

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 just a bit more than half-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.

Pastoral Care Team meets today, December 7 at 12:15pm.

Women Rowing North is Thursday, December 11 at 3:30pm.

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 our Christmas Floral decorations. Give on-line or use the form in the church. Please give by Sunday, December 21

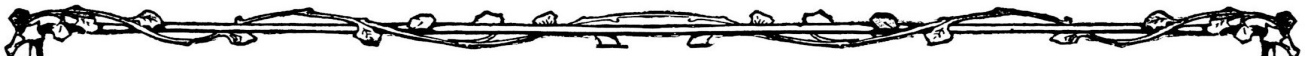
Christmas Eve services at 4pm (Pageant) and 10pm (musical prelude followed by the service at 10:30pm)

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 13 breakfast team is Mickie, Mandy & Keith.**

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 10 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).

Christmas Boxes need to be wrapped, labeled, and returned ASAP!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 7 — December 13

SUNDAY(7) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 12:15 PM Pastoral Care Team

TUES(9) 5:00 PM Executive Team

WEDS(10) 10:00 AM Bible Study
 8:00 PM 12-Step

THURS(11) 3:30 PM Women Rowing North

SAT(13) 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 14 — December 20

SUNDAY(14) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 12:15 PM Choir
 12:15 PM Healing Prayer Team
 12:15 PM Youth Gathering

TUES(16) 6:00 PM Vestry

WEDS(17) 10:00 AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM Curmudgeon Luncheon
 8:00 PM 12-Step

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



Serving This Sunday, December 7

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Elizabeth Kyser **First Reading:** Jane Elbert

Second Reading: Tamara Orr

Intercessor: Jennifer McCauley

Chalicers: Ryn Kennedy, Elizabeth Kyser

Paten II: Frosty Owen

Acolytes: Jackson Neal, Feild Pennington

Crucifer: Elizabeth Kyser **Gospel Bearer:** Elizabeth Kyser

Vestry Speaker: Gaye Frugard

Ushers: Howard Pugh, Errol Somay,
Jim Contner, George Summers

Greeters: Kevin Cutro, Scott Pennington

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier,
Blaine Rubenson, Monica Lewis

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones,
Emma Churchman, Mary Mock

Advent Greenery: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Heady, Roberts, Moore, Kats

Alter Guild Zoom Host: TBD

Serving Next Sunday, December 14

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Preacher: Karen Hardison

Verger: Mike Evranian **First Reading:** Karen Hardison

Second Reading: Mickie Jones

Intercessor: Amy Strite

Chalicers: Carter Strite, Mike Evranian

Acolytes: Tess Downey, Fielding Boschen

Crucifer: Mike Evranian **Gospel Bearer:** Carter Strite

Vestry Speaker: Kate Williams

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,
Annette Spanel, Nick Roberts

Greeters: Ryn Kennedy, TBD

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier,
Blaine Rubenson, Monica Lewis

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel, Jackie Bitler

Advent Greenery: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Clark, Stanley, McDuff, Delva, Badgett, Klele

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson