



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20

September 23, 2018

8 A.M. Sunday Worship with Communion

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. DR. JOSHUA DANIEL, DEACON - IN - CHARGE

www.StMarksJonesboro.org

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a Visitor 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

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 4 through 5th grade in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Nave during the processional hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Liturgy of the Word for Children is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

FORMATION 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 5:30pm on Wednesdays.

ADULT FORMATION AT 9:00AM SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH HALL This is an Adult Education Group that allows us to engage in conversation, reflect on the diverse points of scripture and go deeper into our faith.

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 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 to the left of the main entrance, through the Parish Offices door.

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 (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

All standing, the Officiant says

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Officiant 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.

The Officiant says

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY **Proper 20**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON FIRST LESSON A reading from Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins

against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54 *Deus, in nomine* *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

2 **Hear my prayer, O God; ***
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

4 **Behold, God is my helper; ***
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice ***
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

THE 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 IV

Deacon or other leader

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER:

Officiant : Let us pray.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin(s) 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.

Flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Bill Brown's birthday by Marilyn Brown

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant : Let us pray.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the pouring of this wine and the breaking of this bread; You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Officiant

**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.***

Deacon: 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

8:00am Sunday Worship with Communion
9:00am Adult Formation/ in the Parish Hall
10:00am Sunday Worship with Communion
3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm Compline

Wed 5:30pm EYC
6:00pm Christian Ed
6:15pm Healing Eucharist in Chapel
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 6:00pm Safeguarding God's Children- training for those working with children

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 2

SAVE THE DATE

Sun. Sept. 28 5th Sunday Breakfast

Sat.- Oct 6 Church Work Day

Sat.- Oct 20 at 11:00am Father Joshua's Ordination at the Cathedral in Little Rock

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

09/24 Bill Brown

09/28 Kassie Haynes

09/24 Michael Engelken

Anniversaries

09/28 Dave and Janice Kroeter

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Our Children In this week's Gospel, Jesus brings a child into midst of his disciples and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me... ." Our church is always thinking of ways of welcoming children into the life of our parish. **This week we're inviting the children to take a more active role in the church's offering. We're asking our kids to bring a can of food or some other non-perishable item so that during the offertory they can bring the food to altar as an offering. We'll then donate the food to Helping Neighbors.** So if you have a child, help remind them to bring a can of food!

Safe Guarding God's Children This class is required by the Episcopal Diocese if you are working with children at church. The DaySchool will be hosting a class on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. They have invited people within the church to attend the seminar, please let the church office know if you plan on attending (secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org) or you may contact Rose Mary Latanich (rosemarylatanich@gmail.com)

Parishioners: If you know of someone who is in the hospital, ill, injured, or elderly and they would like to receive home Communion or a visit, please let the church office know. 932-2124

If Church Work Day isn't your thing! We have a great solution for you and a way you can still be involved. Our St. Mark's EYC kids are looking forward to Youth Retreat at Camp Mitchell this fall. We have 12 youths who are eager to attend and the cost is \$120 per child. If Church Work Day on Oct. 6th isn't your thing, or maybe you will be out of town, you can sponsor an EYC youth to come and work in your place! You may also consider just making a donation to help out with cost of the retreat. You can make a donation to St. Mark's and write "Scholarship EYC" in the memo line of your check. Thanks for all your support of EYC!

Volunteers for The Altar Guild Altar Guild is a volunteer group of parish members whose ministry is to prepare the sanctuary for services and to clean up afterwards. This is a very special ministry. We will begin organizing new teams and training soon. Please contact a member of Altar Guild if you are interested in becoming a member. Thank you. Adele Barnett 870-974-1078 adelebarnett78@gmail.com

EYC - We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5-7pm.. *Thank you to those of you who have provided a meal for EYC. If you are willing to provide a meal for EYC, please contact me or the office.* If you are interested in our Youth Group you can call or text me with any questions 870-340-5559.
Mat & Stephanie

Jonesboro Community Thanksgiving Dinner Churches from all over Jonesboro come together each year to provide a meal to the hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Last year we served 1,825 total meals. Traditionally St. Mark's has contributed money to purchase cranberry sauce for this event, the cost to provide cranberry sauce is around \$400.00. We would love to do this again. If you would like to help with a donation, please make a note on the memo line of your check, or on your envelope for "Community Thanksgiving Dinner"

🎵 Choir Announcement- As the new academic year begins, the music department is also resuming rehearsals. Big things are planned for both the choir and handbells: the Rutter Requiem, State Handbell Festival, Advent and Christmas Eve services in addition to a musical offering every Sunday. Both of the choirs are full of great people who enjoy getting together to worship and make music (and have waaaay too much fun). If you would like to join either of these groups, let Rhonda know. No previous musical experience is required to worship God through music.

WEEKLY REPORT

Last week # 37		Through 09/16/2018	
Actual Offering	\$3,212.12	Actual Income	\$182,693.79
Needed for Budget	\$5,340.00	Budgeted	\$197,580.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$2,127.88	Surplus (Shortage)	-\$14,886.21
Current Cash	\$62,233.72	Food Pantry	\$25.00
Loan Balance	\$139,683.09	Two Saints	\$0.00

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations of \$25 and 159 lbs. of food this week. Your continued support is a blessing to many families!

Things to Donate to Helping Neighbors: cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, canned goods, kid's canned goods such as ravioli , spaghetti and meatballs. and other food items. Clients can also use

personal hygiene items like soap, shampoo, laundry detergent and cleaners. We also redistribute used books, small toys, and used magazines.

Two Saints Kitchen On Sept. 15, 2018 we served Cheeseburgers, Chips, potato salad, slaw, and bananas 37 guest, and 10 to go plates!

FYI If you shop at Kroger and have Kroger Card you can add Two Saints Kitchen Inc. to your Community Rewards. The amount you spend is tabulated and Kroger donates a portion back to groups in the community. To do this: access your card's profile and look on the left for the "Community Rewards" tab, enter the enrollment number for Two Saints. Inc. : UY029. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in Jonesboro!

Online giving also available by scanning here, using the [Tithe.ly](http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org) mobile app, or going to <http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org>



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