



WELCOME TO  
**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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CAPITOL HILL  
St. Mark's Mission Statement

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 28, 2010  
SEASONAL THEME: COURAGE TO HOPE

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

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**Presider**

The Reverend Susan B. Pinkerton  
Associate Rector

**Co-Presider**

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy  
Associate Rector

**Guest Preacher**

Sandra Swann

**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")

## 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](http://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** Wachet auf (Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying)

Jacobus Kloppers

**Processional Hymn** 61 Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us

*Wachet auf*

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 122.1,7, 9

Presider I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People **Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.**

Presider Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

## 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,

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 John Terry (11:15)*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to

come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!


### The Gospel Matthew 24.33-44

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

People  Nancy Karpeles  
 Glo- ry to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People  Nancy Karpeles  
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### ✠ Sermon

Sandra Swann

### Prayers of the People

adapted, Book of Common Prayer, Form III

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 their own prayers silently or aloud.

*(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**

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

### **Rector's Greeting**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory Hymn** LEVAS 19 Wayfaring Stranger American Folk Song/arr. Boyer

*(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**

written by the Rector

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-President 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.

President 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, we offer all that we are and all that we have, singing

**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)** from 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**

President 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**

President 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 President, 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 Carol of the Advent

Philip R. Dietterich

Chancel Choir

*People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.  
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.  
Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen, He for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look East and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.  
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.  
Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Hymn 57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

*Helmsley*

## 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

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

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

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

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

## The 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 Voluntary IX

John Stanley

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## Sermon Seminar

**Announcements** *please limit each announcement to 30 seconds.*

**The Hebrew Scripture** Isaiah 2.1-5

**Sermon**

Nat White  
Sandra Swan

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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.*

### **VISION 2020--BOLDLY ENGAGING IN OUR FUTURE:**

During its retreat November 12-14, the Vestry unanimously approved moving forward with a capital campaign in the Fall of 2011. Our consultant, the Episcopal Church Foundation, analyzed the results of the Feasibility Study and concluded that St. Mark's could raise approximately \$1.3 million. After careful consideration, the Vestry decided not to renovate Baxter House as part of the project, and will sell the property once construction on an expanded Parish Hall has been completed. In the coming months, the Vision 2020 Steering Committee will work to set a final budget, which will likely combine the money that could be raised in a capital campaign with the proceeds from the sale of Baxter House. To do so, the committee will work with our architectural consultants to further refine schematic drawings and engage in a bidding process for contractors and other consultants, with the goal of putting before the St. Mark's community a final design proposal and budget in the spring of 2011. A letter from the Rector and the Senior Warden outlining the Vestry's decision is being sent to all pledging members. The complete Feasibility Study, including the summary results of the parish survey and the Episcopal Church Foundation's conclusions, is now available for review on the St. Mark's website at [http://www.stmarks.net/assets/pdf/Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.stmarks.net/assets/pdf/Final_Report.pdf). The Vestry and the Steering Committee urges the entire community to read the report and provide feedback.

### **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!*

### **Music**

**1. 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

2. **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

3. **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](mailto:Jssedgewick@gmail.com)), Ryan Velasco ([ryanmatthewvelasco@gmail.com](mailto:ryanmatthewvelasco@gmail.com)), or Stephanie Deutsch ([scd@his.com](mailto:scd@his.com))
4. **CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLING:** Plan ahead and join us for the annual Holiday Project event, Christmas Day Caroling at Sibley Hospital, in Northwest D.C, from 12:30-3:30 P.M. We visit patients' rooms, sing familiar songs and distribute small gifts. Song sheets, gifts and cookies for nurses' stations are provided. Children are most welcome! Watch for more details by email and on flyers available on the first three Sundays of December. Questions? Please contact the St. Mark's event coordinator, Jack Richards (703) 751-1456.

## Parish Life

5. **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](mailto:swhenn@mac.com), phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, [marymwelker@aol.com](mailto:marymwelker@aol.com), 202-387-4083.
6. **START RIGHT! STAY CONNECTED!** Getting married or making a major commitment transition with your beloved? Join other couples on Saturday, December 4th from 9-5:30pm to get your relationship started in the right direction. Professionals from the Imago Center of Washington, D.C. in conjunction with Ascension Silver Spring will be presenting this Relationship Education Seminar. Topics covered will be: stages of relationship, the brain on love, defensive behaviors, the Imago Dialogue, creating a vision as a couple, and keeping your relationship strong. For more information, please contact Shelly Webb at [shelly.webb@imagocenterdc.com](mailto:shelly.webb@imagocenterdc.com) or (410)409-9423.
7. **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 [lherbe@aol.com](mailto:lherbe@aol.com).
8. **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](mailto:marilu20002@yahoo.com)

**The 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.

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## **Worship & Meditation**

**10. 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](mailto:susan.pinkerton@stmarks.net) for further information.

### **11. 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

**12. 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.

**13. 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](mailto:tadhock@aol.com)) and/or Jeffrey Hunter ([jhunter@naaq.org](mailto:jhunter@naaq.org)), tel. 202-332-3773.

**14. HEARTY EUCHARIST AT 5 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST TODAY!!!** You are invited to come partake in a Hearty Eucharist, much like the 1<sup>st</sup> century Christians practiced in their communities. We are celebrating the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of this service with an abundance of Middle Eastern food and fellowship in the Nave. Please bring a simple dish and/or beverage to share. Please contact Susan Pinkerton at [susan.pinkerton@stmarks.net](mailto:susan.pinkerton@stmarks.net) for questions.

