

**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.



**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024**

4:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
& HOLY EUCHARIST**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Pastoral Associate

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

Seminarian

Lydia Arnts

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ☩ Capitol Hill

To view the **Parish Calendar online**, please visit our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

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

Childcare – The Nursery is closed today.

Restrooms are available in the foyer, with more downstairs.

Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples on whose traditional territory we are located, specifically the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We make this acknowledgment mindful of the traumatic events and the ongoing forces of systemic racism and oppression that forced native peoples from their lands. We continue our commitment to learning, growing, and finding a new way forward for meaningful, mutual healing.

Cover Image: Hanna Varghese, *God Is With Us*

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Schedule of Advent & Christmas Services

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:30 pm, Congregational Caroling & Brass music

9 pm, Festival Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25 - 10 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 29 - 10 am Christmas Lessons & Carols

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PRELUDE MUSIC & CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING

All are invited to sing the following hymns while seated.

HYMN 109 The first Nowell the angel did say, vv. 1-4

17th Century English Carol

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain

HYMN 99 Go tell it on the mountain

African American Spiritual

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

HYMN 89 It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

HYMN 105 God rest you merry, gentlemen

God Rest You Merry

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's power and might."
Refrain

Refrain:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2 From God our heavenly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

4 Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and charity
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace.
Refrain

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD & CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

OPENING HYMN 83 O come, all ye faithful, vv. 1-3

Adeste fideles



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

OPENING SENTENCES

I bring you good news of great joy!
A Savior has been born to you! Alleluia!

Unto us, a child is born!
The child is a gift! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who know the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven, where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The people sit.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT *The Christmas Story*

Music by Gunhild Keetman

1. Introduction and entrance
2. The Shepherds
3. Pastorale
4. Entrance of the Angels
5. Gloria

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth.
Gloria in excelsis and to all men good will.*

6. 10,000 Angels
7. March of the Shepherds
8. Before the Manger
9. While by my sheep

Choir only vv. 1-2, All sing vv. 3-4

1. While by my sheep, I watched at night,
2. There shall be born, so he did say,
3. There shall the Child lie in a stall,
4. This gift of God we'll cherish well,

Glad ti - dings brought an an - gel bright; How
In Beth - le - hem a Child to - day.
This Child who shall re - deem us all.
That e - ver joy our hearts shall fill.

Echo Echo
great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Echo
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

10. Cradle Song

*Joseph, dearest, Joseph mine, help me rock this child of mine.
God reward thee in good time in Paradise, the child of mother Mary.*

*Gladly, dearest, Mary mine, I'll help you rock this child of thine,
God reward thee in good time in Paradise, the child of mother Mary.*

11. Arrival at the manger

12. Offering gifts

13. Dormi Jesu

Dormi Jesu, mater ridet,
quae tam dulcem somnum videt,
dormi Jesu blandule.

Si non dormis, mater plorat,
inter fila cantans orat;
blande veni somnule.

*Sleep Jesus, mother smiling,
who sees such a sweet dream,
sleep sweetly Jesus.*

*If you don't sleep, mother cries,
he prays while singing between the threads;
come gently, sleepy one.*

14. Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest

REFLECTION

Caleb Nelson Amaker

As Pageant participants return to their seats, the congregation stands and sings the following hymn.

HYMN 100 Joy to the world! vv. 1-2 & 4

Antioch

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, for whom there was no room in the inn, give courage to all who are homeless;
in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Jesus, who fled into Egypt, give comfort to all refugees;
in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Jesus, who fasted in the desert, give relief to all who are starving;
in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Jesus, who died on the cross, give strength to all who suffer;
in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

May the peace of God, born among us, be with you!
And also with you.

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

VESTRY GREETING

WELCOME

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark's website, stmarks.net, and choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.



Gifts to St. Marks can also be made by texting "stmarks20003" to 73256, or by visiting the QR code. Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.

Food offerings may be brought forward to the baskets under the altar at this time.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us put into action the generosity that comes from your faith.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy Traditional West Indian
arr. Dorothy & Tom Christopherson
Children's Choir; Judith Rautenberg, director

The virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they say that his name was Jesus.

Refrain: He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby born, and they say that his name was Jesus. Refrain

The wise men saw where the baby born, and they say that his name was Jesus. Refrain

The people stand, as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 96 Angels we have heard on high, vv. 1 & 4

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is always with us.

God has been born among us!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Incarnate One

Let us give thanks to God.

