



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
+
CAPITOL HILL

ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST & LAYING ON OF HANDS

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST & LAYING ON OF HANDS

Presider

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Preacher

Andrew Arakawa, Seminarian

Deacon

The Reverend Cynthia Dopp

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caroline McReynolds-Adams

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.

Hearing – The T-Coil system can be accessed by using a hearing aid with a T-setting, or by using one of our headsets. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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Childcare: the Nursery is open! Children up to age 3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, which will be the last room on your right.

The Parish Calendar is Online at www.stmarks.net/calendar/month.

Restrooms and water fountains are available in the foyer and on the lower level.

Lost & Found is managed by our new maintenance contractor PMM. Please contact the PMM On-Site Team (202-695-9433) to see if your item has been found or to turn in an item you've found.

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NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Attendance:	248
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$15,974.89

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The Advent/Christmas Wreath, which was given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay, was hand-forged by Richard A. Martin, a metal sculpture in Alexandria, Virginia. This work is made of steel with solid-link chains and hammered drip pans, painted black and measuring three feet in diameter, with a cross hanging beneath the central candle

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months</i>)
9:00 am	Children's Chapel (<i>not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am</i>)
10:00 am	Sermon Seminar
11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist

We formally begin the worship service with the Prelude, a musical offering designed to bring us together for worship that allows for quiet reflection before the service begins. Please respect this time by refraining from conversations in the Nave as much as possible. While greeting each other is important, we ask that you do so outside the Nave or near the doors so that others can have quiet time.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please observe silence when the lights are dimmed

Prelude Wachet Auf! Ruft Uns Die Stimme, BWV 645
(Wake up, the voice calls to us)

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Opening Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us, vv. 1-2

Wachet auf

Opening Sentences

Presider Keep awake!

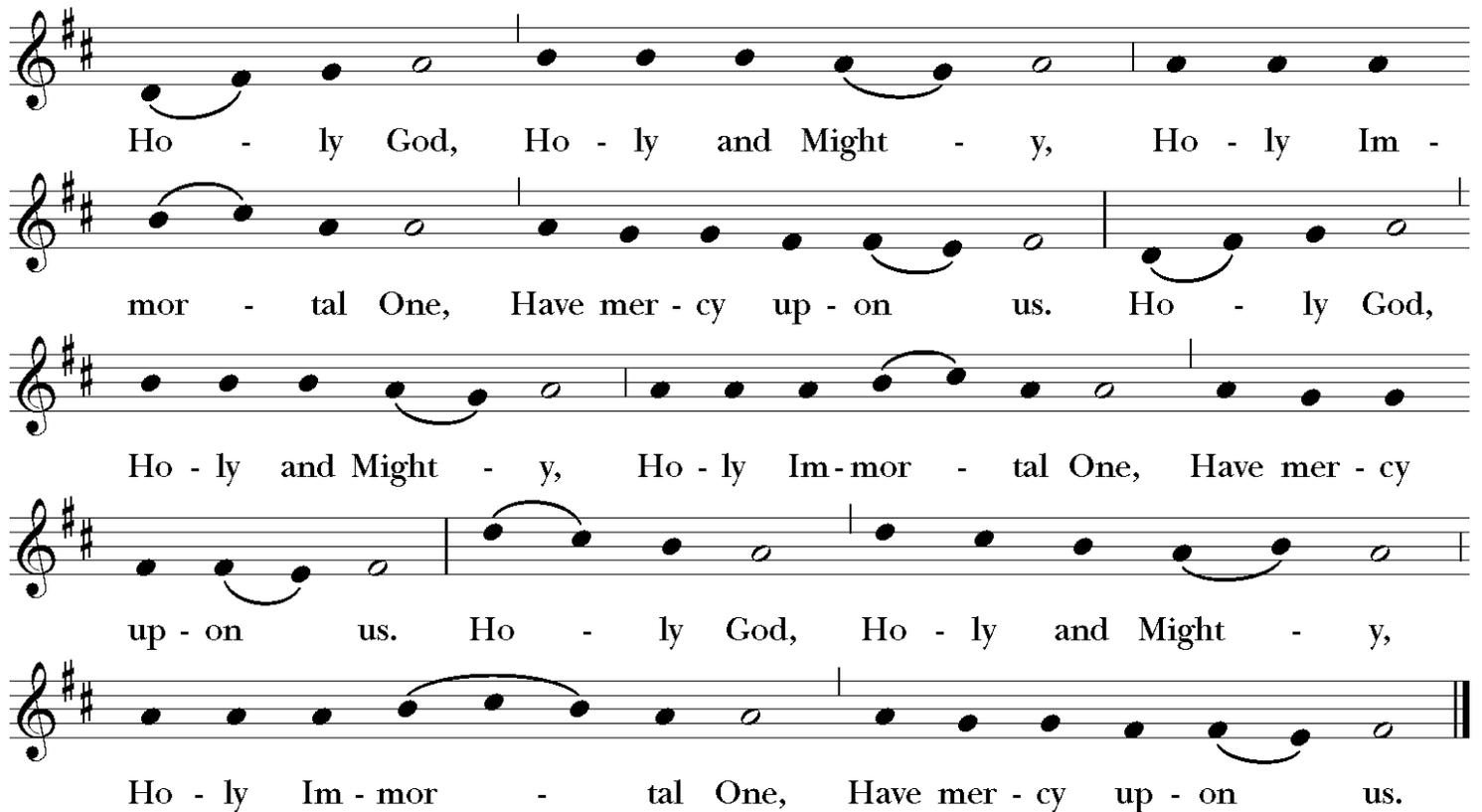
People You know not when God comes.

