



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Christ the King

November 26, 2017

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, 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 6th grade meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m. Youth in grades 7-12 meet at 5:00pm on Sundays.

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 6:30 p.m. Sundays (Nave)

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

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 76

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia**

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP 82

Read in unison.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, ***

and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 100 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is ever/lasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE LESSONS

The people sit for the readings and stand for the canticles.

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Ezeiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the

Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 21

You Are God

Read in unison

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 19 **The Song of the Redeemed**

Revelation 15: 3-4

Read in unison

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE THIRD LESSON A reading from Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he

will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Katherine Wren

THE APOSTLES CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* 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.*

THE OFFERTORY

Officiant All things come of thee, O Lord
People **And of Thine Own have we given Thee**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

INTERCESSIONS

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

COLLECT FOR THE DAY, Christ the King

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OTHER COLLECTS

BCP 99

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Officiant then says

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

CLOSING SENTENCE

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Stephen and Frannie
Replogle in honor of their sons-in-law Eric Bragg and Steve Stein.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today** 8:00am Morning Prayer Rite II
10:00am Morning Prayer Rite II
3:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm Compline
- Wed** 5:30pm EYC
6:00pm Christian ED
6:15pm Healing Eucharist
- Thur** 7:00pm St. Mark's "Wrestling Team"
- Sat** 8:30-10:30am Breakfast with Santa in the Parish Hall
10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 9

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mark's "Wrestling Team"

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Mullinex Room- This group is intended to be a group can talk about their faith or lack thereof. We are not here to "save" but to struggle together to understand life. For more information feel free to contact Aaron Coleman at coleman.aaronk@gmail.com

EYC

Will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 2, 2017 at 8:30am – 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Cost for Breakfast is \$5.00/Adult and \$3:00/Children. Pictures with Santa are \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to EYC's support of the two Foster Children that they have adopted for Christmas. Stephanie Matthews: Phone: **870-340-5559** sepmatthews@gmail.com

ECW

Our Christmas party is Dec. 2nd @ 10:00 a.m. at 3808 Sunset Drive (*Jane Gill's home). It is a potluck brunch so please bring your favorite appetizer. Also, we play the White Elephant Gift Swap game, so do bring a wrapped gift to participate.

St. Mark's Advent Bazaar

On Sunday, December 3rd, St. Mark's will host an Advent Bazaar from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Shop crafts by local artisans! Light refreshments will be provided and there will be raffle with prizes from Melissa Donner Photography! For Vendor information, please contact the church office. **EYC** will be selling Christmas Wreaths at the Bazaar.

Christmas Pageant

Our annual Children's Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 24th at 5pm. There will be two rehearsals. First rehearsal is Sunday, December 17 at 2pm and the second rehearsal is Saturday, December 23 at 10am. Those with key parts must commit to attending both practices. Children age 4 and under will have rolls as shepherds and angels and do not have to attend rehearsals. More information about the pageant will be available as we get closer to the date. For more information please contact Rose Mary at rosemarylatanich@gmail.com or call (870) 935-0236

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

11/30 Deb McInturff

12/02 Joe Murphy Sr.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coat/Blanket Drive

Two Saint's Kitchen is sponsoring a coats/blankets/warm items drive. If you have new or gently worn and clean warm winter items that you want to donate, please bring them to the Narthex and place in the labeled container. Two Saints will let guests know that they are available and give them out.

Angel Tree

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is now in the Narthex. Please bring your donated gifts and place them unwrapped under the tree with the Angel Tree Tag attached by December 6th.

Wish List for Holiday Meals at Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

We are looking ahead to distributing Christmas food for our clients at Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. We are asking all our friends to help us collect the following: Chicken Broth -- Cream of Mushroom soup-(or cream of chicken), Turkeys (or money to purchase them)

Please don't hesitate to call, text or email if you would like a pick-up of the items.

Andrea Levy **Phone: 505-903-9293** Alevy5816@gmail.com

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for a super week! You donated \$117, keep up the good work.

Weekly Financial Report

Last week # 47	Year Through 11/19/2017			Surplus (Shortage)
	Income	Expense		
Actual Offering	\$ 2,624.95	\$ 254,732.00	\$ 223,122.00	\$ 31,610.00
Budgeted Offering	\$ 5,903.00	\$ 277,441.00	\$ 238,619.00	\$ 38,822.00
Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (3,278.05)	\$ (22,709.00)	\$ 15,497.00	

Current Cash	\$53,337
Outstanding Bills	
Loan Balance	\$ 146,857.64

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