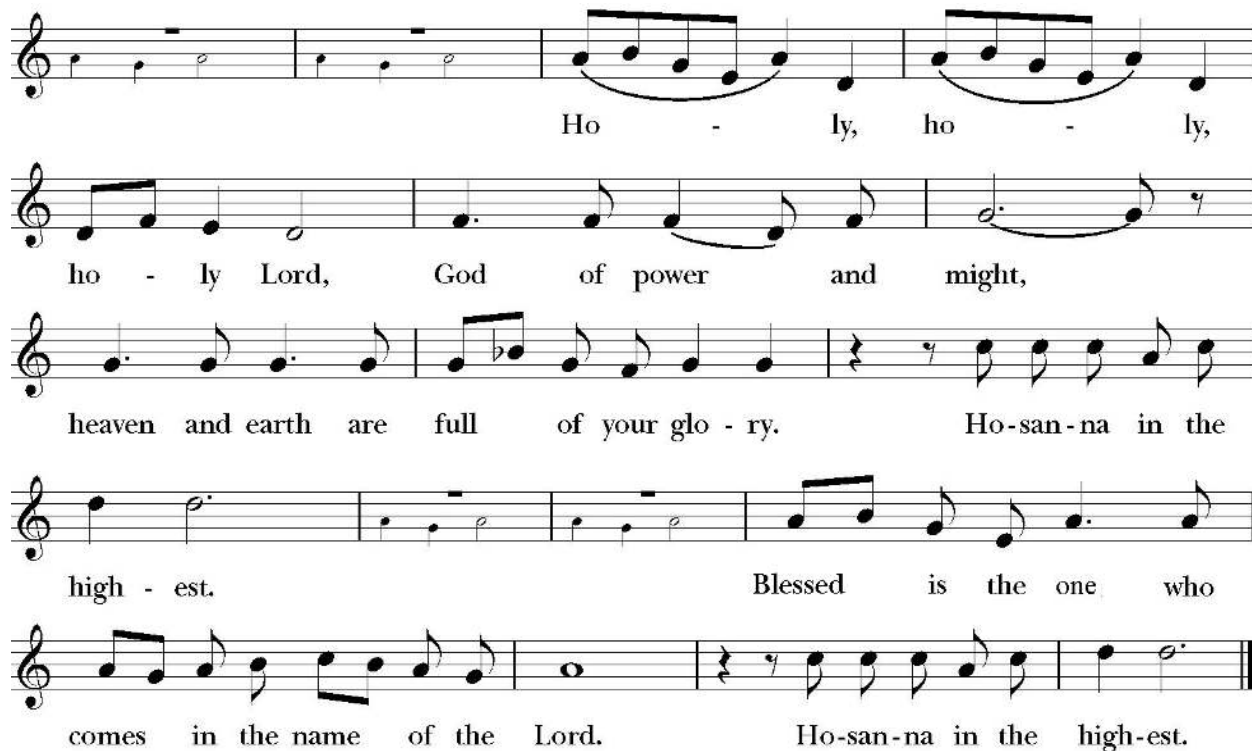
It is right and joyful to give our thankful praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Holy One, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Child to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Jesus of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may rejoice to behold his appearing without shame or fear.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 128

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love, you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Mother, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of your Son for your people, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

**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.

FRACTION ANTHEM Let all mortal flesh keep silence, v. 2

Picardy

All Sing.

2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man

ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 his own self for heaven - ly food.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God’s table and this bread and wine as God’s food for us all.
Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe or do not believe, All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

St. Mark’s receives communion “in the round” as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

*You will be offered bread by a celebrant and invited to drink from the common cup.
 Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SOLO O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

Marika Klein, soloist

*O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
 It is the night of our dear Saviour’s birth.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
 Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born.*

*Truly he taught us to love one another;
 His law is love and his Gospel is peace.
 Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother.
 And in his name all oppression shall cease.
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
 Let all within us praise his holy name.
 Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born.*

MUSIC A selection by the Recorder Quartet

HYMN 115 What child is this, who, laid to rest

Greensleeves

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

HYMN 79 O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin-eth the ev-er-last-ing Light;
 2 O morn-ing stars, to- geth-er pro-claim the ho-ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com-ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char-i-ty stands watch-ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ-mas an-gels the great glad tid-ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.
 2 and prais-es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re-ceive him, still the dear Christ en-ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo-ry breaks, and Christ-mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a-bide with us, our Lord Em-man-u-el!

Candles will be lit. Please share the light with your neighbors.

HYMN 111 Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! birth. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Please extinguish all candles and place them in the containers by the doors as you depart.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for nourishing us with spiritual food. Open our eyes to see your Christ in all people: open our hearts to be present to the suffering, open our hands to heal the wounded, and open our minds to renew the lost. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us: that all your children shall be free. Guide us to continue in the embodied life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 87 Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

THE BLESSING

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring Peace/שָׁלוֹם /سلام among the people,
to make music in the heart.

