



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2010

SEASONAL THEME: COURAGE TO HOPE

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Susan B. Pinketon
Associate Rector

Co-Presider

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy

Music Director

Mr. Jeff Kempeskie

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 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel (Veni, Emmanuel)

Marilyn Biery (b. 1959)

Processional Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel vv. 1-2, 5-6

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:1, 17, 18

Presider Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

People **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Presider Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

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,

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 7:10-16

Read by: David Deutsch (11:15)

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

The Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

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

People Nancy Karpeles



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People Nancy Karpeles



✠ **Sermon**

The Associate Rector

Prayers of the People

adapted, Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Read by: Rick Rutherford (9:00) Charmain Crawford (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 May God's peace abide with you.
People And also with you.

Vestry Greeting

Marilu Sherer (9:00), Rick Hayes (11:15)

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 6 Christ is coming: Prepare the way
Paul Abernathy, soloist

Edward V. Bonnemere

(The people stand)

Presentation Hymn 56 v. 7

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider

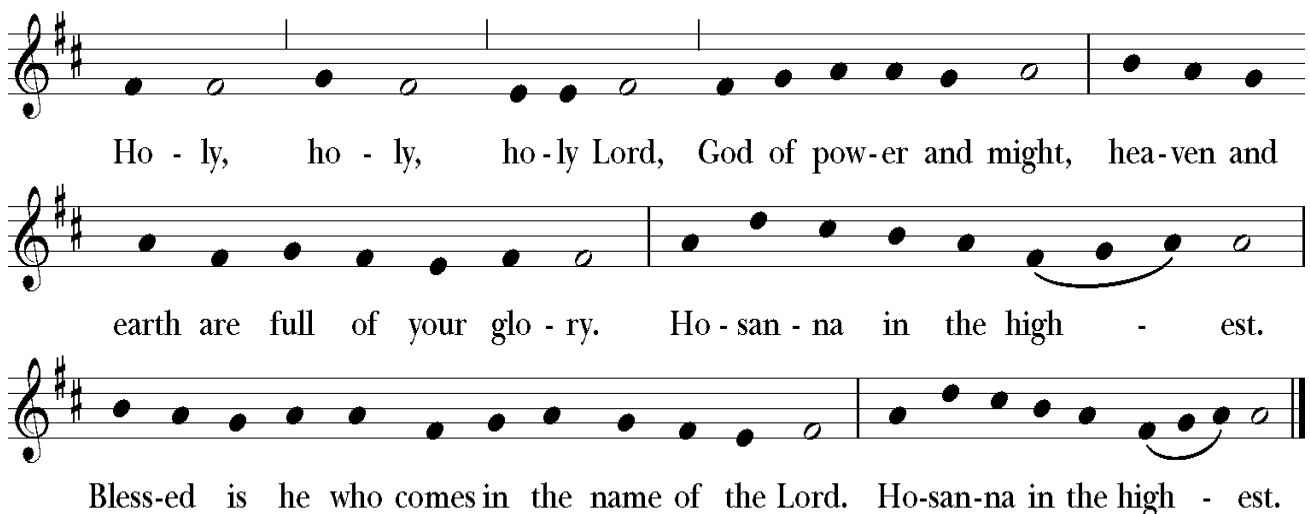
O God, source of our being, end of our journeying, to you, in whom we find our first birth and our everlasting rest, we give thanks for creating us, calling us to be sisters and brothers one to another, and for giving the world into our care. In the sin of our self-interest, we deny our creation and 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.

Co-Presider

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:

Sanctus S 124

David Hurd



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

Presider

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."

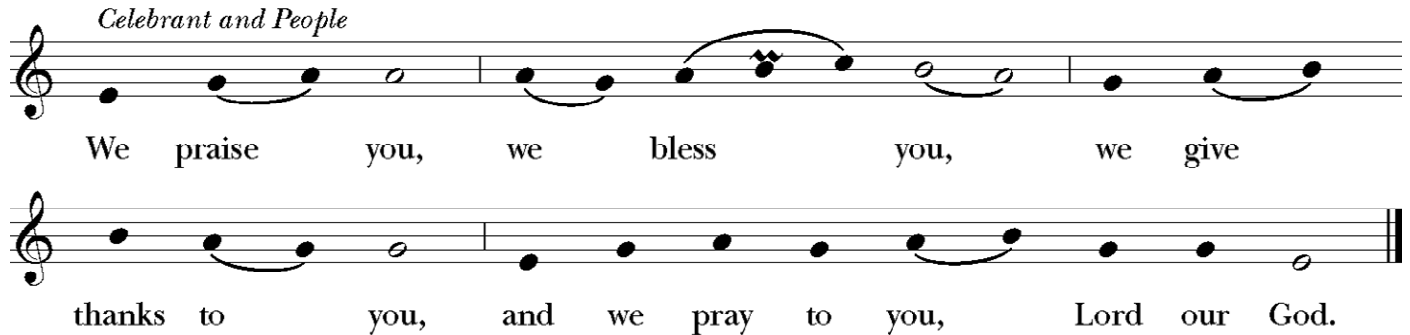
Co-President After supper, he took and blessed the cup of wine, offering it to them, saying, "This is my blood poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

President 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.

