

News and Service Opportunities - Please Take Note:

Please join us in the responsibility to safeguard God's children by making sure no child is unaccompanied while in the building. **Our Nursery** is staffed from 10:15am—noon. **“Soft-spots”** for families with young children offer toddler friendly seating. **We love having children in worship.**

Children's Worship. We leave just after the Gospel and return during the Peace. Best for ages 4-10ish

Young Adults Group continues on Sundays at 1pm in the North Wing upstairs Lounge.

We are about three-quarters of the way to our 2026 goal of 100 pledges! Every pledge keeps St. Mark's humming. Questions about pledging? Suzanne is available in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour.

We need Greenery! Magnolia, Pine, Cedar and Cryptomeria. Please bring to church, no later than Monday, December 22.

Quick Pageant walk through after church today!

Youth Service Day, Monday December 22 at 2—4pm.

Grief Group continues on 1st & 3d Sundays at 9am. Aiken Meeting Room.

Please donate in memory or in honor of a loved one to support out Christmas Floral decorations. Give on-line or use the form in the church. Please give by Sunday, December 21

Christmas Eve services at 4pm (Pageant) and 10pm (musical prelude followed by the service at 10:30pm)

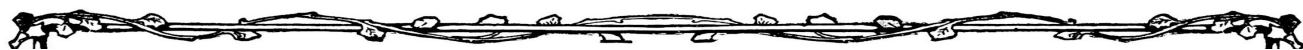
The Office is closed December 24 - January 5.

Sacred Ground—a new group is forming in January 2026. Questions? Chat with Nancy O'Reilly or Rob McTier.

St. Mark's Reads is reading about the legacy of Malcom X. We'll gather in early February 2026 to discuss. **Book titles and more information on our website.**

Electronic Bulletins! Save a tree by downloading the bulletin on your phone or device. The QR code is on the other side of this insert. St. Mark's Guest Network, no password required.

COVID/Flu SAFETY: Masks are optional. We ask that you remain mindful of other's health.



Outreach:

Food Pantry service on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! We distribute bags, offer a meal and time to relax and use the bathroom. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, forpop247@gmail.com. **December 27 breakfast team is Team Pennington. Many thanks to all who have so generously donated to the Food Pantry!**

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **December 24 host is Suzanne Long.**

CARITAS Meal ministry continues in 2026. Our next meal is Lunch on Friday, January 9. Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS).

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 21 — December 27

SUNDAY(21) 9:00 AM Grief Group
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

MON(22) 2:00 PM Youth Outreach Project

WEDS(24) 4:00 PM Family Service
 8:00 PM 12-Step
 10:00 PM Choral Prelude
 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

THUR(25) 10:30 PM Christmas Day Service

SAT(27) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 28 — January 3

SUNDAY(28) 10:30 AM Lessons and Carols Service

TUES(30) OFFICE CLOSED

WEDS(31) OFFICE CLOSED
 8:00 PM 12-Step

THUR(1) OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom



Serving This Sunday, December 21
Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Frederico Garza

Vergers: Penny Adams **First Reading:** Beth Wentworth

Second Reading: Buck Aiken

Intercessor: Tamara Orr

Chalicers: Ryn Kennedy, Penny Adams

Acolytes: Étienne Smith, Ciel Smith

Crucifer: Penny Adams **Gospel Bearer:** Ryn Kennedy

Vestry Speaker: Ivy Burnes

Ushers: Kristin Herman, David Herman,
Fred Crowley, George Summers

Greeters: Beth Wentworth, Fred Crowley

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier,
Monica Lewis

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Liz Smith, Gayle Johnston,
Amy Strite, Carter Strite, Fred Wayne

Advent Greenery: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Cutro, Boschen, Matthews, McTier

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Elizabeth Kyser

Serving Next Sunday, December 28
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Preacher: Lessons and Carols

Vergers: Paul Shane **Intercessor:** N/A

Lectors: Laura Hicks, Elam Jarrells, Buck Aiken,
Sanford Eberly, Isabel Tucker, Harold Wright, Karen Franklin,
Jennifer McCauley, Karen Hardison

Chalicers: Mike Maruca, Paul Shane

Acolytes: Frosty Owen, George Spica **Crucifer:** Paul Shane

Ushers: Mary and Steve Clark, Kenn Shirley and Richard Yuk

Greeters: Howard Pugh, Malinda Collier

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier,
Monica Lewis

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Mary Clark, Peter Walker, Andrea Lofton

Advent Greenery: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Dummit, Kilbourne, Gifford, O'Keefe

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson