



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CAPITOL HILL

“THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN COMMUNION”

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

9:00AM CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Co-Presider and Children's Chapel Leader

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempkie, Director of Music

Hymnals are on the book carts by each entrance to the Nave.

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

Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

VISITING OR NEW TO ST. MARK'S?

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. MARK'S! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to celebrate life with us. Worship is in the round, and you are invited to sit anywhere in the Nave. Bulletin boards, restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway, and the Parish Hall is just beyond. If you have questions, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Greeter at the end of the service.

The Honduras Cross, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly to the long connection to our friends in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community.

WORSHIP SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. MARK'S

The **9 am Holy Eucharist** is without a sermon. At 9:45 am, children go to Sunday School classes.

The **9am Children's Chapel**, in the Adams Room, is a kid-friendly short service (20 minutes or so) of songs, prayers, and a confession ritual. At the Peace, the group rejoins the service in the Nave. (On the second Sunday of the month, when the 9am service is the Family Eucharist, Children's Chapel is not held.)

The **10 am Sermon Seminar**. After the sermon, all are invited to comment on what or how the sermon "spoke" personally. Sermon Seminar concludes by 10:45 am and is often followed by a **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall.

The **11:15 am Eucharist and Sermon** is a more traditional format. It is often followed by a **Pub Lunch** at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall, to which all visitors are invited as our guests.

5 pm Eucharist is a contemplative service with a homily and meditative music held every Sunday. An informal social hour follows the service where food and beverages are shared.

In the spirit of inclusion we offer both a "teleloop" system and infrared headsets for those who are hard of hearing. To access the signal, switch your own hearing aid to the "T" position. Headsets are available by the doors from the beadles (ushers).

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Open Communion is our invitation to *everyone* to gather around the altar for spiritual and communal nourishment. We believe this meal is a manifestation of God's love for each of us, regardless of our religion, beliefs or questions.

Announcements of church activities are often made by parishioners during the service. You can find more details in the Sunday Bulletin as well as on our website, www.stmarks.net. To become more informed on the many parish life activities and events and be more engaged in our church community you may wish to subscribe to the Gospel According to St. Mark's – our weekly electronic newsletter. To subscribe, send an email requesting subscription to our parish administrator, Susan Block, at Susan.Block@stmarks.net.

Childcare - St. Mark's Nursery provides care for children up to 3 1/2 yrs old during the Sunday morning worship services. Caregivers are available from 9:45 -11:45 pm in the Nursery (lower level).

The Holy Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Word

† *Portions of the liturgy omitted at the 9:AM service*

Prelude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
(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 Psalm 25:1,4

Presider To you Lord I lift up my soul

People My God I have put my trust in you;

Presider You are God my Savior:

People For you I have waited all the day long.

Trisagion

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, have mer - cy up-on us.

Collect

Written by the Rector

Presider Let us pray.

O God, through the wind of your Word you stir the heavens, by your Word you prophesy your coming among us, in your Word incarnate in Jesus you fulfill your promise. Come again, holy Word of God, claim and comfort us, challenge and conform us to your purpose that love and justice may ever be born anew in us. Amen

✠ *The people sit.*

✠ **The Hebrew Scripture** Isaiah 64:1-9

Read by Andrew Stafford (11:15)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns v. 1-4

St. Stephen

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People



Nancy Karpeles

Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ. _____

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or

hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ. _____

Nancy Karpeles

Sequence Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns v. 5

St. Stephen

✦ **Sermon** Keep Awake

The Rector

Prayers of the People

*from the New Zealand Prayer Book, adapted
Read by Randy Marks (9:00), Sara Rau (11:15)*

Leader Creator God, We praise you for your love in coming to us,

People Though we often fail you.

Leader Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name,

People And the courage to be Christ for others.

Leader We praise and thank you, Creator God,

People For you have not left us alone.

Leader Each year you come to us, Emmanuel,

People God with us in a manger.

Leader Each time you come to us

People In the broken bread and the cup we share.

Leader In time or out of time you will be revealed

People And we shall see you face to face.

Leader Give us courage, God our strength,

People To see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless.

Leader Please add your own petitions, intercessions, or thanksgivings silently or if aloud, ending with "This is my prayer" to which the people will respond, "Amen."