Co-President 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.

People **Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer

adapted, A New Zealand Prayer Book

President 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

Anthem: Savior of the Nations, Come *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*/arr. Cary Ratcliff

*Savior of the nations, come! The Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord has chose such a birth.
Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the virgin undefiled;
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race is run.*

Quia respexit from (Magnificat) Johann Sebastian Bach
Marjorie Coombs Wellman, soprano

Hymn 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came *Gabriel's Message*

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 LEVAS 14 Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

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 King Shall Come (Consolation)

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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The Opening Sentences, Collect, 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 7:10-16

Sermon

Read by: Nat White
The Associate Rector

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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.

Fall contribution statements have been sent to all pledging members. NOTE that the statements only cover donations and pledge payments received and deposited *before October 31*. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions, or if you think you should have received a statement but have not. Thank you very much, Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, 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.

Winter Adult Classes

3. **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.*

4. **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.*

5. **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 (adjunct 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.

Arts

6. **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

7. **SOUP KITCHEN:** Thank You! for the 29 Soup Kitchen casseroles we received last Sunday! Our special thanks also to our vegetable-chopping volunteers Susana Gomez, Gail Kelley, Pam Schmidle, Maureen Shea and Kit Erington, who, with Co-Manager Jack Richards, chopped up (120 lbs. of vegetables) and cleaned up as well. Another good month for those in need of nourishment, given faithfully from our abundance.

8. **OH SING, ALL YE FAITHFUL! CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLING!**- 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 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

9. **LAST DAY TO HAVE A COW** or start a seed bank; help children in D.C.; send a girl to school; or buy a herd of guinea pigs! This year consider giving UNUSUAL Christmas gifts to your friends & family through St. Mark's Alternative Gift Fair. Come see Eileen Blumenthal and Eleanor Whitman in the parish hall after each

service to select gifts through Capitol Hill Group Ministry, World Neighbors, ACT in Kenya and Heifer International.

10. **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).

11. **FAMILY NIGHT** with the families and staff of Capitol Hill Group Ministry was a huge success. We had more guests than usual -- about twenty families and about 45 children along with 10 staff members including Executive Director Barfonce Baldwin and her daughter Zipporah from CHGM. We had lots of wonderful food, live piano music, great decorations, arts and crafts activities and a visit from Santa Claus. It definitely got the season off to a festive start. Many thanks to the huge number of St. Mark's members who volunteered and made this event so successful. Both Barfonce Baldwin and Brian Ayres, our liaison with the Shelter Ministry, wrote thank you notes saying how much they appreciated their time with us. Brian's note said, "CHGM values our partnership with St. Marks and our families benefit through the gift of giving and fellowship. Please extend a special thanks to your son's friend serving as Santa! This was my first Family Night at St. Marks and I pray to experience many more."

12. **HELP THE AFGHANS AND MARINES SERVING THERE:** Spirit of America, a 501c3 nonprofit, is helping American Soldiers and Marines provide warm clothing and blankets to Afghan families and children. The items are sent to our troops in Afghanistan who will give them to local people. This helps our troops build better relations which makes them safer and more successful and helps people in need. **Most needed items:** · **Winter Coats and Jackets:** All sizes and styles are accepted, especially children's coats. · **Shoes:** All sizes are needed - especially infants and children. Boots and slip-ons or sneakers are preferred. · **Scarves, Gloves, Winter Hats:** All sizes and styles are needed. · **Blankets- Important Note:** Donated items may be new or used provided the items are clean and in good condition. We cannot accept articles with religious themes, western logos such as flags or that portray images of pigs (i.e., Porky Pig, Miss Piggy, Piglet, etc.). Please do not include crayons or liquid items. Also, for security reasons, we cannot accept battery-powered shoes, toys, and stuffed animals, or other articles that are battery-operated, or that contain electronic devices of any type. Go to www.spiritofamerica.net for more information. OPERATION CARE, 1424 EASTON RD STE 700, ATTN B43020, HORSHAM, PA 19044-1425. NB: No package can be longer than 72" or weigh more than 70 lbs.

Parish Life

12. **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, January 10, 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-** There will be no First Friday in January.

13. **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.

