

# News and Service Opportunities - Please Take Note:

**Please join us** in the responsibility to safeguard God's children by making sure no child is unaccompanied while in the building. **Our Nursery** is staffed from 10:15am—noon. **Children's Worship** is offered during our service. Best for children ages 4-11ish. We leave after the Gospel and return at the Peace. **"Soft-spots" for families with young children** offer toddler friendly seating in the church. We love having children in church.

**COVID SAFETY: Masks are optional.** We ask that you remain mindful of other's health.

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**Please remember to Pledge your support for St. Mark's ministry.** Cards are on-line and in the church.

**Christmas Floral Decoration Donations!** Please remember to sponsor and dedicate Christmas floral decorations. Forms are on-line and in the church. \$25-50 donation recommended. Please donate by Dec. 17.

**TODAY at 5:30pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church,** join people of faith from around Richmond for a **Service of Community Healing from Gun Violence.** In this second offering of the Beyond Thoughts and Prayers series, we'll celebrate God's rejection of gun violence through music, scripture, and proclamation, healing prayer, the anointing of oil, and Holy Communion. All are invited.

**Advent Program, Tuesday, December 5 at 6pm.** Supper, program led by Father Benjamin on **Advent, particularly in light of Jesus' day and our day, as we bear witness to divisive conflicts in our world.** Closing prayer.

**Advent Fun & Learning Day,** Saturday Dec. 16, 2pm. Best for ages 4-11ish.

**Please excuse our peeling paint!** We continue to plan for interior improvements determining repair and renovation priorities. Plans are shaping up for some work to begin in 2024. The renovation project will be a financially significant investment on the part of the church. We appreciate your patience.

**Part-time Sexton search.** St Mark's would like to hire a church sexton for 10 hours a week at \$20/hour (Saturday & Sunday mornings). This position requires skills in event set-up, light cleaning duties, moderate lifting (25 lbs. -/+), English language ability, and being a self-starter. Subject to a satisfactory background check. If you know of someone interested; please have them submit a resume to Fr Benjamin at [rector@stmarksrva.org](mailto:rector@stmarksrva.org).

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## Outreach:

**Food Pantry service on 2nd and 4th Saturdays!** We distribute bags, offer a meal and time to relax and use the bathroom. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, [forpop247@gmail.com](mailto:forpop247@gmail.com). **Please shop for the Food Pantry—lists are on-line and in the church entry.**

**12-Step Ministry** Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **November 29 host is Suzane Long.**

**Christmas Boxes! Please bring your wrapped and labeled Christmas box to church by Sunday December 12.** Questions? Ask Don or Elizabeth Kyser.

**CARITAS Meal ministry** returns in January 2024.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

December 3 — December 9

SUNDAY(3)      10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
1:00 PM Sacred Ground  
5:30 PM Service of Healing/St. Thomas  
6:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(5)      6:00 PM Advent Program

WED(6)      10:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study  
8:00 PM 12-Step

THURS(7)      3:00 PM Women Rowing

SAT(9)      9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom  
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

December 10 — December 16

SUNDAY(10)      10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Noon Choir  
6:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(12)      6:00 PM Newcomer's Gathering

WED(13)      10:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study  
8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(16)      2:00 PM Advent Fun & Learning Day

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**Serving this Sunday, December 3**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Deacon:** The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Verger:** Douglas D'Urso

**First Reading:** Trey Damron

**Second Reading:** Peter Walker

**Intercessor:** Dale Salyers    **Chalicer:** Paul Shane

**Acolytes:** Reeves & Hunter Marie Boschen

**Ushers:** Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh,  
Jim Contner, Anson Matthews

**Greeters:** Cameron & Kevin Cutro

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:** Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

**Advent Greenery -** Floral Guild

**Coffee Hour:** Penny Adams & Jim Contner,  
Cameron & Kevin Cutro, Ryn Kennedy

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson

**Serving Next Sunday, December 10**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Deacon:** The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

**Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

**Verger:** Paul Shane

**First Reading:** Annette Spanel

**Second Reading:** Mike Maruca

**Intercessor:** Ryn Kennedy    **Chalicer:** Frosty Owen

**Acolytes:** Field Pennington & Jackson Neal

**Ushers:** Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,  
Annette Spanel, Nick Roberts

**Greeters:** Ryn Kennedy and Margie Costas

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:** Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

**Advent Greenery -** Floral Guild

**Coffee Hour:** Shannon Heady, Suzanne Long, Nick Roberts

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson