

ALL WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S  
BRIEF **CALLED** ECW MEETING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23  
9:05 AM  
IN PAYNE HALL

## Happy Birthday!

Dec 23 – Robert Hutchison, Paul Norman  
Dec 24 – Grace Cokinos, Bill Summerlin, Susan Weaver  
Dec 26 – Vicki Bornefeld  
Dec 27 – Ellen Rienstra, Victoria Zizmont  
Dec 29 – Frank Eastman, Tom Johnson



December 23 ~ Advent Lessons and Carols ~ 10:15 a.m.  
December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Services ~ 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.  
(Christmas Carols begin at 5:45 and 9:45 p.m.)  
December 25 ~ Christmas Day Service ~ 10:00 a.m.  
December 24-26 ~ Parish Office Closed  
December 31 ~ New Years Eve  
January 1 ~ New Years Day  
December 31 – January 1 ~ Parish Office Closed



## Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Friday  
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

## Weekday Worship:

Holy Eucharist -  
Tuesday 12:00 Noon  
Thursday 9:45 a.m.  
Friday 7:00 a.m.

## Morning Prayer -

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. (The Abbey Room)

## Sunday Worship:

Holy Eucharist at  
8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and  
6:00 p.m.

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## The Treasure House

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Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. -  
6:00 p.m.

## Traditional Epiphany –

### Burning of the Greens – Sunday, January 7, 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar now and don't miss this great light in the darkness! Join us for Evening Prayer and Christmas Carols, then follow the bagpipe procession out to the parking lot for the Burning of the Greens. Links, s'mores and fellowship follow!

Reminder: Please drop off your Christmas trees for the Burning of the Greens no later than Sunday afternoon, January 6. Please leave the trees inside the fence between the Main Building and the Gilbert Gym.