



# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Holy Eucharist – Rite II  
11:00 a.m.

## Welcome!

We are delighted to have you joining us for worship today! Everything you need to follow along with the service is contained in this bulletin. A **Children's Chapel** is offered for potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during the 9 and 11 a.m. services. To participate, children simply follow the cross to the chapel after the reading of the Gospel and then return during the Peace. A **Nursery** is available during the 9 and 11 a.m. services for children through age 2 in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are in the office building south of the church.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, and vestry of St. Mark's.*

**Organ Voluntary** – Melody from Three Pieces

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

*Please stand*

**Hymn in Procession** – O Christ, the Word Incarnate (*Munich*)

Hymnal 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Collect of the Day**

BCP 236

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**First Lesson** – Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** – 123 *simplified Anglican chant sung by all**chant: J. W. Meachen*

- 1 To you I lift up my / eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the / heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their / masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her / mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our / God, \*  
until he show us his / mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD have / mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of con/tempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent / rich, \*  
and of the derision of the / proud.

**Second Lesson** – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn** – I want to walk as a child of the light (*Houston*)

Hymnal 490

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

**Refrain** In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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**Holy Gospel** – Matthew 25:14-30

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children's Chapel.*

**Sermon** – The Rev. Charlie Holt

"Enter into the Joy"

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed** *said by all*

BCP 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People – Form IV**

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** *please kneel or stand*

BCP 360

*Clergy* 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.**

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

*Please stand*

## **Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem** – Lift thine eyes *from* Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

*Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.*

*Words Psalm 121:1-3; words and music © Public Domain*

*Please stand*

**Offertory Hymn** – The Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Great Thanksgiving** – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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**

*musical setting: Hymnal S 125*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*Celebrant* 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 for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, 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. *All sing three times: AMEN.*

### Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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 of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

*musical setting: Hymnal S 154*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please be seated*

### Communion of the People

*At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by "intinction" (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. During Communion, ushers will direct you to the altar rail; please return to your pew using an outside aisle. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.*

### Communion Anthem – Oculi omnium

Charles Wood

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

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### Communion Hymn – From glory to glory advancing (*St. Keverne*)

Hymnal 326

From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;  
thy Name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.

From strength unto strength we go forward on Zion's highway,  
to appear before God in the city of infinite day.

Thanksgiving, and glory and worship, and blessing and love,  
one heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.

O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;  
ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.

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### Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers (*when applicable*)

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Congregation* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Please stand*

### **Prayer for Mission**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Hymn in Procession** – O praise ye the Lord (*Laudate Dominum*)

Hymnal 432

O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word,  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
all ye of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought  
you his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught  
you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord  
re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story  
of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along!  
For love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!

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### **Dismissal**

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*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Organ Voluntary** – Rigaudon

André Campra

## **Worship Participants**

**Acolytes** – Ben DeVino, Michael DeVino, Hallie Nelson, Kinley Nelson, Gray Chunn

**Adult Acolyte Shepherd** – Paula Phelan

**Lectors** – Mary Shaffer Willetts, Martye Groble, Helen Willoughby

**Chalice Bearers** – Kelli Chunn, Martye Groble, Drew Haramis, Amy Morales

**Ushers** – Randy Gordon, Scott Hobby, Gary Willetts

**Verger** – Paula Phelan    **LEM** – Barbara Stevenson

**Altar Guild** – Drew Haramis, Bunny Manning, Anne Brittle, Anne Gorman, Adrienne Kent, Ruth Ganger, Celeste Heller, Carol Worsham, Barbara Irving    **Flower Guild** – Ashley Daw, Keith Daw

## **Music Notes**

Today's opening hymn, about the importance of the Holy Word in our lives, is directly related to the Collect of the Day, which follows soon after it. "I want to walk as a child of the light" reflects themes from today's reading from 1 Thessalonians, specifically when it speaks about us being "children of light". "From glory to glory advancing" is a Eucharistic hymn that reflects themes from today's Gospel, while both choral anthems reflect the theme of today's psalm (although actually quoting other psalms). Finally, we end with a classic hymn of praise.

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## Parish News

Christian Formation TODAY at 10 a.m.

**Rector's Forum (adults)** – Join us in Leatherbury Hall to hear from the clergy and gain further insight into today's scripture readings and sermon.

**Newcomer Class (adults)** – Join us in the chapel to learn more about our parish and our Christian tradition. Great for newcomers or others who just want to learn more about St. Mark's.

**Christianity Today (adults)** – This part lecture, part discussion class, held in the Youth Center and via Zoom, studies various topics selected by the class members. Contact Doug Milne at (904) 387-5400 or [doug@milnecorpjax.com](mailto:doug@milnecorpjax.com) with questions.

**Youth** – Middle and high school students will enjoy fellowship along with a deep dive into scripture. Come join us in the Youth Center!

**Children** – This fall our children will be learning about the book of Exodus from *our Hearts Alive* Curriculum. We will enjoy snacks, crafts, and time on the playground. Potty trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children will have pick up and drop off on the Episcopal School of Jacksonville St. Mark's Campus playground, located through the Preschool gate. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children will be located in Hope House.

St. Mark's Youth Christmas Tree Lot – Opens TODAY at 4 p.m.