Space for individual prayers

Leader Now let us pray together:

Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life; Come living Savior and find us awake and active in service to this world. Amen.

The Peace*New Zealand Book of Prayer (adapted)*

Presider The peace of God be with us all.

People **In God's justice is our peace.**

Vestry Greeting

Bill Dickinson (9:00), Rick Hayes (11:15)

Capital Campaign Announcement

Kenn Allen (9:00) Doris Burton (11:15)

Rector's Greeting**The Liturgy of the Table**

Offertory Anthem Better Be Ready African American Spiritual, arr. R. Nathaniel Dett
Chancel Choir

*Better be ready; Better be ready to try on your long white robe!
Oh! rise up children get your crown, and by your Savior's side sit down.
What a glorious morning that will be, our friends and Jesus we shall see.
O shout you Christians, you're gaining ground, we'll shout old Satan's kingdom down!
I soon shall reach that golden shore, and sing the songs we sang before.*

*The people stand.***Presentation Hymn** Hymn 56 verse 1*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!

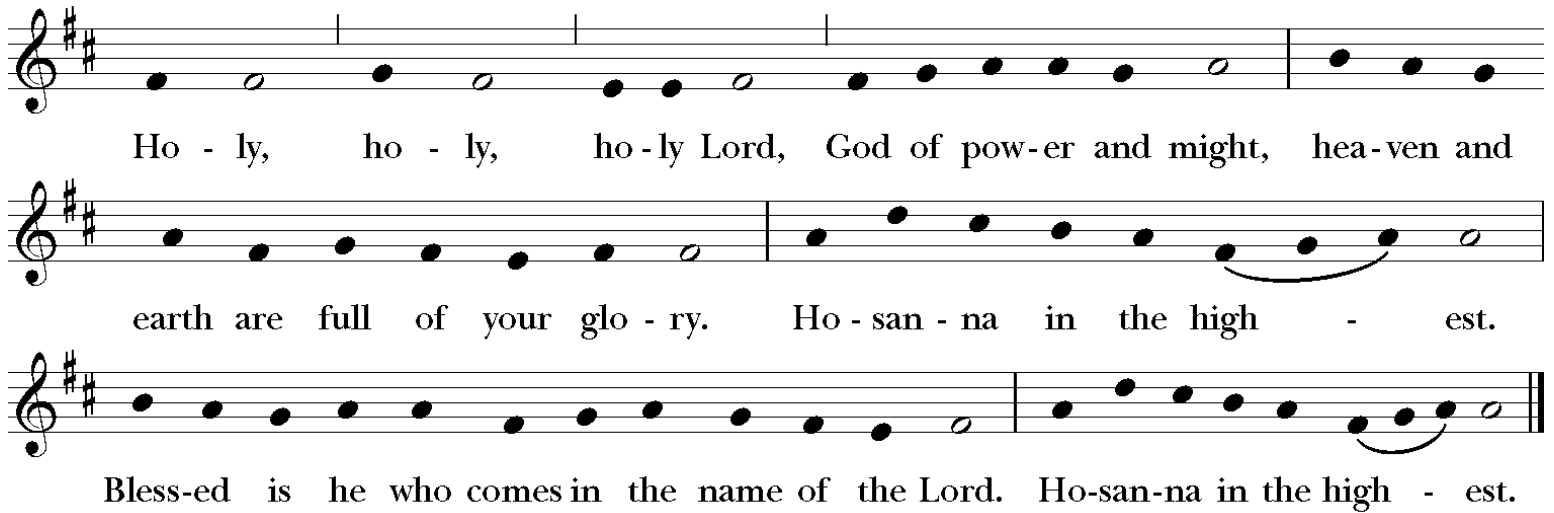
Eucharistic Prayer*Written by the Rector*

Presider In the beginning, O God, through the shroud of darkness and chaos, you *advented*, coming in the breath of your Holy Spirit to bring to light and to life all that is: suns, moons, and stars, lands, skies, and waters, creatures that stand on earth, fly through air, and swim in the sea.

Co-Presider And then, O God, divinely unfinished with all you had made, you fashioned humankind in your own image; granting to us and to all life and freedom. In gratitude for your loving-kindness, we lift our voices with all creation:

Sanctus

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.

Co-President O God, would that we had honored your gift of grace, loving others as you supremely love us. But we, in the grip of our own greed, in the sin of our own self-interest, violated your call to us, planting the seeds and bearing the bitter fruit of injustice.

Presider Yet, in your eternal love, you would not forsake us, *adventing*, coming again and again through the voices of prophets, like Isaiah, who besought that you “tear open the heavens and come down” to redeem us, to make us aright. Finally, you took our flesh, coming among us in Jesus who, as preacher, teacher, healer, and lover of all souls, revealing the glory of your nature and ours, called us to “keep awake”, alive and alert to do your work in this world. That same Jesus, on the night before he would die in loyalty to you and to his cause, gathered with his friends. He took, blessed, broke, and gave the bread, saying, “This, my body, is for you. Eat and remember me.”

Co-President After supper, he took, blessed, and offered the cup of wine, saying, “This, my blood, is for you. Drink and remember me.”
And now, O God, through the presence of that same Holy Spirit, we pray that you *advent*, come as holy breath upon this bread and this wine that they may be spiritual food and drink and, in our partaking, that we may be and do as you are.

People Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

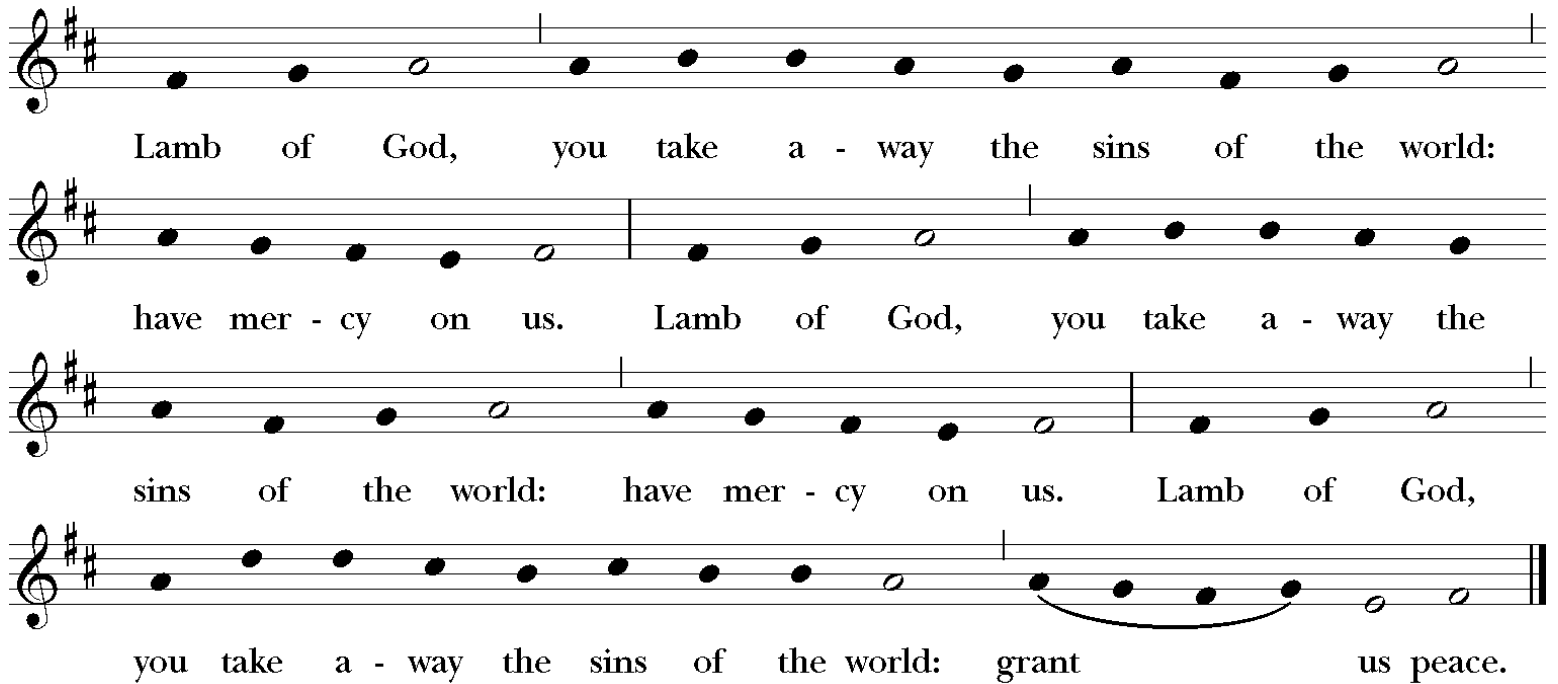
Presider And now, in the spirit of Christ's teaching, we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