## **Youth and Family Ministry**

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

**15. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY, HOLIDAY CARD MAKING IN THE ADAMS ROOM 9:45-10:45 –** There will be no Sunday School today; All youth are invited to make Holiday / Christmas cards in the Adams Room during Sermon Seminar (9:45-10:45) as part of the annual National Holiday Project. The cards will be taken to Sibley Hospital on Christmas Eve for the *Christmas Visit to Sibley Hospital*.

### **16. SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING DATES**

The last fall classes 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](http://www.edow.org/prevention).

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

**17. 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 and Dec. 5. If you can not make it to the sign-ups, please email Megan to add your child on the list.

- Costume pick-up\* - December 12<sup>th</sup> in the Library after Sunday School.

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

Please plan to bring a dozen un-iced cookies per child and a clean 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

**18. BRUNCH FOR RETURNING GRADUATES –** Following the one service (Lessons and Carols) on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

20. **SONG LEADERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** An important part of the Children's Chapel beginning in January will be the simple songs that are easily learned by young children whether or not they can read. While the clergy and seminarian will be leading the chapel service, we need a song leader each week to teach and lead such songs as "This Little Light of Mine", "Jesus Loves Me" and others, many of which are already familiar to the kids. Guitar or electronic keyboard would be welcome but not necessary, just a singing voice and love of children. The service will last about 20-25 minutes, include at least three songs. Two or more song leaders could share this role on a rotating basis. Please let Susan Flanders know if you are interested. [susanflanders@earthlink.net](mailto:susanflanders@earthlink.net)

21. **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**—a special liturgy of the word for children of all ages - begins January 16th! Please join us weekly at 9 am in the Adams Room. We'll create a kid-friendly led by the clergy and seminarian, Then, we'll rejoin the main service upstairs during the Peace before the Eucharist - around 9:25. You are welcome to stay and worship with your children or to drop them off and join the service in the nave.



### 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  
Sgt. Jason J. McCluskey, 26, of McAlester, OK • 2nd Lt. Robert M. Kelly, 29, of Tallahassee, FL  
Lance Cpl. James B. Stack, 20, of Arlington Heights, IL • Lance Cpl. Dakota R. Huse, 19, of Greenwood, LA  
Senior Airman Andrew S. Bubacz, 23, of Dalzell, SC • Cpl. Shawn D. Fannin, 32, of Wheelersburg, OH

Circle of Prayer

### In the Diocese of Washington:

**Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale**; Robert Harvey, Rector, Peter Schell, Assistant Rector  
Episcopal Church Women  
United Thank Offering  
The Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Episcopal Church Women

### 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 11/23/10 at 9:30am

### **Sunday, November 28– First Sunday of Advent**

8:45am – 12:30pm	Nursery Open (Undercroft)
9:00am – 10:00am	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST, Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Co-presiding</b>
9:45am - 10:45am	Youth Activity (Adams Room)
10:00am- 10:45am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Sandra Swann; Preaching
11:00am- 12:00pm	Teacher Training (Adams Room)
<b>11:15am- 12:30pm</b>	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST, Susan B. Pinkerton; Presider Sandra Swann; Preacher, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Co-presiding</b>
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Membership Development Committee (Library)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b>	<b>HEARTY EUCHARIST, Susan B. Pinkerton; Presiding and Preaching</b>
5:00pm - 8:00pm	Pot Luck
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

**Monday, November 29**

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 – 9:30pm	Israeli-Palestinian Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

**Tuesday, November 30**

12:15pm - 1:15pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
4:00pm - 8:45pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga (Adams Room)

**Wednesday, December 1**

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)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Life Community and Faith (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, December 2**

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 3**

7:00am - 8:00am	Yoga (Dance Studio)
9:00am – 10:30pm	Prep for Dance Studio Open House (Nave, Parish Hall)
5:00pm - 7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	First Fridays- BYOB (Baxter House)
6:30pm - 10:00pm	Dance Studio Open House (Nave, Parish Hall)

**Saturday, December 4**

8:30am - 6:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
9:00am - 11:30am	Altar Guild Polishing (Parish Hall)
10:00am – 12:00pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
10:00pm - 1:00pm	Players Rehearsal (Nave)
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Girl Scouts (Classrooms 1+3)
2:30pm - 7:00pm	Dance Studio Open House (Nave, Parish Hall)
6:00pm – 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)

**Sunday, December 5– Second Sunday of Advent**

8:45am – 12:30pm	Nursery Open (Undercroft)
9:00am – 10:00am	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presider, Susan B. Pinkerton; Co-presiding</b>
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:00am- 10:45am	Sermon Seminar (Nave Paul Roberts Abernathy; Preaching)
11:00am- 12:00pm	Teacher Training (Adams Room)
<b>11:15am- 12:30pm</b>	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presider and Preacher, Susan B. Pinkerton; Co-presiding</b>
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 6:00om	Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b>	<b>Contemplative EUCHARIST,; Presiding and Preaching</b>
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
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## Diocesan Delegates

Mark Lindley      David Deutsch      Rick Rutherford      Maureen Shea (alternate)

## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	David Deutsch
Acolytes	Sarah Baldwin, Neil Bayliss, and Alyssa Stanford (9:00) Dave Johnson (11:15)
Altar Guild	Karen Falk, Marcia Knutson (9:00) Anne Headley, Jane Miller (11:15)
Lay Servers	Rita Ossolinski, Dick Rumpf, Marilu Sherer, and Susan Thompson (9:00)
Bread & Wine	Maureen Shea and Kenn Allen (9:00) Mona Alcazar and Nancy Bates "In celebration of our 21st Anniversary" (11:15)