14. **ST. MARK'S READING GROUP:** On January 3 we will meet in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *The Solitude of Prime Numbers* by Paolo Giordano. That evening we will pick books for both February and March. For more information, contact Linda Ewald at llerbe@aol.com.

Worship & Meditation

15. 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.

16. 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

17. CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

Friday, December 24 4pm Christmas Pageant
10pm Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist
Saturday, December 25 10am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 26 10am Holy Eucharist
5pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday, January 2 10am Holy Eucharist
5pm Contemplative Eucharist

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

18. CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING TODAY! – We will decorate cookies following Sunday School in the Parish Hall to add to our Christmas pageant reception. Please bring a dozen un-iced cookies per child and one container of vanilla icing. Readers and lead roles (Mary, Joseph, Star, Gabrielle, lead Shepherd, and lead Angel) please meet in the Adams room for a pageant rehearsal.

19. CHRISTMAS 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.

20. GIVING TREE, NOW 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.

21. 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.

22. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK –Please note, that there will be **no Sunday school on December 26, January 2, and January 9**. We celebrate all teachers who have given their time this year to teach Sunday School as they take a holiday break; classes will resume on January 16.

23. 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 adult / \$75 per child. 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) • Barbara Marks • 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

Lance Cpl. Lucas C. Scott, 20, of Peebles, OH • Staff Sgt. Jason A. Reeves, 32, of Odessa, TX • Sgt. Nicholas J. Aleman, 24, of Brooklyn, NY • Cpl. Derek A. Wyatt, 25, of Akron, OH • Pfc. Colton W. Rusk, 20, of Orange Grove, TX • Staff Sgt. Vincent W. Ashlock, 45, of Seaside, CA • Sgt. Jason D. Peto, 31, of Vancouver, WA • Lance Cpl. Michael E. Geary, 20, of Derry, NH • Sgt. James A. Ayube, II, 25, of Salem, MA • Spc. Kelly J. Mixon, 23, of Yulee, FL • Pfc. David D. Finch, 24, of Bath Springs, TN • Spc. Ethan L. Goncalo, 21, of Fall Rivers, MA • Staff Sgt. Stacy A. Green, 34, of Alexander City, AL

Circle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

St. Thomas' Church, Washington
St. Thomas' Church, Croom, and the Chapel of the Incarnation
Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation

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 19– Fourth 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)
12:45pm - 1:45pm	Children's Choir (Nave)
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Vestry Meeting (Adams Room)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider and Preacher
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, December 20	
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, December 21	
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Cancer Support Group (Library)
Wednesday, December 22	
10:30am - 11:00am	Organ Rehearsal (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Thursday, December 23	
8:00am - 5:00pm	Greening (Nave, Parish Hall)
7:00pm - 8:00am	Insight Meditation Group (Adams Room)
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Noon Eucharist (Nave)
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Choir and Brass Rehearsal (Nave)
Friday, December 24	
	Church Office Closed -- Merry Christmas !
8:00am - 12:00pm	Greening (Nave, Parish Hall)
8:00am - 12:00pm	Organ Rehearsal (Nave)
2:30pm - 4:00pm	Pageant Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
4:00pm - 6:30pm	Christmas Pageant (Nave, Parish Hall)
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Christmas Eve Reception (Parish Hall)
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Choir Warm-up (Nave)
9:30pm - 10:00pm	Carol Sing (Nave)
10:00pm - 12:00am	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist (Nave)
Saturday, December 25	
10:00am -11:00am	Christmas Day HOLY EUCHARIST Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider and Preacher (Nave)
12:30pm - 3:30pm	Christmas Caroling (Sibley Hospital)
Sunday, December 26 First Sunday after Christmas	
8:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Open (Undercroft)
10:00am - 11:00am	HOLY EUCHARIST, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presider, Susan B. Pinkerton; Co-Presider
11:30am -12:30pm	Welcome Back Brunch for College Students (Parish Hall)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Paul Roberts Abernathy; 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

Vergers	
Acolytes	Corey Loevinger, Emma Floyd and Henry Burneson (9:00) Michael Knipe (11:15)
Altar Guild	Susan Ryerson and Marcia Knutson (9:00) Fairfield Butt, Burt and Mary Cooper (11:15)
Lay Servers	Randy Marks, Nat White, Linda Dickinson, Bill Dickinson (9:00) Jane Byrne, Bill Doolittle and Liz Layton (11:15)
Bread & Wine	Julie Murphy and Family (9:00) Michael Knipe and Rosemary Harold (11:15)
Beadles	Liz Layton, Chuck Divine, and Vena Darling
Laying on of Hands	John Barton and Josie Jordan (9:00) Barbara Nelson (11:15)