



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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 12, 2010
SEASONAL THEME: COURAGE TO HOPE

9:00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST
10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR
11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider + Preacher

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy
Rector

Music Director

Mr. Jeff Kempskie

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) Hymnals are located & stored in the rack under the **front** of your chair.
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, rest-rooms 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 Advent Wreath was given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay. 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. (from Bert Cooper's book, "St. Mark's Capitol Hill. The Architecture and Stained Glass and Some of Its History")

The Advent Vestments and Hangings were a gift from Tracy Councill and the St. Mark's Arts Council in 2002. The set includes 2 hand-woven stoles and the bread cover made by Doris Burton reminiscent of the homespun from this era. The design themes are from Isaiah. One chasuble, taken from the prophecies about a new Jerusalem, is intended to suggest anyone/everyone's journey as lit by the Star of Bethlehem. The other chasuble represents the Jesse Tree: a dead stump putting forth living branches that become a home for the spirit of God. The chalice veil repeats the Jesse Tree image and incorporates the star/cross from the chasuble. The presider's stole introduces the theme of swords made into plowshares, here represented by a disused sword overtaken by morning glory vines, which symbolize love. The pulpit falls illustrate four images of the Peaceable Kingdom: a child playing around the adder's den; the lion and lamb together; swords turning into plowshares; and justice for all people.

WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S

The **9 am** is a **family Eucharist** without a sermon. At 9:45 am, children go to Sunday School classes while adults remain in the Nave for coffee, announcements and Sermon Seminar.

The **10 am Sermon Seminar**. After the sermon, anybody can feel free 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.

The **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.

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 8:45 -12:45 pm in the Nursery (lower level).

The Liturgy of the Word

✦ Portions of the liturgy omitted at the 9:00 AM service

Prelude Where'er You Walk (Aria from "Semele")
Dave Haglund, trumpet

Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace & John Head

Processional Hymn 67 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

Opening Sentences

Written by the Rector

Presider Happy are we

People **who have the help of God for our strength!**

Presider And blessed by our God

People **who calls upon us to lend our hands and hearts in service.**

Presider And glad be those

People **for and with whom we labor!**

All Let us all rejoice!

Trisagion S 100

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 God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray,

Stir up your power, O God within us. That we strengthened by your might may do your will for the benefit of your world. Amen.

The Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10

Read by Ian Patzman-Rivard (9:00)

Tiiu Kera (11:15)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11


Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People  Nancy Karpeles

Glo- ry to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People  Nancy Karpeles

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Reflection (9:00 only)

✦ **Sermon** *When Jesus Advents*

The Rector
The Rector

Prayers of the People

adapted, Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Read by: Daniel Herman (9:00) Susan Witek (11:15)

Leader O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

Reader That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We invite all to offer prayers silently or aloud, and if aloud, ending by saying, "God, in your mercy" to which the community will respond, "Hear our prayer."

(Moment of silence)

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Vestry Greeting

Cecilia Monahan (9:00), Michael Knipe (11:15)

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

(9:00) A Litany for Advent

English folk melody/arr. Shirley W. McRae

Boys and Girls Choir

*Lord Jesus come to us, we pray. Bring us your truth, show us your way,
As once the prophets did foretell, Oh, come to us, Immanuel.
The universe is in our care, Help us protect, help us to share,
Send us your peace, your glad Noel, Oh, come to us, Immanuel.
Our world is torn in war and sin, Our people hurt without, within,
Your healing love will make us well, Oh, come to us, Immanuel.
Prepare our hearts, tell all the earth, That we may celebrate your birth,
Oh enter in our lives to dwell, Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

(11:15) Magnificat

Daniel Moe

Chancel Choir

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour,
for he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for behold from henceforth,
all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done for me great things,
and Holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
He hath shown strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath
holpen his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy, as he promised to our father
Abraham, and to his seed forever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning is
now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

(The people stand)

Presentation Hymn 56 v. 6

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

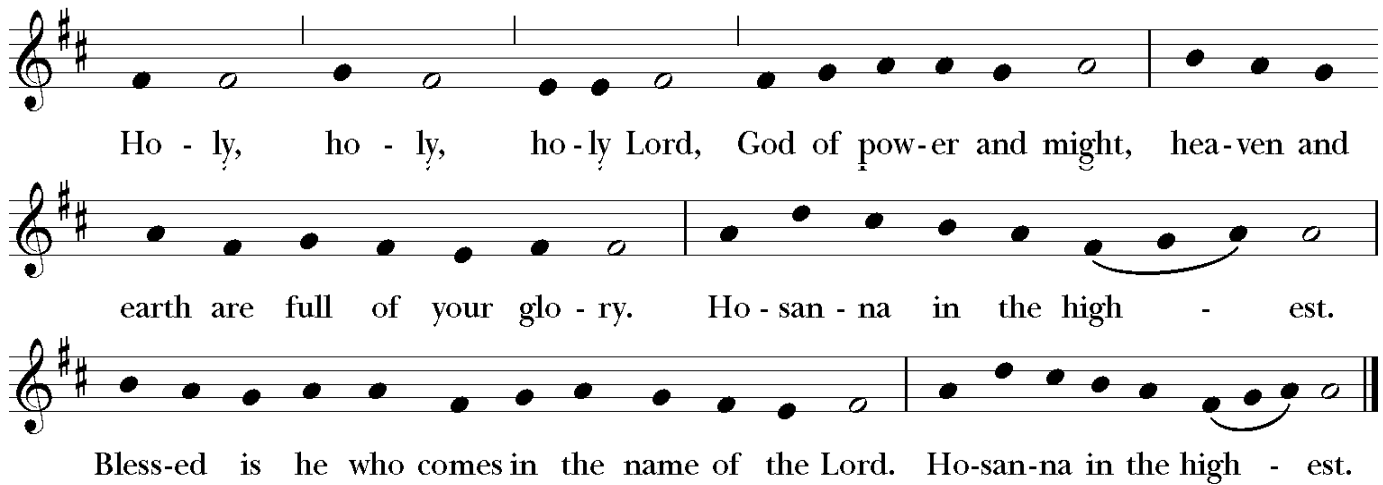
O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider

O God, source of our being, end of our journeying, to you, in whom we find our first birth and our everlasting rest, we give thanks for creating us, calling us to be sisters and brothers one to another, and for giving the world into our care. In the sin of our self-interest, we deny our creation and defy your call, warring against one another and despoiling the world. Into our enmity against you, you sent your son, our beloved brother, Jesus, who, by the words of his lips, taught us to hope for salvation, by the works of his hands, reached out in healing, and by the cross of his death, showed us the power of self-sacrificial love.

Therefore, with all the host who, through two millennia, have believed and followed Jesus, seeing in him the fullest expression of life, we lift our voices in praise, singing:



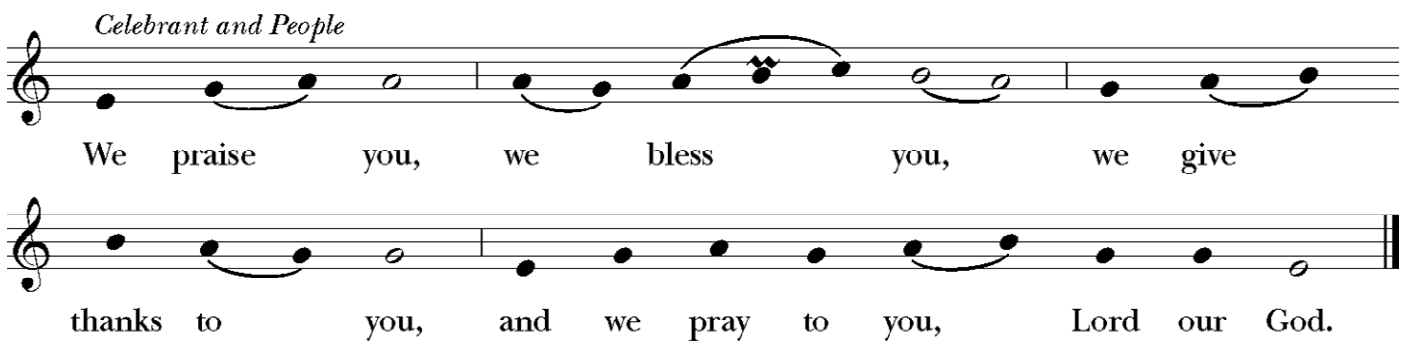
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