Presider Keep awake!

People God is coming.

Trisagion S 100

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect for Purity

A prayer asking God to make us worthy to worship

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Presider Let us pray.

All God of unveiled truth, faithful flame in times of darkened sun and waning moon: lift up our unknowing hearts, and waken our sleeping love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

(9:00) Children wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the Crucifer to the Dance Studio (second floor) at this time.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.____

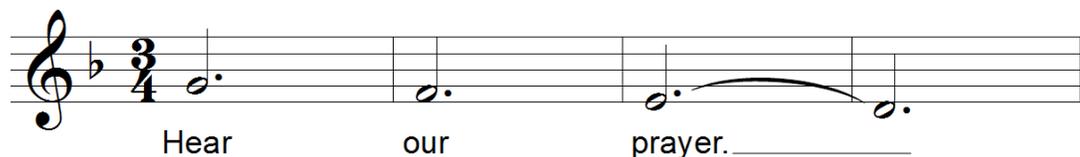
Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

Prayers of the People

First time choir only, then all.



Leader Gracious God, as we begin Advent, we pray that your holy and Universal Church may be awake and alert to your call to be agents of your love in the world. In all your Love.... **Sung Response**

Leader We pray for those who hold positions of authority. May they be ever watchful for the signs and symptoms of this hurting world, being open to prophetic voices of our time, so that decisions of peace, love, and reconciliation are made. In all your Love.... **Sung Response**

Leader We pray for the welfare of the world, that your light may shine in those places that are overshadowed by darkness and fear. In all your Love.... **Sung Response**

Leader We pray for the St. Mark's Community, that we may have an awareness of your presence in our lives and take what we learn in this place and use it to be Christ's healing hands in the world. In all your Love.... **Sung Response**

Leader We pray for those burdened by suffering, grief, or lack of purpose: That they may know the soothing balm of your compassion. In all your Love.... **Sung Response**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*All may share prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving silently,
or if aloud, ending by saying "This is my prayer"
to which the community will respond with **the Sung Response***

A time for individual prayers is observed.

Leader Let us pray.

People Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A period of silence is observed

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess how we have missed the mark of God at the center of our lives and of our truest selves.

A period of silence is observed.

**All Holy and loving God,
we have dwelt in darkness
and preferred it to the light;
we have been proud of our accomplishments
and despaired over our shortcomings.
Smooth down the mountains of our pride,
and lift up the valleys of our doubts.
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives
that we might find our way to you again.**

Absolution

Presider God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace.

People Amen.

Commissioning of the St. Mark's Worship Committee

Members of the Worship Team, 2017-2018: Valeri Byrd, Mary De Nys (Co-chair), David Deutsch, Stephanie Deutsch, Mary Ellison, Raiford Gaffney, Deanna Garner, Jeff Kempeskie, Michael Knipe, Randy Marks, Joan Schindel, Jim Steed (Co-chair), The Reverend Cynthia Dopp, The Reverend Michele Morgan

Presider The Psalmist tells us, "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name..."