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 Communion

Everyone is invited to God's Table. Gather, one group at a time, around the altar platform. Remain until everyone has received the bread and wine and has been dismissed by the Presider, saying, "Go in peace." You may consume the bread, then receive the wine by taking a sip from the chalice or goblet OR you may hold the bread, which will signal that you wish to intinct (dip it) into the chalice or the goblet. A non-alcoholic alternative to wine is offered in the plain goblet, and gluten-free crackers are available upon request.

Music During Communion

Hymn 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending
Hymn 64 O heavenly Word, eternal Light
LEVAS 13 My Lord, What a Morning

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African American Spiritual

Post-Communion Prayer

From Prayers for an Inclusive Church

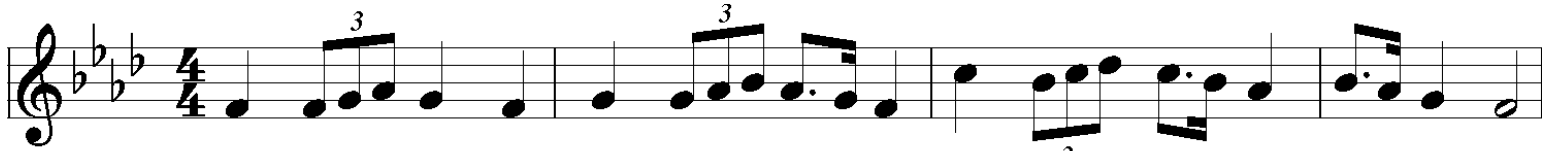
Presider As able, let us stand, and then may all pray, saying

Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: may we who have tasted life proclaim the coming feast when many will come from east and west, from north and south to greet the Lord of all; we ask this in his name. Amen.

⌘ Announcements

Closing Hymn Signs of ending all around us

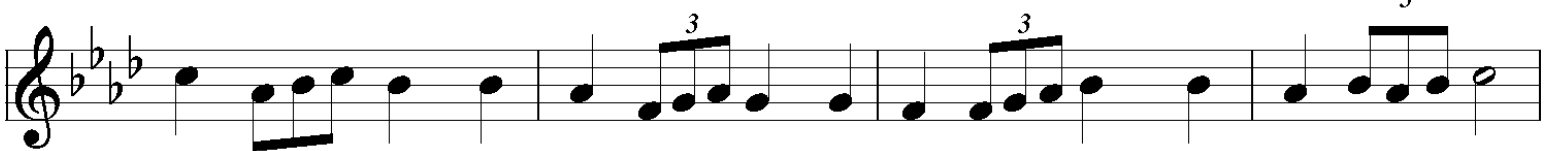
Ton-y-Botel



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

The Blessing

Presider May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgment and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be on each of us forever. Alleluia.

Dismissal

Co-Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

All **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(Now come, savior of the heathens)

Hugo Distler
(1908-1942)

Sermon Seminar

Announcements

The Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9

Read by David Willson

Sermon Keep Awake

The Rector

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Announcements

Announcements, not to exceed 125 words, are to be submitted to Rebecca Richards by 5:00pm on Tuesday preceding the Sunday the announcement is to run.

From the Staff

1. **HAVING TROUBLE RECEIVING THE GOSPEL?**

Step 1 – Contact Susan Block at Susan.Block@stmarks.net or at (202) 543-053 ext. 305 to make sure you are subscribed.

Step 2 – If you are subscribed but are still not getting the Gospel, check your spam filter and or junk mail folder and arrange settings so mail from St. Mark's is accepted.

Step 3 – If the email is not in the spam filter and you are subscribed, check with your internet service provider (ISP) to inquire about the problem.

Step 4 – If all else fails, go to www.stmarks.net and click on "Gospel" in the upper right hand corner. You can read all issues of the newsletter there.

