

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. **Children's Worship** is offered during our service. Best for children ages 4-11ish. We leave after the Gospel and return at the Peace. **"Soft-spots" for families with young children** offer toddler friendly seating. **We love having children in worship.**

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

The Office reopens Thursday, January 2 at 11am.

It's Pledge Season! Our Annual campaign! Please remember to pledge! Please consider your financial gift to support the work of the church in 2025. Pledges in any amount help us build our operating budget for staff, upkeep, and ministry. We have 70 pledges on our way to the 100 pledge unit goal!

St. Mark's Reads Winter book is *Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul: How to Change the World in Quiet Ways* by Dorcas Cheng-Tozun. Grab a copy and start reading - we'll gather in late January/early February for a "souper."

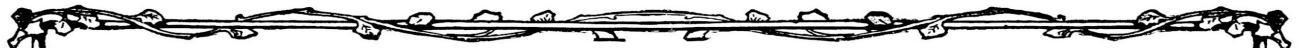
Epiphany Dinner is Sunday, January 5 at 6pm.

Rector's Forum continues on Sunday, January 12 at 9am. These topical conversations will occur once per month. Meet in the Library.

Worship Assistant's Trainings January 12 and February 9. 12:15pm. This is required for our diocesan licensing.

Youth Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, January 19. Chat with Fr. Benajmin, Malinda or Ryn for more information.

VA Interfaith Day for All People at the General Assembly is Wednesday, January 15. Talk with Penny Adams or Karen Hardison about registering by Dec. 15.



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. **Please shop for the Food Pantry— Lists are on-line and in the church entry.** January 11 team is Ed Street, Robert Lett, Don & Elizabeth Kyser.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **January 1 host is Suzanne Long**

CARITAS Meal ministry continues in 2025—check the website for dates! They are on our Outreach page. Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS).

Diaper Drive in January and February. We're collecting to support Church of the Epiphany's distribution. Please shop for diapers sizes newborn to 7, pull-ups and wipes. Bring to the church and we'll get them to Epiphany.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken

Vergers: Douglas D’Urso

Readers:

Nick Roberts, Becky Adams, Douglas D’Urso, Carter Strite,
Rob McTier, Jennifer McCauley, Sanford Eberly,
Karen Franklin, Scott Pennington

Chalicer: Carter Strite

Ushers: Steve Clark, Howard Pugh

Greeters: Any Greeters Present

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Sanford Eberly, Liz Smith, Mary Clark

Christmas Flowers: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Pennington, Solberg, Neal,
Thompson, Mock, Williams

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

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Preacher: The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken

Vergers: Paul Shane

First Reading: Becky Adams

Second Reading: Cameron Cutro

Intercessor: Peter Walker **Chalicer:** Carter Strite

Acolytes: Fielding Boschen, Hunter Marie Boschen

Ushers: Howard Pugh, Jim Contner,
Anson Matthews, Errol Somay

Greeters: Malinda Collier and Howard Pugh

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