Today we recognize and celebrate those among us who contribute their time and talents as co-creators of our communal worship, with special emphasis on planning liturgy, the "work of the people."

Will you, members of the Worship Committee, use your gifts and energies on behalf of our parish, striving to nurture and uphold our corporate worship? Will you seek to listen to the needs of our community as you work with clergy to plan liturgy that nurtures and sustains our communal life?

Committee *We will, with God's help.*

The people, as able, stand.

Presider Will we, the people of St. Mark's, uphold these our sisters and brothers in this ministry, giving them our support and encouragement?

People We will.

Presider Let us pray.

All O God, by your Spirit, you call all of us into community and commission us for service. Grant us grateful hearts, especially for those whom we recognize today who say “yes” to your call. Through them and through us may your witness of love and justice go forth; through Jesus Christ, your son, our friend and brother. Amen.

Canvass Moment

Mission Moment

Ms. Lisa Delity, Heeding God’s Call

The Peace

Presider His judgement is not vengeance, an eye for an eye; his peace is not false, a veil for injustice; he comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls. May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

Dedication of Pledges and Commitments

Presider Accept, O God, the tokens of our love and signs of pledge and commitment which we bring forward today. By your word of blessing and grace, may they blossom forth giving us an ability to help the world change, help our hearts be made of flesh, and allow this community to be a blessings in the world.

All Amen.

Vestry Welcome

(11:15) Announcements

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words by Charles Wesley
Music by Robert A. Hobby

Chancel Choir

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.
Rule in all; hope of all. Come, expected Jesus.*

Presentation Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel, vv. 1-2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider O come, Emanuel, into our longing hearts.

People We open ourselves to You

Presider As we gather around this table

People In expectation and hope.

Presider We embrace all that is holy as we sing:

Sanctus S 124

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider In this season of waiting, of shorter, darker days, and of preparation for Christmas, we hear of the coming of Jesus. We hear from the prophets of God's dream for the world. From Isaiah, we hear of a time when peace will take the place of war. From Verna Dozier, in our own day, we hear of a world of justice, freedom and forgiveness, of God's dream for the way our world could be.

Co-Presider We hear from Jesus of the coming of the Son of Man, and we are warned to be ready for change, to be awake. We wonder what this can mean now as we grope in the tattered remains of our faltering hopes for a better world.

Presider And we light our Advent candles, as of old, savoring tradition even as we yearn for change.

Our tradition reminds us of Jesus, and how, on the night before he died, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Co-Presider We remember how, after supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider In our hope for a new vision, we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, this bread and wine may be the body and blood of Christ for us and so strengthen us to be change agents. May Jesus come to us still as God's power in our humanity. May we in our own day, seek and be inspired by the prophets. Move in us to translate your dream into reality, to fire our hearts and minds and wills to love and serve you in the world.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Jesus taught us, we pray:

**People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider We recognize this as God’s table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God’s food for us and for all.

Therefore whoever we are, wherever we have come from, and whatever we believe,

All **All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!**

The Communion

Please gather one group at a time around the altar. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

If you would like someone to pray with you about anything that is on your mind or heart, please go to the Chapel after receiving communion for laying on of hands.

Music During Communion

LEVAS 13 My Lord, What a Morning

African American Spiritual

LEVAS 16 You Are Near

Dan Schutte, SJ

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray together.

All **God of all grace, may we live in expectation and hope, and may the gifts we have received at this table remind us not only of the gift of Christ, but of your steady presence among us, that we may act faithfully in response to your love.**

The Blessing

Presider May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to serve God through loving in the world.

People **We go in hope and faith and gratitude. Amen.**

Postlude Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 149

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we frequently change the liturgy (the language we use during our worship service). Our goal is to use language that reflects our common effort to put into words our relationship with God. In order to keep the liturgy truly alive and life giving, we need your input. Please feel free to contact the clergy at any time to discuss the liturgy and how the words we say affect you.

Liturgy Sources

Opening Sentences and Confession: adapted from First Sunday of Advent Prayers and Litanies, ©2015. Prayers of the People (POP): Andrew Arakawa. Collect for Purity and POP Collect: Book of Common Prayer. The Collect and The Peace: Prayers for an Inclusive Church. Eucharistic Prayer: written by Susan Flanders, adapted. Post-Communion Prayer: written by Susan & Bill Flanders. Blessing: Book of Occasional Services.

