



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 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

The Reverend Susan B. Pinkerton
Associate Rector

Co-Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Arnold Taylor
Adjunct Clergy

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 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 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Processional Hymn 59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Merton

Opening Sentences

adapted, Psalm 72: 2,5,18

Presider: God may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

People: God shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

Presider: Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!

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,

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✦ **The Hebrew Scripture** Isaiah 2.1-5

Read by Don Mosher (11:15)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Sequence Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

The Gospel Matthew 3:1-12


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

People  Nancy Karpeles

Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: `Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, `We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People  Nancy Karpeles

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of the People

adapted, Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Read by: Gwen Dillard (9:00) Jan Lipscomb (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

Joe Calizo (9:00)

Associate Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Anthem Keep Your Lamps!

Spiritual / arr. Andre Thomas

Chancel Choir

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

(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.

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

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-Presider 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."

Presider 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-Presider 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 (Traditional)

Presider Now, in the words Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and 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 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Hymn 597 O day of peace that dimly shines

Jerusalem

Hymn 60 Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

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 68 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

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!**



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



Sermon Seminar

Announcements *please limit each announcement to 30 seconds.*

The Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 2.1-5
Sermon

Rick Rutherford
Rev. Arnold Taylor, Adjunct Clergy



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. **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.
2. **CHRISTIAN ED FORUM** – Join Chris Berendes and Elin Whitney-Smith today for Sermon Seminar Extended in the Adams Room, 11:00 am–12 noon right after Sunday School. Bring a friend for a lively discussion of the issues raised by today's sermon!
3. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND** – January 7th-9th – Mark your calendars for a weekend retreat for all those interested in what make Christian Education such a vital and vibrant program at St. Mark's. We will meet at Dupont House, Rehoboth, DE from Friday evening supper time through Sunday lunch time. Your leaders for the weekend will be Will Long, Jordan Meyer, Bruce Sherman, and Bobbi Smith. More details to follow, but the sign-up sheet is officially up on the bulletin board. *Cost: \$275 – Although, thanks to a generous private donation, Sunday School Teachers may attend for free!*
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 (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

6. **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS DEC. 5TH.** Please join us for an Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sunday December 5th at 4pm in the Nave. The service will include six lessons, hymns, organ music, and numerous anthems sung by the Chancel Choir and Boys & Girls Choir. Susan Pinkerton will preside.

Arts

7. **ST. MARK'S DANCE STUDIO'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE** on Friday December 3, 2010 @ 8:00 pm with a pre show audience participation..."kick boxing". Bring your exercise togs and try something new and then enjoy a good show. There will be refreshments served to knock off the edge, if you are coming from work. We repeat the show Saturday December 4, 2010 @ 3:00 pm but no "kick boxing".

Outreach

8. **CASSEROLES FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN!** Today, please pick-up a casserole recipe and pan from the table near the High Altar. Bring your casseroles **next Sunday, December 12**, to any of the three services, and thereby help us feed needy persons at the Church of the Brethren (COB). Our monthly goal is **20 casseroles**. Questions? Contact Soup Kitchen Team Members Jack Richards; Mary Lee Watts; or Jim Shelar.

9. **OTHER SOUP KITCHEN ACTIVITIES:** Next Sunday, December 12, from 5-6:00 P.M., we will again be chopping vegetables at the **Church of the Brethren**, located at 4th Street and North Carolina Ave., SE. We always need 4-5 volunteers to help us finish on time! Please plan to join us in support of those in need of nourishment.

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)

11. **CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLING:** Plan to join us for the annual **Holiday Project Christmas Day Caroling** at Sibley Hospital in Northwest DC, from 12:30 – 3:30 P.M. We visit patients' rooms and sing familiar songs, while distributing small gifts. Song sheets, gifts and cookies for nurse's stations are provided. Children are most welcome! A sign-up sheet is posted in the Vestibule. Fliers are located throughout the church area. Questions? Please contact the St. Mark's coordinator, Jack Richards (703) 751-1456. Sign-up or RSVP by December 23.

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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 14, 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.

14. ST. MARK'S READING GROUP: On December 6, we will meet in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story* by Paul Monette. The book for January 3 is *The Solitude of Prime Numbers* by Paolo Giordano. For more information, contact Linda Ewald at llerbe@aol.com.

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

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.

17. ST. MARK'S ALTERNATE GIFT FAIR – starts 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).

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. Sunday, December 12 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, Friday, December 10th in both Christmas and Easter bulletins. Please use the form enclosed.