EYC will be selling 6-11 foot Christmas trees, fresh garland, and wreaths at the Youth Center starting the evening of November 19! We have a limited supply of larger trees this year so be sure to stop by early. All proceeds from sales support youth mission work for the year. Spread the word! The lot will be open Monday-Friday from 4-8 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the lot, please contact our Youth Director, Angelina DeVincenzo at [adevincenzo@stmarksjacksonville.org](mailto:adevincenzo@stmarksjacksonville.org).

*\*\*\* If you are free at noon today, please join us in unloading the trees!*

*We will meet at the Youth Center at noon. Any and all help is appreciated! \*\*\**

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Thanksgiving Potluck – TONIGHT

Junior and Senior High students are invited to gather for a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and join us in the Youth Center from 6-7:30 p.m. We hope to see everyone there! For more info please contact our Director of Youth Ministry Angelina DeVincenzo at [adevincenzo@stmarksjacksonville.org](mailto:adevincenzo@stmarksjacksonville.org) or 388-2681 ext. 219.



Thanksgiving Eve Service – November 22 at 6 p.m.

Join us in the church for our Thanksgiving Eve service with special music by the adult choir as we thank God for all of our blessings during this heartwarming Eucharist.

### Cutting of the Greens

Meet Saturday, November 25 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Leatherbury Hall for cocoa, coffee, and fun fellowship while helping prepare for the blessed season of Advent by cutting the greens that will be used to assemble advent wreaths on November 26. Clippers and gloves will be provided but feel free to bring your own! Contact Bill Fannin to sign up at [bfannin@stmarksjacksonville.org](mailto:bfannin@stmarksjacksonville.org).



### Advent Fair – Sunday, November 26 – 10 a.m.

Prepare for the season of Advent by making a wreath for your home, for a family member, or for a friend. All of the supplies to make an Advent wreath will be provided, and the suggested donation per wreath is \$15. Enjoy additional activities for the whole family including children's crafts plus the opportunity to purchase luminaria kits, Christmas trees from the EYC tree lot, and gifts from the Red Lion Gift Shop and several other vendors.



### Sign Up for the Christmas Tableau!!

This tradition at St. Mark's gets our youngest involved in Christmas Eve as they help re-enact the story of Jesus' birth. The Christmas Tableau will take place at the 3 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, and children age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade can participate. We will practice during Sunday School on December 3, 10, and 17, from 10-10:45. Dress rehearsal will be December 23, from 1-2:30. You can sign up at the back of the church or via the online sign up link in the St. Mark's weekly email. Contact Shannon Dell with questions at (904) 388-2681 ext. 212 or [ssanborn@stmarksjacksonville.org](mailto:ssanborn@stmarksjacksonville.org).

### Angels for Allison Annual Open House

Join us for our annual Open House on Wednesday, November 28, from 4:30-6 p.m. at Angels for Allison (2905 Corinthian Ave.). Celebrate the 2023 Art Contest winners and our official 2024 stationery reveal. There will be crafts and local merchandise for sale, sweet treats, and plenty of holiday cheer!!



### Service Opportunity: Angel Tree

Please help less fortunate families this Christmas through our annual Angel Tree. Simply take angels off the tree in the narthex, shop for the Christmas gifts listed on the angels, and return them to the church. The gifts benefit those in need through our partners in ministry at St. Mary's, the Sulzbacher Center, and Westside Christian Outreach. For more information contact Judy Lanier (226-3875) or Betsy Wilson (705-7633).

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

- Sunday, November 19 – 10 a.m. – Christian Formation for all ages – various locations
- Sunday, November 19 – Noon – EYC Christmas Tree Unloading – Youth Center
- Sunday, November 19 – 4-8 p.m. – EYC Tree Lot Opens – Youth Center
- Sunday, November 19 – 6-7:30 p.m. – EYC Thanksgiving Potluck – Youth Center
- Tuesday, November 21 – 9:30 a.m. – Women's Morning Bible Study – Youth Center
- Wednesday, November 22 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Community Bible Study – various locations
- Wednesday, November 22 – 11:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II – Chapel
- Wednesday, November 22 – 6 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Service – Church
- Thursday, November 23 – Church office and Red Lion Gift Shop closed
- Friday, November 24 – Church office and Red Lion Gift Shop closed

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Week of November 19 – November 25

Hayes Basford, Marcela Beard, Margaret Burhyte, Karen Buxton, William Cobb, Barbara Commander, Bill D'Antignac, Anne Davenport, Deborah Gervin, Charles Gibbs, Holland Gibbs, Sharon Harby, Jane Kyle, Edward McCarthy, William Pelser, Amy Perkins, Dick Pierpont, Jerry Potts, Carol Rogers, Jack Schmidt, Dawson Simpson, Beverly Sleeth, Andrew Snowden, Rick Stein, Katie Terry, Maggie Terry, Ed Whelan, Emma Whitner

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*If your birthday is this week and your name is not listed or if you do not want your birthday to be listed, please contact the church office.*

### PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in need of prayer, or a receptive ear or comforting voice, please reach out to the clergy. Also, please let us know if you or a family member are in the hospital, especially since current HIPAA rules prevent hospitals from giving us information about patients. St. Mark's has a public prayer list, read aloud on Sundays and a confidential prayer list, shared only with clergy and the intercessory prayer team. To add a name to one of these prayer lists or to schedule a time to talk or pray or arrange a Home Communion, please use the clergy contact information below.

**The Rev. Charlie Holt**  
**The Rev. William Stokes**

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