And the Blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Christ is born in us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Postlude on *Mendelssohn*

David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

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Christmas Pageant Participants

Script adapted by Amber Macdonald
Directed by Amber Macdonald

Music Directed by Judith Rautenberg
The St. Mark's Children's Choir

Cast

Shepherd 1.....Sybil Ory	Angel 3.....Caleb Collins
Shepherd 2.....Maggie Pereira	Innkeeper.....JoJo Sierra
Shepherd 3.....Alice Macdonald Beaty	Mary.....Thomera Jackson
Shepherd 4.....Coraline Macdonald Beaty	Joseph.....Caroline Renaud
Shepherd 5.....Miles Ramish	Caspar.....Nathaniel Ramish
Angel 1.....Blythe Giron	Melchoir.....Aurora Wilson
Angel 2.....Deven Wilson	Balthazar.....Ruby Ranney
Angel 3.....Sienna Frias	

Instrumentalists

David Mann, recorder	Carrie Bean Stute, cello
Judy McGraw, recorder	Jeff Kempskie, keyboard & organ
Rachel Isaacson, recorder	Amelia Nickerson, percussion
Gabriel Johnson, recorder	

*Thank you to our Director of Youth & Family Ministries Caleb Nelson Amaker,
the St. Mark's Middle School Sunday School class for support with costumes,
and all of the parent volunteers, especially Aaryn Kopp and John Wilson.*

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Presiders	The Reverends Michele Morgan & Caitlin Frazier
Preacher	Caleb Nelson Amaker
Deacon	The Reverend Thom Sinclair
Director of Music	Jeff Kempskie
Children's Choir	Judith Rautenberg
Soloist	Marika Klein
Verger	Josie Jordan
Altar Guild	Gretchen Willson
Acolyte	Andrew Flowers
Reader	TBD, <i>Prayers of the People</i>
Greeters	TBD
Bread	Michael Swift & Terri Poxon-Pearson
Video Director	Matt Dodge
Technical Director	Charlie Rupp

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Festival Giving 2024



Parishioner contributions toward this year's special Christmas greening and music are given to the Glory of God in loving memory, in honor, and in thanksgiving of those whose names appear below. The remainder will be distributed to our justice ministries.

In Loving Memory of...

Frank Lloyd by Betsy Athey

Bocko & Mana Behan & Robert P. Hall, Jr. by Rob Hall & Chris Behan

My loved ones: Fred, Emma & Lawana by Jackie Boddie

Beloved husband and dearest friend, Jack B. Burton (1936-2019), Junior Warden (2003-2005), Manciple (2015-2017) and for 15,125 days shared by Doris Burton

Marlane Liddell by Kathryn Chefetz

Bert Cooper, Bill & Jean Baxter & Raiford Gaffney by Mary Cooper

Rosie Brooks, Charlie Arnhold, Liz Layton & Frank Mason by David & Stephanie Deutsch

Ben & Sue Dibblee by Michelle Dibblee

Jim & Trish Frazier by Caitlin Frazier

Liz & Hatcher Kincheloe by Jeff Kincheloe

My parents, Dick & Shirley Krueger by Keith Krueger

Beatrice & John Morgan by Michele Morgan

My mother & longtime St. Marks member, Joan Nelson Pierotti by Liz Pierotti

Gene & Janet Shaw by David Shaw, Julie Shroyer, Claire & Emily Shaw

Judy Shroyer by Julie Shroyer, David, Claire & Emily Shaw

Mark & John Whalen by David Shaw

John Kim by David Shaw & Julie Shroyer

Arnold & Thomas Taylor by Lilian B. Taylor

Carolyn Carson, Newell Coble & Robert Samuel, Sr. by Ryan and Kali Samuel

Hunter M. Woodall, III by his sister Karen Woodall

In Honor of...

The Annual Christmas Pageant & all who make it happen by the Bayliss Family

Greg Gay, Kathryn & David Miller by Kathryn Chefetz

Patricia & Richard Huizenga by Martha Huizenga

Luz Quintana by Susan Kyle

Wally & Maggie, Peter, Lila & Edwin Byrne Sedgewick by Susan & John Sedgewick

Liz Layton's dedication to St. Mark's through her service on the altar guild by Margaret Wayne

Katherine who is taking care of herself by Michele Morgan

In Thanksgiving for ...

The Athey-Lloyd Family by Betsy Athey

The engagement of Smith Pittman & Derek Williams by Elizabeth Arthur

All the volunteers who make St. Mark's a fantastic place to tend an Altar by the Clergy

Madelyn Samuel by Ryan and Kali Samuel

Alice & Laura by Lilian B. Taylor



The Advent/Christmas Wreath, given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay, was hand-forged by Richard A. Martin, a metal sculptor in Alexandria, Virginia. This work is made of steel and hammered drip pans, painted black and three feet in diameter, with a cross hanging beneath the central candle.

Chrismons The ornaments on the trees beside the chancel steps are called Chrismons and they symbolize the life and ministry of Jesus. They were a gift to St. Mark's over 50 years ago from Jeanie Anderson, Mary Cooper's mother, who made all of them herself, and they have been used in the church every year since. The word Chrismon is an abbreviation of "Christ's Monogram". The ornaments are used in many denominations, especially in Lutheran churches. They are supposed to be white and gold and are traditionally made from donated household items, although there are some available commercially that utilize colors and synthetic ingredients.



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I attended: _____ 4 pm Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

On December 24, 2024

Name _____

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