On the night before he died, Jesus, much like we this day, gathered with his sisters and brothers in feast and fellowship. He took, blessed, and broke the bread, giving it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.”
 After supper, he took and blessed the cup of wine, offering it to them, saying, “This is my blood poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”
 So, offering all that we are and all that we have, we sing

Memorial Acclamation S 139

Plainsong; adapt. Mason Martens



Celebrant and People
 We praise you, we bless you, we give
 thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Therefore, we pray God’s Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine, making them spiritual food for us. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, the body of Jesus broken and his blood poured out for us, may we, strengthened for service, share in his sacrificial life and death for the world.
Amen!

People

The Lord’s Prayer (adapted)

from A New Zealand Prayer Book

Presider

Now, praying in words like those Jesus taught us, we say,
**Eternal Spirit,
 Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and all that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Presider This bread of life is broken to be shared with us and, through us, with all.
All **In thanksgiving, we open our hands to receive it that we may open our hearts in service to others.**

Invitation to Communion

Presider Here at St. Mark's, we celebrate an Open Communion, for this is God's Table, not ours, and the bread and wine, God's supper. Therefore, we place no restrictions upon it and make no distinctions within it. Whoever we are, whatever we believe, from wherever we have come, we, one and all, are welcome and invited to receive.

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 (9:00) 497 How bright appears the Morning Star *Wie schon leuchtet*

Anthem (9:00) O Waly, Waly Trad. English Folk Tune / arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace
Dave Haglund, trumpet

Anthem (11:15) 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.

Hymn (11:15) LEVAS 7 I Want to Be Ready

African American Spiritual

Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Together, let us pray,

All **In the assurance of our souls strengthened by this spiritual food, may we leave the comfort of this place, returning to a world of need, to give our hearts in service. By the help of our hands, may even one of our sisters and brothers whose mind is enshrouded in the darkness of ignorance be enlightened. May even one whose belly is empty in hunger be fed. May even one whose life is ensnared in despair be uplifted in hope. O God, in giving thanks to you for your loving-kindness, make us, in our living, a thanksgiving for the world. Amen.**

✠ Announcements

Recessional Hymn 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

The Benediction

Presider May the power that spins the stars, that gives breath to every living thing enkindle in us zeal and empower us with strength and courage that we, through our words and deeds of love and justice, become living blessings for the world.

All **Amen!**

Postlude The Heaven's Declare the Glory of God
Dave Haglund, trumpet

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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The Eucharistic Prayer, Breaking of the Bread, Invitation to Communion, Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction were written by the Rector.

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Sermon Seminar

Announcements *please limit each announcement to 30 seconds.*

The Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 35.1-10

Sermon

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Announcements

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

From the Staff

If you plan to make an end-of-year donation to St. Mark's and would like to receive credit for it as a donation made in 2010 for your personal tax purposes, please make sure your donation is either *received* by the church office no later than December 31, 2010, or is *postmarked* no later than December 31, 2010. Questions? Please contact Susan Block the Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, at 202-543-0053 ext 305, or susan.block@stmarks.net.

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!

1. **THANK YOU!** – The Christian Ed Co-Directors would like to extend a special thank you to all of the Leaders of Sunday School, Adult Classes, Bible Studies, Beyond the Frame, Guild Study and Buddhist Meditation for getting the fall program off to such a tremendous start. Our Christian Education Program is a vital stalwart of this community thanks to the dedication and commitment of all of our teachers and participants and everyone's willingness to share so much of themselves with one another.
2. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** – For children ages 3 through 5th grades, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes are located downstairs in the Undercroft of the church. Middle School meets in the Adams Room and high school students meet in Baxter House at 118 3rd St., SE.
3. **CHRISTIAN ED FORUM** – Continues **Today**, Sunday, December 12th in the Adams Room from 11:00 am to Noon. This week's leader will be Heather Powers who will be discussing "Anxiety" the second Penniman unit. Charles Penniman's approach to Christian Education forms the basis of the functional method St. Mark's relies on for its vibrant adult programs, as well as middle and high school Sunday school program. We hope to see you there!