2. **TO ALL DONORS:** Please help us credit your donations the way you want them credited. If you make a donation or pledge payment to the Vision 2020 Capital Campaign, please write either "Vision 2020" or "Capital Campaign" in your check memo. If you make a payment against your regular annual pledge, please write "pledge 2011" or "pledge 2012" in your check memo to indicate whether you are paying a pledge made during last fall's annual Canvass for 2011 – or a pledge made this fall for 2012. Thank you! Questions? Contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, susan.block@stmarks.net or 202-543-0053 ext. 305.

Vision 2020:Capital Campaign Update/Events

3. **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** -- Momentum is continuing to build as we approach the end of our Capital Campaign fundraising effort for the renovation and expansion of the Parish Hall, Foyer, Kitchen and Undercroft. We have raised more than \$1.3 million in pledges and contributions toward our goal, with nearly 200 pledges still to come in. Remember, every dollar by which we exceed \$1.5 million goes directly to reducing the size of the mortgage we will have to take out. So please keep those pledges coming in! At the same time, it is critically important that every member of St. Mark's pledge to the Annual Canvass, which is running simultaneously with the Capital Campaign. The Vestry will be meeting in mid-December to plan the 2012 operating budget and must have a clear sense of the money that will be coming in next year from the Canvass. A little more than half of our Canvass goal of \$850,000 has been pledged thus far. Please get your pledge card for both the Canvass and the Capital Campaign in THIS WEEK! If you do not have a two-part pledge card (the top part for the Canvass, the bottom half for the Capital Campaign), or if you need an information packet, please contact Mike Townsend, Vision 2020 Co-Chair, at stmarkscapitalcampaign@gmail.com. Thanks!

Christian Ed

We welcome your participation and your interest in Christian Education classes offered at St. Mark's. Let us know where your interests lie in becoming more involved in the life of the parish!

CE Program Updates & Reminders

4. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** this week! Your volunteer teachers are taking a well deserved break over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Sunday School for all three levels -- Catechesis, Middle School, and High School will continue next week. Parents may want to note that a longer break is planned over the Christmas Holidays and there will be no Sunday School **December 25, January 1 and January 8**. The last weekend is the annual Christian Ed Weekend in Rehoboth to which all Sunday School teachers are invited to attend for free.

Coming Up

5. **BEYOND THE FRAME WORKSHOPS** -- We will launch our 2011/12 season with a timely program, "Hope in the Face of Adversity". Three shows at the Corcoran Gallery feature some of America's most distinguished and provocative African American painters, photographers and video artists, including Hank Willis Thomas and Gordon Parks. These artists invite and challenge us to confront through their eyes and artistry issues of racial, sexual and historical identity and demonstrate the role of art in leading social change. Facilitators Greg Gay and Penny Farley will lead a discussion and hands-on workshop following the visit to the Gallery. Sunday **December 11** from 1 to 5 pm. Questions, please contact Greg (ggay634@aol.com) or Penny (p3farley@verizon.net). Fee: \$25.
6. **AN ADVENT EVENING** -- Thursday, **December 15**: Members of Washington DC's Home Guild will lead St. Mark's parishioners in an Advent exploration. Come, listen to the Nativity story and experience the mystery in new and synchronous ways. Leaders: Barbara Black, Lynn Kneeder, and Susan Thompson. Location, Adams Room; Fee \$25. For more information about the Guild approach to Bible study, see page 11 of the CE catalog (also on line). If you still have questions, contact Barbara: *Note updated email address:* (barbarakerrblack@gmail.com)
7. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND** -- Need a nice cozy place to recuperate and rejuvenate after the holidays? Please consider joining us at DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE for Christian Ed's Annual Weekend on **January 6-8, 2012** (*starting at dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday*). Open to all, an opportunity to engage with the Christian Ed community of Sunday School and Adult Program leaders and supervisors. The focus this year is "The Promise of Engaging Openly One Another in Our Life Experiences". Come learn more about what make Christian Education such a vital and vibrant program at St. Mark's. Leaders: Don Ellison, Penny Farley, and Rita Ossolinski. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin or contact Winnie Mosher at winnie.mosher1@verizon.net or 202-547-6321. *Fee: \$250 for room and board, Sunday School Teachers FREE.*
8. **BEYOND THE FRAME'S** "Opening the Shutters" at the Freer Gallery will take place Thursday, **January 19, 2012**. Heretofore seen in semi-darkness, we will view James Whistler's famed Peacock Room in natural sunlight in which subtleties of color, texture and symbols emerge! In the setting of Whistler's lavish architectural designs, we can enjoy the recently installed collection of rare ceramics from China, Egypt, Japan and Syria, as well as paintings and other decorative arts. Facilitator, Martha Connor-Donnelly (macd46@hotmail.com). Fee: \$25

