

WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 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 & Preacher

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Co-Presider

The Reverend Dr. Kate Heichler

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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DECEMBER 10, 2017

Attendance:	318
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$46,391.66

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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 sculptor 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 Winchester New

Christopher Tambling (b. 1964)

Opening Hymn 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

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

The Collect

Presider Let us pray.

All Lord of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and face the world's scorn:
open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears,
inciting our vision and calling us to a step of faith; 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 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

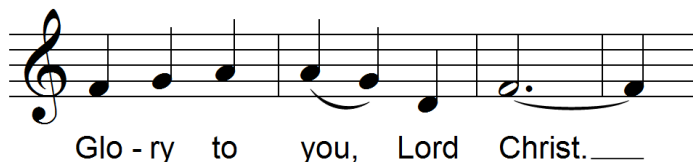
People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is observed.

The Gospel John 1: 6-8,19-28

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

People



There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People



The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us affirm our faith together:

People I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

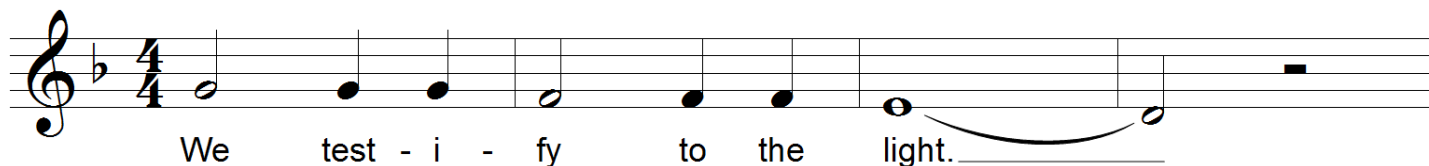
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A period of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray.

First time choir only, then all.



Leader We pray for the Universal Church, for all its members and its mission. Let us rejoice in the work God has given us to bring about God's Holy vision for all creation. With all our being,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for the leaders of this world. May they have the grace to lead and do so with a servant's heart. With all our being,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for the welfare of the world. For those suffering, and for wherever fear seems to reign, we pray for the awareness of your ever-present love. With all our being,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for the concerns of this community. We pray for the courage to be transformed, emboldened to do what needs to be done, say what needs to be said, and be who we need to be. With all our being,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for compassion for those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially for those who face the ill-effects of poverty. With all our being,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. May the comfort of your everlasting peace be upon them. With all our being,

All 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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

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.

Vestry Welcome

(11:15) Announcements

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem The Prophecy of Zechariah

Kenneth Lowenberg

Chancel Choir

Now the time came, and Elizabeth bore a son, and he was named John. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke this prophecy:

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people, by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Presentation Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel, vv. 5-6

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

**O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Eucharistic Prayer

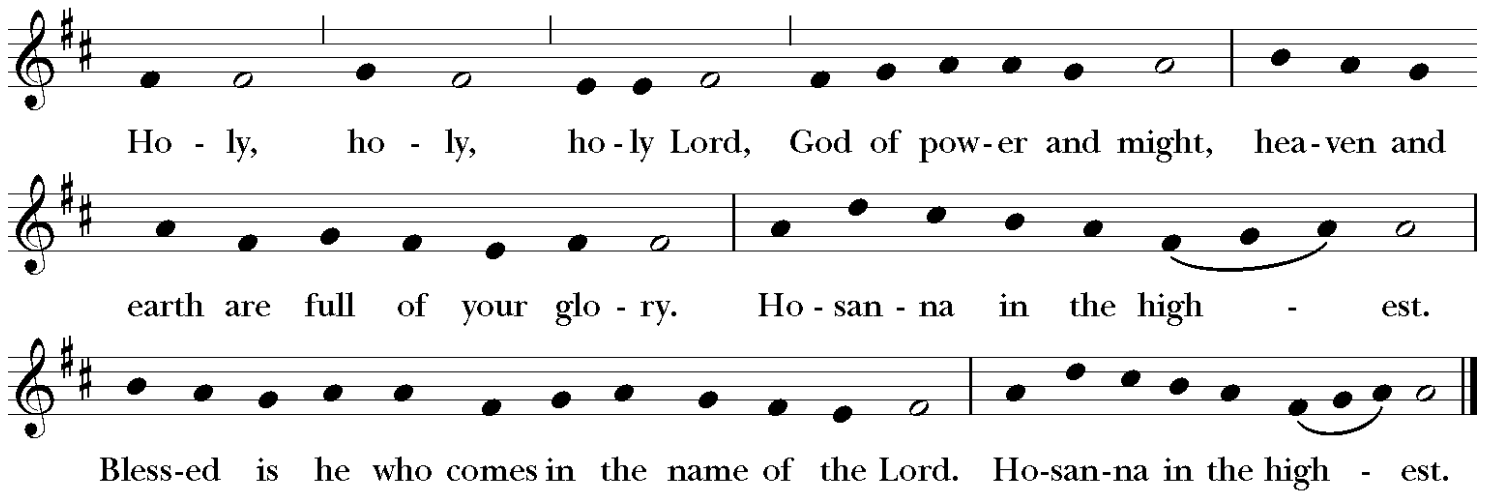
Presider O come, Emanuel, into our longing hearts.