Winter Adult Classes

4. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND BECKONS YOU** – As you think about life in the coming year where do your New Year's resolutions intersect with saying 'yes'! A new job, a new love, a new venture? What are the issues for us when we are wrestling with getting to yes? How can we embrace opportunity beyond our comfort zone? Please join us for a great tradition at St. Marks - the Christian Ed Week-end, **January 7-9, 2011**, at DuPont House in Rehoboth Beach, DE. It is a time of rest, relaxation and recreation with lots of opportunities to reflect on the transformational nature of saying 'yes' as many of you all have so generously done this year and for many years. *A very generous benefactor allows us to provide a free weekend for all Sunday School Leaders and Christian Ed is offering an additional ½ discount for those under 35 years of age. Cost: \$275.*
5. **WOMEN IN TRANSITION: FINDING YOUR CENTER IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE** – Living at the speed of light in this evolving 21st century doesn't leave much time for stepping back to assess how changes, gradual or sudden, are affecting us. Every age brings milestones that stand out as particularly challenging moments of adjustment – coming of age, entering committed relationships, choosing to raise children, relating to adult children and entering the third age. The class will run for five Tuesdays, January 11th-February 8th, 7:30-9:30 pm, in the Adams Room with a weekend retreat at Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, MD, **February 4th-6th**. Your leaders - Rita Ossolinski rossolinski@yahoo.com; Susan Cunningham, Susan_Cunningham@gensler.com; and Kathryn Chefetz k.j.chefetz@psychsense.net - welcome any questions. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *Cost: \$275.*

6. **WINTER/SPRING LIFE, COMMUNITY & FAITH (LCF) CLASS** is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30, Feb. 2-April 6. The two weekend retreats will be Feb. 25-27 and March 25-27. When did you last give yourself the gift of time to think, to ponder, to question? The LCF class affords you that opportunity. By taking the class, you become part of a smaller community within St. Mark's and often create lasting friendships, while learning a lot about yourself along the way! Please join the teaching team of Susan Flanders (clergy), Rob Hall, Ray Hahn and Heather Burneson. The sign up sheet is in the hall or you can contact Heather Burneson at 703-534-5699 or hburneson@msn.com with questions.

Music

Arts

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE – Thank you for the beautiful pieces of artwork placed throughout the Nave for our Advent season. We are enlightened by your contributions and the generous sharing of your time and talents.

Outreach

OH COOK, ALL YE FAITHFUL, MAC N' CHEESE & VEGGIES.... - *Thank you!* to all who prepared or will be preparing casseroles, towards our monthly goal of **20** donations for the needy. We will also greatly appreciate 4-5 persons to help us chop vegetables today at the Church of the Brethren, 4th Street & N. Carolina Avenue SE, from 5-6 P.M. Questions? Call Soup Kitchen Co-Managers Jack Richards (703) 751-1456, Mary Lee Watts (703) 998-0384 or Jim Shelar (202) 546-5307.

16. **RACE AND RECOILATION DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet Sunday, December 12, 2010 in the Adams Room from 1:00 – 2:30. During the December meeting, we will discuss plans for the upcoming year and discuss two articles regarding race and discrimination in America. All are invited as we continue our journey to become a more open-minded and welcoming community.

10. **CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SHELTER FAMILIES-** Monday, December 13 in the Parish Hall at 6:00. Again St Mark's will be hosting Capitol Hill Group Ministry homeless shelter families for a festive Christmas party. We are expecting about 25 moms with children-- to give us approximately 40 or so guests. Volunteers are needed to help with dinner, activities, and just be hosts. (Bring your children--they are great at this.) Santa will have gifts for our guests. This is a great and joyful opportunity for hands-on ministry. Ready to help out? Contact Susan Sedgewick (Jssedgewick@gmail.com), Ryan Velasco (ryanmatthewvelasco@gmail.com), or Stephanie Deutsch (scd@his.com)