Outreach

9. **THE WELCOME TABLE** -- At this time of the year, we are all looking for ways to share our bounty and give thanks for our blessings. **December 11**, is St. Mark's day to volunteer at The Church of the Epiphany's Welcome Table. We need a dozen volunteers. Please join us to worship, participate in Bible Studies, Gospel Art, sing in the choir, and have breakfast with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. If you wish to volunteer, let Michael Knipe, haroldknipe@gmail.com, know and arrive at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street, N.W., at 6:45 a.m. The program will end by 9:30 a.m. It is an enriching and humbling experience.
10. **SOUP KITCHEN**. (This item delayed due to computer hard drive replacement). **Thank You!** for the **21** casseroles received on Sunday, November 13, most of which were delivered the same day to the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC). 7 of the casseroles will be delivered today, November 27, per an earlier CHUMC request. Your donations are greatly appreciated by both CHUMC and the needy persons in our Capitol Hill neighborhood!
11. **CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**. Congratulations to Jane Rutherford and Sally Garr who were recognized at the Capitol Hill Group Ministry (CHGM) Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on Sunday, **November 20**. The service was an occasion to celebrate individuals from CHGM member congregations who have made significant commitments to serving those in need in our neighborhood. Jane and Sally have led St. Mark's community engagement process over the past couple years, which has helped us to expand our understanding of the mission of St. Mark's - to care for others

with love, justice, and compassion - particularly those living in poverty in close proximity to St. Mark's (within a 1.5 mile radius). Their leadership has led to a Community Engagement Vestry Resolution and new efforts to carefully examine how we can most effectively use our space and talents to meet the needs of our surrounding community.

12. **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM:** Olivewood crèches, small nativity ornaments, and olive oil (from a W. Bank co-operative). All are from small family operated businesses with Fair Trade commitment. Purchases will help to support clinics and schools through the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem. The Middle East Working Group will have these items available in the Parish Hall after both services **November 27, December 4, 11, and 18** (as long as they last).

13. **COME CELEBRATE THE 5TH ANNUAL BETHLEHEM PRAYER SERVICE.** Saturday, **December 17** - 10:00 AM – a joint simulcast service with the people of Bethlehem at the Washington National Cathedral. As they have done for generations in Bethlehem, Palestinian Christians continue to bear witness to their faith this Christmas. Once again, let us join our voices with theirs in seeking and offering hope for a better future. Prayers, readings, and hymns alternate between Washington, DC and Bethlehem via the Internet, bringing together people of different lands, languages, and ethnic backgrounds in celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace. If you are elsewhere, you can watch the service live at www.nationalcathedral.org.

Worship

14. **WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES**

<u>Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30am</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm</u>	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

15. **FESTIVAL FUND DONATIONS. Sunday, December 11** deadline! Traditional festival greening and music cost approximately \$6500 each year. In an effort to raise sufficient funds to revel in the thrilling brass musical accompaniment and to make our church beautiful, we will include contributions received on or before, Friday, December 9th in both Christmas and Easter bulletins. Please use the form enclosed

16. **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS GREENING:** This year Christmas greening at St. Marks will be a process, starting on the second Sunday in Advent with spare rocks and branches around the nave, reflecting the starkness of Advent. As Advent progresses, living plants and herbs will be added, ending with full greening for Christmas, reflecting the light and new life of Christmas day. If you would like to join the greening team on Friday 12/23, please send Gwen Dillard a note at gfd93@yahoo.com. It will be fun, we provide donuts and the church will look stunning on Christmas.

17. **VOLUNTEERS FOR READERS GUILD NEEDED:** If you would like to read the scriptures, Prayers of the People or other selected readings during either early or late church services, please contact Susan Witek at slwitek@gmail.com. You can select the date, service and reading (scriptures or Prayers of the People) that works for you.