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:



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.**

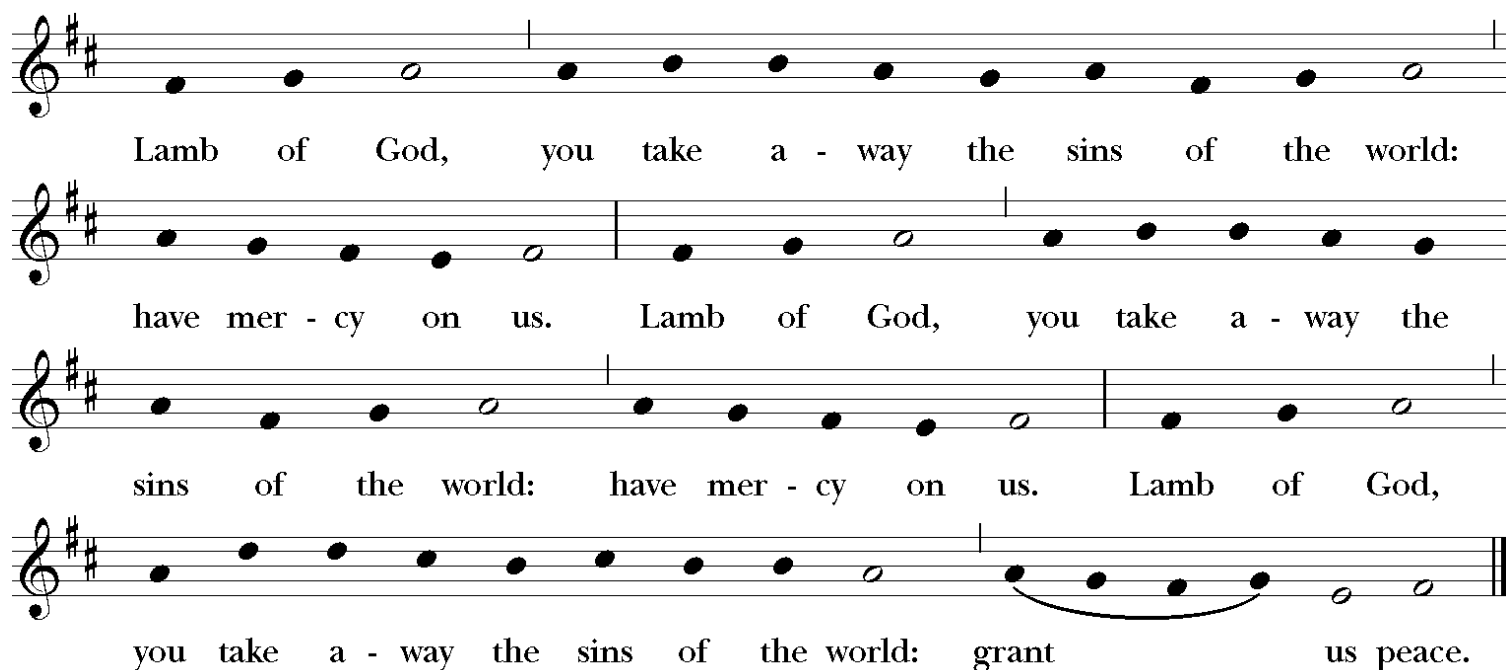
The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Fraction Anthem S 161

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



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

Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Hymn 640 Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

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.

Closing Hymn 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

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 Hark! The Glad Sound

Richmond, arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

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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 of the Holy Spirit 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	David Deutsch 9:00 Loretta Veney 11:15
Acolyte	Maggie Humphrey, crucifer; Alden Humphrey & Liam Carroll, torchbearers 9:00 Brian Derr 11:15
Altar Guild	Josie Jordan & Nancy Lucas 9:00 Barbara Harvey & Bertha Martin 11:15
Bread & Wine	Kit Arrington 9:00 Kitty Donnelly, Bob & Anne Headley 11:15
Laying on of Hands	Nadine Hathaway 9:00 Brock Hansen & Barbara Nelson 11:15
Lay Servers	Mark Bohannon, Kathryn Chefetz, Rita Ossolinski, & Leslie Allen 9:00 Jane Byrne, Mary Ellison, Bertha Martin, & Hank Donnelly 11:15
Readers	Kris Humphrey, scripture; Kathryn Powers, prayers 9:00 Jan Hamilton, scripture; Charmian Crawford, prayers of the people 11:15

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SERMON SEMINAR 10:00 AM

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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?

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	10 AM	ADVENT IV EUCHARIST
	4 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT & HOLY EUCHARIST
	10 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25	10 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31	10 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
	5 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST

CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

St. Thomas' Church, DC
St. Thomas' Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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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Class of '19

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Class of '20

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Michael Knipe, *Counsel*

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Michael Knipe

Cecilia Monahan

Jim Steed

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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 clergy person? _____ 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.