OH SING, ALL YE FAITHFUL.....CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLING! Plan to join us for the annual Holiday Project event, Christmas Day Caroling at Sibley Hospital in NE DC, from 12:30 – 3:30 P.M. We visit patient's rooms, sing familiar songs and distribute small gifts. Song sheets, gifts and cookies for nurses' are provided. Children of all ages are most welcome! Look for the flyers on near the High Altar and the Sign-Up sheet on the Vestibule bulletin board. Questions? Please contact the St. Mark's event coordinator, Jack Richards (703) 751-1456 or ktjr89@verizon.net they are great at this.) Santa will be arriving to hand out gifts to our guests. This is a great and joyful

17. **ST. MARK'S ALTERNATE GIFT FAIR** – Today in the Parish Hall after each service. Be there and make a gift to a local or international charity to help someone in need and honor the person you choose. The Fair supports: Heifer; Capitol Hill Group Ministry, World Neighbors, and ACT in Kenya. Choices range from \$10 for shoes for a school girl in Kenya to \$500 for a water buffalo in Thailand! To find out more, contact Eileen Blumenthal or Eleanor Whitman

18. **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 Al Ali Hospital in Gaza 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 on the 5th, 12th, and 19th December (as long as they last).

Parish Life

13. 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, December 13, 2010, at 7:30 PM 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.

15. FIRST FRIDAYS: Everyone is invited to First Fridays at Baxter House from 6-8pm on the first Friday of the month. Bring your own beverage and a nibble to share if you choose. Catch up with old friends, and make some new ones. Questions: Marilu Sherer marilu20002@yahoo.com

SOLICITING MEMORIAL GIFTS in honor of Hazel Baker, the original Lichfield rep to our link who died in September. The vestry will be sending a contribution to the the cathedral but Hazel's other love was the Erasmus Darwin House, on the Close, she and Tony Barnard helped create. This museum displays information about Charles Darwin's grandfather, a noted scientist himself, and Lichfield resident. Contributions in any amount (checks to St. Mark's) should be sent/given to Doris Burton by December 20. If you would like to contribute in January, please let her know.

FILM CLUB - "To Kill a Mockingbird". December 17, Jack Richards and Kathy Tatko present the 1962 movie classic based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1960 novel, starring Gregory Peck (Best Actor Oscar) as Atticus Finch, with Brock Peters, Mary Badham, and Robert Duvall. Friday, December 17, 7:30 p.m., 1321 Geranium Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Bring your favorite beverages along with light snacks or desserts to share. For further information, contact Alicia Ruble, at 202-420- 9256 or e-mail blurbolo-gist@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BEER BOTTLING PARTY: Please join us at the Shenandoah Brewing Company (shenandoahbrewing.com) in Alexandria on Dec. 18 at 12:45 pm to bottle this year's St. Mark's special Christmas brew. Come do your holiday shopping at the brewery by bottling beer and taking it with you to share with friends and family. We'll be bottling a nut-brown chocolate ale in attractive 22 oz. bottles available for \$7 each that make perfect gifts, or just to enjoy at home. For directions visit the brewery website, or contact rick.weber@iwpnews.com if you have additional questions.

Worship & Meditation

19. CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST AT 5PM. Please join us in the Nave at 5:00 PM this Sunday for our contemplative Eucharist service. Feel free to bring a beverage and/or snack to share during the social hour that follows our service. Contact Susan Pinkerton at susan.pinkerton@stmarks.net for further information.

20. WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm Insight Meditation in the Nave

Thursdays 7:00 to 8:00am Insight Meditation group in Adams Room

Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

21. FESTIVAL FUND DONATIONS. Today is the deadline! Traditional festival greening and music costs 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 December 12,2010.

CHRISTMAS GREENING: REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS & GREENS. Thursday, Dec. 23rd we will be "greening" the nave for Christmas services. Donations of cut greens (evergreens of all types, hollies, boxwood, etc.) and sprigs of seasonal berries brought to the church on Sunday, Dec. 19th, would be especially helpful. PLEASE leave in the church courtyard by the bike rack. Contact "greening" co-chairs Terry Adlhock (tadhock@aol.com) and/or Jeffrey Hunter (jhunter@naag.org), tel. 202-332-3773.

23. WORSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF BETHLEHEM – On Saturday, December 18, the Washington National Cathedral will hold a "Joint Simulcast Worship Service" with the people of Bethlehem. Joining Bishop Chane will be our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Shori, and the Lutheran Bishop of Washington. Presiding at Bethlehem's Christmas Lutheran Church will be the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

and the Lutheran Bishop of the Holy Land. This year the service is in the Cathedral's Nave, so a good turnout is desired as both congregations can see and hear each other! Plan to arrive at 9:30 for the 10 am service and then make a most "joyful noise" with our fellow Christians in "the Little Town." The service will also be webcast live at www.NationalCathedral.org.

Youth and Family Ministry

Megan Courtney, St. Mark's Director of Youth Ministries can be reached at megan.courtney@stmarks.net or (202) 543-0053 x320

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! – We're looking forward to the Christmas season and the Children's Pageant, graciously organized by Nancy Corr, the Mother of Mary. Please note the following dates regarding Christmas youth events:

- **TODAY, following Sunday School - Costume pick-up** - Please plan to drop by the library after Sunday School to pick-out and try on your pageant costume.
- **Next Sunday, December 19th - Cookie Decorating** – Join us as we decorate cookies following Sunday School in the Parish Hall. Cookies will be used for the Pageant reception. Please plan to bring a dozen un-iced cookies per child and one container of vanilla icing. *Lead roles and readers will rehearse in the Adams Room with Nancy Corr.

*The Mother of Mary can be reached at nancy.corr@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAST PAGEANT – Friday, December 24 at 4pm – Join us on Christmas Eve for our time-honored Children's Pageant and Eucharist followed by a reception. Lead roles and readers please plan to arrive at 2:30 in costume for a rehearsal. Angels, Shepherds, and Animals arrive by 3:20 in costume, meeting in the Parish Hall.

GIVING TREE, through Christmas Eve – Help create a "giving tree" for Jason Earnest, a St. Mark's youth now serving in Afghanistan. The tree is located in the foyer (between the Nave to the Parish Hall); add small gifts such as notepads, candy, magazines, along with personal notes to be mailed to Jason and his unit. Contact Lynda Smith-Buggee with any questions: Lynda@sculptureforthesoul.com.

BRUNCH FOR RETURNING GRADUATES – Following the one service (Lessons and Carols) on Sunday, December 26th there will be a brunch for graduates returning for the holidays. Plan to come out and welcome St Mark's recently (and not-so-recently) departed 18, 19, & 20-somethings.

FAMILY SKI TRIP, SIGN UP NOW – Mark your calendars, the annual ski trip is planned for President's Day weekend, **February 19-21**. Traditionally, we have traveled to Cannan Valley, West Virginia for a snowy ski trip, lodging at the YMCA Camp Horseshoe. Unfortunately, Camp Horseshoe will be closed for renovations this year; however, we have found a bunk-house in Cannan Valley that offers similar accommodations: 2 nights, 4 meals at \$90 per person (we may subsidize youth at \$75 this year). Please sign up on the bulletin board today or send Megan an Email, with **deposits (\$100 per family/ \$50 per individual) due by January 16**.



Parish Prayer List

Taylor Adams • Anne Alden • Mimi Chesslin • Ann Child (Elizabeth Long's sister) • Joya Cox • Betty and Jack Davis (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston's Aunt and Uncle) • David Evelyn • Jan Hoffman • Ray Lacey • Dennis Lewis • Karen Linkletter (Jane Osborne's sister-in-law) • Alexander Mahood (father of Beth Mahood Andrews) • Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins • Carroll Russell Sherer (Peter's mom) • Elin Whitney-Smith • Vicki Street • Phoebe Thompson (grand niece Susan Thompson)

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), Karen Gangloff (daughter of Don Gangloff and Linda Huntington), Christian Schmidle (son of Robert and Pamela Schmidle)

Military Service Deaths

1st. Lt. Scott F. Milley, 23, of Sudbury, MA • Lt. Col. Gwendolyn A. Locht, 46, of Fort Walton Beach, FL
Sgt. 1st Class Barry E. Jarvis, 36, of Tell City, IN • Staff Sgt. Curtis A. Oakes, 29, of Athens, OH
Spc. **Matthew W. Ramsey, 20**, of Quartz Hill, CA • Pfc. **Jacob A. Gassen, 21**, of Beaver Dam, WI
Pfc. **Austin G. Staggs, 19**, of Senoia, GA • Pfc. **Buddy W. McLain, 24**, of Mexico, ME
Cpl. **Chad S. Wade, 22**, of Bentonville, AK • Sgt. **Matthew T. Abbate, 26**, of Honolulu, HI
Sgt. 1st Class **James E. Thode, 45**, of Kirtland, NM

Circle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

Diocesan Latino Ministry
Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of South East Asia and The Most Reverend Dr. John Chew

We also pray for our sister congregations in Honduras and Lichfield, England.