Parish Life

18. **POT LUCK/BYOB PUB LUNCH:** This week's pub lunch features pot luck leftovers from Thursday's feasts as well as BYOB beer and wine, and any other drinks you'd like to share. All are welcome – no pub tickets required.

19. **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP.** The next meeting of the support group for those caring for a loved one or ones seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated, will be on **Monday, November 28** at 7:30PM in the Penniman Room. Feel free to contact the group leaders: Suella Henn, swhenn@mac.com, phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, marymwelker@aol.com, 202-387-4083.

20. **ST MARK'S READING GROUP:** On **December 5** we will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30 p.m. On **January 2**, we will discuss *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. On February 6, we will discuss *Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome! Questions should be directed to Linda Ewald at llerbe@yahoo.com.

21. **ANNUAL BLACKWATER BIRDWATCH.** Our annual Bob Hahn Memorial Blackwater Birdwatch will take place on Saturday, **December 3**. All invited. Please contact Crane Miller for details. 202-966-0686 (H); 202-669-2529 (C).

22. **20s & 30s.** The next Food For Thought Potluck Supper will be on **Sunday, December 4** at Baxter House following the 5 o'clock service. Please join us for an informal feast and discussion. Email Lau-rel2k@gmail.com with questions.

Youth and Family Ministries

*Marcella Gillis, St. Mark's Director of Youth Ministries can be reached at
Marcella.gillis@stmarks.net or (202) 543-0053 x320*

21. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!** We'll meet in the Adams Room during normal Sunday School time for the annual Sibley Hospital Christmas Card Project.

22. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed food, time and energy to Capitol Hill Group Ministry's Thanksgiving Basket Drive last Sunday. We were able to donate 24 food baskets- twice as many as last year! Your enthusiasm and generosity is very much appreciated.

23. **WELCOME TABLE AT CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, 12/11** Our December outreach project will be volunteering at the Welcome Table at Church of the Epiphany, where we will prepare breakfast and join in communion with our brothers and sisters who are living in poverty in downtown DC. Please contact Michael Knipe (haroldknipe@gmail.com) if you're interested in participating.

24. **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TEAM.** The baby Jesus needs your help! We're looking to build a small team of adults to help organize and facilitate the pageant this year, so we can spread out responsibilities in a more manageable way and allow for a larger group to. Please contact Marcella if you have an interest in assisting with registration & costume logistics, set decoration, working with our actors, or the post-pageant reception. Come help us create this magical and mysterious story for the whole community to enjoy!

25. **FAMILY SKI TRIP.** The annual family ski trip is planned for MLK weekend this year (Jan. 14-16). Please get in touch with Marcella if you and/or your family are interested in attending.

Music

26. **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE DEC 4** Please join us for an Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sunday December 4th at 4pm. The service will feature readings, hymns, and anthems sung by the Chancel Choir and Girls & Boys Choir. Bill Flanders will preside.

27. **CHORAL CONCERT DEC 11** The Cantate Chamber Singers will present "Holiday in Venice" on Sunday December 11th at 3pm. The concert will feature seasonal works by Claudio Monteverdi, Andrea and Giovanni Gabriel, Adrian Willaert, and others – all musicians that worked in the famous Cathedral Basilica of San Marco in Venice. In addition to the choir, the concert will feature strings, the Continuum Brass Quintet, and two organ works performed by St. Mark's own Jeff Kempeskie, who will also sing in the concert. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for full-time students with ID.

Parish Prayer List

Lolita Abernathy (Paul's mother) • Taylor Adams • Mimi Chesslin • Joya Cox •
 Betty and Jack Davis (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston's Aunt and Uncle) • Gabrielle Giffords • Julio Gomez •
 Celia Hahn • Anne Headley • Dennis Lewis • Randell Prothro • John Rick (friend of Raiford Gaffney) •
 Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins • Carroll Russell Sherer (Peter's mom) • Doris Strange • Vicki Street •
 Bill Wachter • Geneva Watkins (Pontheolla's mother) • Mary Welker • Elin Whitney-Smith • Ron Young

Those of our Parish serving in the military: Clint Billings (son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner),
 George Brown (son of Margaret Brown),
 August Dannenmaier (son of Chris Dannenmaier and nephew of Bill & Molly Dannenmaier),
 Jason Earnest (son of Erika Bugge and grandson of Paul Bugge and Lynda Smith Bugge),
 Christian Schmidle (son of Robert and Pamela Schmidle, husband of Jen Salerno)