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Jan Lipscomb 9:00 Michael Knipe 11:15
Acolyte	Elizabeth Godec, crucifer; Liam Carroll & Tadashi Dodge, torchbearers 9:00 Stephanie Deutsch 11:15
Altar Guild	Susan Ryerson & Sherrill Taylor 9:00 Mary Cooper & Jane Miller 11:15
Bread & Wine	Phyllis Jane Young 9:00 Jan Lipscomb (In remembrance of all whose lives have been lost to gun violence) 11:15
Laying on of Hands	Nadine Hathaway 9:00 Jan Lipscomb & Barbara Nelson 11:15
Lay Servers	Nat White, Randy Marks, Sherrill Taylor, & Bill Dickinson 9:00 Linda Huntington, Fairfield Butt, Vena Darling, & Michael Knipe 11:15
Readers	Ellen Spencer, scripture; Elin Whitney-Smith, prayers 9:00 Jim Steed, scripture; Hester Ohbi, prayers of the people 11:15



SERMON SEMINAR 10:00 AM

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

Andrew Arakawa, Seminarian

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
3. Can I make it short?
4. Will I later regret not having said it?
5. Has anyone else said it?

CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown

Diocesan Latino Ministry

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

Pray for all Jewish people as they celebrate Chanukah (December 3-10)

Deacons Retreat (December 1-2) - Pray for all deacons and those in formation for the diaconate

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

West Buganda - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Sue Ash (Christina Herman's sister) • Bill Babcock
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter) • Jack Burton
Joya Cox • Alisa Earnest (Lynda Bugge's grandchild)
Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece) • Joyce Gutson
Dave Haglund • Brock Hansen • Rick Hayes • Michael Henely
Olga Juarez Jose (Mary Ellison's partner) • Debbie Keysor
Alice Kistler (Kathryn Powers' sister) • Elizabeth Long
Lina Marks (Randy Marks' mother) • Lila Marks • Nat Marks
Barbara Nelson • Lilly March • Pamela Burton Moore (Jack Burton's daughter)
Ann-Mari Pierotti (Joan Pierotti's daughter) • Kristin Proctor (Student of Rosie Brooks)
Randell Prothro • Bill Rau • Carol Roman • Rosalie Ryan • Gardner Van Scoyoc
Andrew Stafford • Arnold Taylor • Chuck and Karen Wicker (friends of Dick Rumpf)

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THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Vincent Alcazar (Parishioner) • Burr Barton (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Clint Billings (son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner)
P. J. Boehm (brother of Rachel Boehm) • Preston Brooks (Parishioner)
Todd Daniels (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Stephen Dannenmaier (brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier)
Jason Earnest (grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge) • Benjamin Keltz (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Kurt Hansen (nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen)
Joshua Russo, husband of Claire Russo • Weston Zarek (son of Tom Zarek)

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THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Cpl. Todd L. McGurn of Riverside, CA

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Class of '19

Stephanie Deutsch, Thia Hamilton, Beth Mahood

Class of '20

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Michael Knipe, *Manciple*

Michael Knipe, *Counsel*

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Michael Knipe

Cecilia Monahan

Jim Steed



St. Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, office directory, and information about upcoming events and classes at St. Mark's.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

Go in peace and return often!

After completing, please remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

I attended: _____ 9 am Holy Eucharist
_____ 10 am Sermon Seminar
_____ 11:15 am Holy Eucharist
_____ 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist
_____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

Name _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Baptism (child, adult)
- _____ Getting married at St. Mark's
- _____ Music (choir, lessons)
- _____ Children/youth classes & programs
- _____ Adult classes
- _____ Senior programs/activities
- _____ Outreach/community service
- _____ Environmental issues
- _____ Yoga classes
- _____ Dance classes
- _____ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson? _____ Yes _____ No

Newcomers! Join us the first Sunday of each month in Baxter Hall on the main level from 10:45 to 11:15.

You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly Gospel e-newsletter at www.stmarks.net/contact-us/. If you'd like to join the St. Mark's Yahoo group, please contact George Meng at gem@menqlaw.com and ask to be added.