

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, during office hours 12/17,18 and Sunday 12/21.

Choir and Youth group meets today, December 14 at 12:15pm.

Curmudgeon's Lunch is Wednesday, December 17 noon at Ariann's on N. Sheppard.

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)

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 17 host is Christian Munson.**

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 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

NEXT 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



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Serving This Sunday, December 14

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Preacher: Karen Hardison

Verger: Mike Evranian **First Reading:** Becky Adams

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

Greeter: Ryn Kennedy

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

Serving Next Sunday, December 21

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Frederico Garza

Verger: 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,
Blaine Rubenson, 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: Zoom Host