Military Service Deaths

Lance Cpl. Joshua D. Corral, 19, of Danville, CA
 Pfc. Adam E. Dobereiner, 21, of Moline, IL
 Spc. Sean M. Walsh, 21, of San Jose, CA
 Spc. James R. Burnett Jr., 21, of Wichita, KS
 Pfc. Matthew C. Colin, 22, of Navarre, FL
 Spc. David E. Hickman, 23, of Greensboro, NC
 Spc. Calvin M. Pereda, 21, of Fayetteville, NC
 Sgt. 1st Class Johnathan B. McCain, 38, of Apache Junction, AZ

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale
 Episcopal Church Women
 United Thank Offering
 The Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Episcopal Church Women

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for Wellington - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)

This Week at St. Mark's as of 11/2/11 at 9:30am

Sunday, November 27

8:45am - 12:30pm 9:00am –10:00am	Nursery Care (Nursery) Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding
9:00am – 10:00pm	Children's Chapel (Adams Room)
10:00am – 11:00am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Preaching
10:00am - 11:00am	Marching Through the Bible (Library)
10:45am – 11:45am	Youth Christmas Card Project (Adams Room)
11:00am - 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Rooms 1)
11:15am –12:30pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, November 28

10:00am – 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
4:15pm - 5:00pm	Musikgarten (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Insight Meditation (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room)

Tuesday, November 29

12:15pm - 1:15pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
4:00pm - 9:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Class)
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Vision 2020 (Gregory Room)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	No Way Out: Roles, Rules and Relationships (Adams Room)
7:30pm – 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Arcadia (Nave)

Wednesday, November 30

11:00am - 1:00pm	Wednesday Bible Study
11:30am - 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Capital Campaign Steering Committee (Gregory Room)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Life, Community and Faith Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm – 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Arcadia (Nave)

Thursday, December 1

7:00am - 8:00am	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Thursday Noon Eucharist (Chapel)
4:00pm - 8:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Thursday Bible Study (Penniman Room)
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Friday, December 2

7:00am – 8:00am	Yoga (Dance Studio)
10:00am – 12:00pm	Dance Studio Set-up (Nave, Parish Hall)
11:45am – 7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Dance Studio Open House (Nave, Parish Hall)

Saturday, December 3

8:30am - 6:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
9:00am - 12:00pm	Altar Guild Brass Polishing (Parish Hall)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Arcadia (Adams Room)
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Dance Studio Matinee (Nave)
3:30pm -10:00pm	Dance Studio Open House (Nave, Parish Hall)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Sunday, December 4

8:45am - 12:30pm 9:00am –10:00am	Nursery Care (Nursery) Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Susan Flanders, Presiding; Rev. William Flanders, Co-Presiding
9:00am – 10:00pm	Children’s Chapel (Adams Room)
10:00am – 11:00am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Susan Flanders, Preaching
11:00am -11:30am	Pageant Sign-up (Parish Hall)
10:00am - 11:00am	Marching Through the Bible (Library)
11:00am - 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Rooms 1)
11:15am –12:30pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Susan Flanders, Presiding and Preaching; Rev. William Flanders, Co-Presiding
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Choir Rehearsal/Set-up Advent Lessons and Carols (Nave)
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Advent Lessons and Carols (Nave)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Adams Room) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)
5:45pm - 9:30pm	Young Professionals (Baxter House)

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Class of '13	Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Marilu Sherer
Class of '14	Grady Hedgespath, Charlotte Murray, Janet Vail
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Diocesan Delegates

David Deutsch

Rick Rutherford

Maureen Shea

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	David Deutsch
Acolytes	Sarah Baldwin, Nell Bayliss and Michael Bayliss (9:00) Michael Bayliss (11:15)
Lay Servers	Randy Marks, Dick Rumpf, and David Willson (9:00) Pat Latin, Bill Doolittle, Linda Chandlee and Elizabeth Becker (11:15)
Altar Guild	Janice Brown
Bread and Wine	Kenn Allen and Maureen Shea (9:00) Brock and Penny Hanson In honor of their wedding anniversary (11:15)
Beadles	Pat Latin, Judy Smith and Vena Darling