This Week at St. Mark's as of 12/8/10 at 9:30am

Sunday, December 12– Third Sunday of Advent

8:45am – 12:30pm	Nursery Open (Undercroft)
9:00am – 10:00am	Family EUCHARIST, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presider and Children's Reflection
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:00am- 10:45am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Paul Roberts Abernathy; Preaching
10:00am – 12:00pm	Baptism Class (Library)
11:00am - 12:00pm	Teacher Training (Adams Room)
11:00am – 12:00pm	Pageant Prep – costumes (Library)
11:15am- 12:30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presider and Preacher
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch
1:15pm - 3:15pm	Membership Development Committee (Penniman Room)
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Race and Reconciliation Group (Adams Room)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Soup Kitchen and Casseroles (Church of the Brethren)

Monday, December 13

10:00am – 7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 9:00pm	Shelter Family Party (Parish Hall)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Auditions (Parish Hall)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Lionshare Investment Club (Gregory Room)
7:00pm – 10:00pm	LCF Spring Teaching Team (Library)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Israeli-Palestinian Class (Adams Room)

Tuesday, December 14

12:15pm - 1:15pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
4:00pm - 8:45pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Auditions (Nave, Parish Hall)

Wednesday, December 15

10:30am – 11:00am	Organ Rehearsal (Nave)
11:00am - 1:00pm	Wednesday Bible Study (Adams Room)
11:30am - 7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
6:30pm - 9:45pm	Women's Investment Network (Parish Hall)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Outreach Board Meeting (Gregory Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, December 16

7:00pm - 8:00am	Insight Meditation Group (Adams Room)
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Noon Eucharist (Nave)
4:00pm - 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
7:15pm - 10:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Friday, December 17

7:00am - 8:00am	Yoga (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Film Club (Nave)

Saturday, December 18

8:30am - 6:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
10:00am – 12:00pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
10:00am - 5:00pm	Players Auditions (Nave, Parish Hall)
10:00am -10:00pm	Players Light Hanging (Nave, Parish Hall)
6:00pm – 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Sunday, December 19 Last Sunday of Advent

8:45am – 12:30pm	Nursery Open (Undercroft)
9:00am – 10:00am	HOLY EUCHARIST, Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Co-Presider
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:00am- 10:45am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Susan B. Pinkerton; Preaching
10:00am – 12:00pm	Baptism Class (Library)
11:00am - 12:00pm	Cookie Decorating (Parish Hall)
11:00am – 12:00pm	Pageant Rehearsal (Adams Room)
11:15am- 12:30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST, Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider and Preacher, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Co-Presider
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Children's Choir (Nave)
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Vestry Meeting (Adams Room)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Susan B. Pinkerton; Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

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Class of '12	Ed Corr, Cecilia Monahan, Vicki Street
Class of '13	Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Marilu Sherer
Officers	Kathryn Powers, <i>Treasurer</i> , Raiford Gaffney, <i>Register</i> , Norm Wolfe, <i>Manciple</i> , Michael Knipe, <i>Counsel</i>

Diocesan Delegates

Mark Lindley David Deutsch Rick Rutherford Maureen Shea (alternate)

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Burton Reist
Acolytes	Teddy Ammon, Alyssa Stanford and Jackie Abramowitz (9:00) Ryan Velasco (11:15)
Altar Guild	Janice Brown and Ryan Velasco (9:00) Liz Layton and Jane Miller (11:15)
Lay Servers	Preston Brooks, Henry Burneson, Luke Burneson and Dylan Corr (9:00) Rosemary Harold, Michael Knipe and Linda Ewald (11:15)
Bread & Wine	Sherman Family (9:00) Pamela and Tom Foggin (11:15)
Beadles	Judy Smith, Burt and Mary Cooper