22. CHRISTMAS GREENING: REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS & GREENS. Thursday, Dec. 23rd we will be "greening" the nave for Christmas services. Volunteers to help in this annual event are eagerly sought. For further information, please contact "greening" co-chairs Terry Adlhock (tadhock@aol.com) and/or Jeffrey Hunter (jhunter@naaq.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

24. **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!** – We’re looking forward to the Christmas season and the Children’s Pageant. Please note the following dates regarding Christmas youth events:

- Pageant Sign-up – Nancy Corr (the Mother of Mary) will be in the Parish Hall with sign-ups for roles in the Christmas Pageant after Sermon Seminar this Sunday. If you can not make it to the sign-ups, please email Megan to add your child on the list.

- Costume pick-up* - December 12th in the Library after Sunday School.

- Cookie Decorating – On Sunday, December 19th we will decorate cookies following Sunday School.

Please plan to bring a dozen un-iced cookies per child and one container of vanilla icing.

*If you have old Halloween costumes that fall into the “barnyard animal” spectrum, please consider lending them for the pageant

25. SAFEGUARDING GOD’S CHILDREN TRAINING DATES

The last fall class for the required child abuse prevention training (for full time church employees and volunteers working with youth) is listed below. Date and location:

* Dec. 11 – St. George’s, Glenn Dale (Region 5): 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Online registration is required and is available at www.edow.org/prevention.

****Spring training dates will be available after the Christmas season.**

26. **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.

27. **FAMILY SKI TRIP** – Mark your calendars, the annual ski trip is planned for President’s Day weekend, **February 19th – 21st**! More information will be available as we get closer.



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 • Cher Stepanek •
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)

Military Service Deaths

Staff Sgt. Jordan B. Emrick, 26, of Hoyleton, IL • Lance Cpl. Randy R. Braggs, 21, of Sierra Vista, AZ
Sgt. Aaron B. Cruttenden, 25, of Mesa, AZ • Spc. Dale J. Kridlo, 33, Hughestown, PA
Spc. Anthony Vargas, 27, of Reading, PA • Spc. Andrew L. Hutchins, 20, of New Portland, ME
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Circle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

St. Nicholas' Church, Darnestown; Kenneth W. Howard, Rector

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 12/1/10 at 9:30am

Sunday, December 5– Second Sunday of Advent

8:45am – 12:30pm	Life Community and Faith Retreat Weekend #2
9:00am – 10:00am	Nursery Open (Undercroft)
9:00am - 12:30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST, Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider
9:45am - 10:45am	Casserole Pan Pick-up (Nave)
10:00am- 10:45am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
11:00am- 12:00pm	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Arnold Taylor; Preaching
11:15am- 12:30pm	Teacher Training (Adams Room)
12:45pm - 2:00pm	HOLY EUCHARIST, Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider, Arnold Taylor; Preaching
2:30pm - 4:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Children's Choir (Nave)
4:00pm - 6:00om	Yoga (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative EUCHARIST (Adams Room), Susan B. Pinkerton; Presiding, David Deutsch; Preaching
	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, December 6

9:00am - 5:00pm	Organ Tuning (Nave)
10:00am - 7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	St. Mark's Reading Group (Penniman Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Israeli-Palestinian Class (Parish Hall)
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal (Adams Room)

Tuesday, December 7

12:15pm - 1:15pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
4:00pm - 8:45pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Worship Team (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Cancer Support Group (Library)

Wednesday, December 8

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 - 7:15pm	Yoga (Adams Room)

Thursday, December 9

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 10

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)

Saturday, December 11

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

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 (Adams Room)
11:15am - 12:30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presider and Preacher
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
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)

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Diocesan Delegates

Mark Lindley David Deutsch Rick Rutherford Maureen Shea (alternate)

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	David Deutsch
Acolytes	Mark Ossolinski, Sarah Baldwin and Kate Billings (9:00) Liz Layton (11:15)
Altar Guild	Nancy Lucas, Peggy Pecore (9:00) Bertha Martin, Jane Miller (11:15)
Lay Servers	Bill Dickinson, Bill Jordan, Josie Jordan, Dick Rumpf (9:00) Jane Byrne, Tiiu Kera, Elizabeth Long and Bertha Martin (11:15)
Bread & Wine	Sherman Family (9:00) Beryl Maloney-Lillaston "In memory of my father, John Dennis Maloney" (11:15)
Beadles	Peter Hawley, Terry Adlhock, Jeffrey Hunter
Laying on of Hands	Gene Kendall and Eleanor Whitman (9:00) Lilly March (11:15)