



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**Ordinary Time, Proper 26**

**October 30, 2016**

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**8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.*

**THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP**  
**THE REV. HANNAH HOOKER, CURATE**

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**Welcome** to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

#### **AN OPEN TABLE**

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

#### **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

#### **NURSERY SERVICES**

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3. Nursery hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

#### **RESTROOMS**

Are located in the Sanctuary Foyer, through the Parish Offices door, on the right-hand side.

#### **COFFEE BAR**

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

#### **OUR SERVICES**

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 7:30 p.m. Sundays (John Roberts Chapel)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

#### **JOINING**

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card.

#### **DIGITAL BULLETINS AND WI-FI ACCESS**

Digital bulletins are available; to download please visit <http://stmj.us>. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

*The Celebrant then continues*

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.**

*Celebrant and people say*

**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.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, Proper 26**

**BCP 235**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

**FIRST LESSON** A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4  
The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 119: 137-144** *Read responsively by half verse.*

137 You are righteous, O Lord, \*  
**and upright are your judgments.**

138 You have issued your decrees \*  
**with justice and in perfect faithfulness.**

139 My indignation has consumed me, \*  
**because my enemies forget your words.**

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \*  
**and your servant holds it dear.**

141 I am small and of little account, \*  
**yet I do not forget your commandments.**

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice \*

**and your law is the truth.**

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  
**yet your commandments are my delight.**

144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  
**grant me understanding, that I may live.**

**SECOND LESSON** A reading from Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 19: 1-10

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jim McDonald

### NICENE CREED

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 worshiped 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 VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Larry, our Bishop; and  
for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*Minister and People*

**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.**

## **THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*People*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## **THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

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

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## **THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS**

*All: All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I**

**EOW**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*People*           The Lord be with you.  
*Celebrant*       **And also with you.**  
*People*           Lift up your hearts.  
*Celebrant*       **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*People*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*Celebrant*       **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

*Here a proper preface is said or sung.*

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues:*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold to say,

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. 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.

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.*

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,**

**You have fed us**

**with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us**

**with Christ and one another;**

**and you have made us one**

**with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth**

**In the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue forever**

**in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### Season after Pentecost

The seeds of the church planted by Jesus, the disciples, and the Holy Spirit are now growing. The Season after Pentecost is the time for Christians to learn and grow, to mature as people of faith. This season is often called the “green season” or “growing season.” We have come full circle: we heard about Christ’s birth, his life and death, his resurrection, and the birth of the church inspired by the Holy Spirit. Now it’s our turn! We are that church still following God’s lead, and God is still moving and working within us.

## THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

**Today** Consecration Sunday

11:30p Catered Lunch

3:30p Handbell Rehearsal

5:00p EYC

6:30p Compline

**Wed** 6:00p Christian Formation

7:00p All Souls’ Evensong

**Thurs** 7:00p Arkansas Northeastern College choir presents *Fauré Requiem* in the nave

**Sat** 10:00a Two Saints’ Kitchen, Team # 3

## SAVE THE DATE

**Nov 2** All Souls’ Evensong

**Nov 3** Arkansas Northeastern College Choirs

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

10/30 James McIntosh

10/31 Thomas Smith

10/31 Todd Welch

11/01 Jill Davis

11/01 Emma Sairls

11/02 David Worlow

11/03 Crystal Kachevas

### Anniversaries

11/03 Reneila & Julie Hampton

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All Souls' Evensong** At 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2, we will have a beautiful service with spectacular music by the choir. It is a somber service in memory of loved ones we have lost, especially in the past year. A necrology (list of the dead) will be read, and the service will be followed by a candlelight vigil at the columbarium. If you would like to have a friend or family member's name included in the necrology, please email Rev. Hannah or write their name on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry** Thank you for a great week! St. Mark's donated \$90 and 65 pounds of food to Helping Neighbors...they appreciate all you do.

**Feast of All Saints** On Sunday, November 6, at both services, will we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This is a celebration of our communion with all the Saints that have gone before us, and is time set aside in the Episcopal Church for baptisms. If you are interested in baptism for you or your child, please email Rev. Hannah.

**Fauré Requiem** On Thursday, November 3, the Arkansas Northeastern College Division of Arts and Sciences will present Fauré's Requiem in St. Mark's nave. The production is directed by Dr. Keith Hearnberger and features choirs of the college, Blytheville High School, Gosnell High School, and KIPP Delta Choir. Admission is free.

### **Wedding Shower Honoring Katherine Cole**

Date: Friday November 4th.

Place : The Gilbert's home - 807 Chestnut St.

Time: 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Katherine's Church Family Wedding shower will be a potluck:

In lieu of gifts, please bring one of your favorite dishes, and the recipe written down.

We will gather all the recipes and photos and give Katherine a file box or album of recipes and pictures.

If you would also like to bring a gift,

Katherine and Craig are registered at JC Penny and Walmart.

Co-hostesses are :

Donna Gilbert, Rhinda Kesselring, Lise Cater, Deb McInturff, Dana Moses, Aylia Poston, Jill Davis, and Susie Grommet

## WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget, Wk 43	Attendance
Offering 10/23/16	\$ 5,415	\$243,146	\$243,146	Last Week 141
Needed	6,086	247,505	261,698	2016 52 Wk Av 151
Shortage	(\$ 671)	(\$ 4,359)	(\$ 18,552)	2015 Average 153
Current Cash	\$ 9,449			
Outstanding bills	(\$ 6,794)		Loan Balance	\$ 153,548

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