



A PROMISE

in the Making

September 13, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE HAPPENINGS

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Patrick Dennis

Seen, Heard, and Sustained by God

Genesis 21:8-21

Our mission is to glorify God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, provide opportunities for all people to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Our vision is to be a church where every person is welcomed, every generation grows in faith, every gift is called into service, and our neighbors experience God's love and grace.

GUEST PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Ann Marie has been out on vacation this week and will return to the office on Tuesday, September 15. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Patrick Dennis as our preacher this Sunday.

Reverend Patrick Dennis served as a pastor of Presbyterian Churches (USA) in Virginia for 15 years. He received a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2006. In addition to his church work, Patrick has served as a Presbytery Moderator and on various Presbytery committees, including the Serve Committee of Mission Presbytery. He currently serves as the Director of Independent Living for Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs.

Patrick is married to Rev. Sarah Dennis, who serves as the



Welcome

Rev. Patrick Dennis

Student Ministries Director at University Methodist Church in San Antonio. Sarah and Patrick have three children: Audrey, Iain, and Connor, and two dogs, Ruby and Penny.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!!

The official debut of St. Mark's newly completed Audio/Visual Upgrade Project was an exciting addition to last Sunday's Worship Service. This is the culmination of more than two years of work that grew out of the Strategic Planning Initiative. The goal was to modernize and expand our audio/visual capabilities to enhance our worship services both for in-person attendees and those who watch our services online.

While the most visible change was the addition of a 98-inch ultra-high-definition TV on the front wall of the sanctuary, this was far from the only improvement. The new TV allowed us to remove the screen that was located at the front of the chancel AND open up the right side of the chancel for better utilization during services. Our old, problematic analog equipment and cabling systems were replaced with state-of-the-art digital equipment. Additional sound inputs were added to the system, including choir, piano, organ, and crowd microphones, and the audio system was professionally tuned to optimize sound quality both within the sanctuary and online. New computers and control equipment were also added to improve the Tech Team's ability to deliver a professional experience to those who attend St. Mark online.

The existing video cameras were replaced with new high-definition cameras with improved panning and zoom capabilities. A new camera was also added that will allow online viewers to occasionally see the smiling faces of the people in the pews (okay, so maybe you won't like everything about the new system 😊).

Finally, new fiber-optic cabling from the Sanctuary to the Hospitality Center and the FLC was added to allow real-time transmission of Sanctuary programs in those remote areas if desired. We expect that with these upgrades, you will notice significant improvements in both the in-person and online experience during worship.

Please bear with us over the next few weeks in the event we have some hiccups as we learn how to better use and fine-tune the new systems. Many thanks to the A/V Task Force members (Angel Candalaria, Rick Eckersley, Rob Klein, Andy Phillips, and EJ Warren) who led this effort, and more importantly to all of you, whose faithful support of our ministries provided the resources needed to fund these improvements.

CELEBRATING & CONNECTING

With Joy, We Celebrate This Week's Birthdays



Upcoming Next Step Class



NEXT STEP CLASS

Do you want to learn more about St. Mark?

Are you considering membership?

Do you want to get involved in the mission
and ministries of St. Mark?

Are you looking for a connected community?

***Join us on Sunday, October 18, at 9:00 AM in
the Children's Church Sanctuary.***

Questions? Email Melanie Doppenberg at melanie.doppenberg@gmail.com
or call (229) 224-3186.





INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR?

JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS MUSIC PREVIEW



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
10:00 AM
HOSPITALITY CENTER

Come hear about this year's Christmas music,
enjoy food and fellowship, and learn more
about joining the choir.

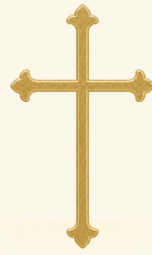
NO AUDITIONS REQUIRED!

Everyone is welcome to join.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS
Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Beginning September 16
St. Mark Choir Room





30th ANNIVERSARY OF PASTORAL ORDINATION

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Pastor Ann Maire reached her 30th year of ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on September 8, 2026.

Please join us on Sunday, September 20, 2026, as we honor her during the worship service and celebrate after the service with a reception in the Hospitality Center.

We encourage you to bring cards or notes to express your thoughts about Ann Marie's faithful service to God, touching countless lives with her pastoral care and leadership for these many years. The cards may be placed in a basket in the Hospitality Center or mailed to the church office.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Saturday, October 3 | 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Breakfast

7:30-8:30 AM

Program Kickoff

8:00 AM

Service Projects

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled Saturday morning being of service to our community in Jesus's name.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging** - Measure, seal, and pack dried ingredients, creating 10,000 meals for international needs. This project takes place indoors in the air-conditioned St. Mark Family Life Center and offers seated or standing options. (40+ people)
- **Early Learning Center** - Sand and repaint outdoor railings on the Early Learning Center campus. (4+ people)
- **Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries** - Assist families as they shop for clothing at the Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries Clothing Store in Boerne. (8 people)
- **Transformation House** - Transform gardens and a pathway with native pollinator plants at two Transformation House resident cottages in Boerne. (10 people)
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness** - Greet participants at the NAMIWalks Kendall County event in Boerne from the St. Mark exhibit table at the Patrick Heath Public Library amphitheater. Volunteers should arrive by 7:15 AM and serve until 9:30 AM. Outdoor project with seated or standing options. (2-3 people)

Visit our sign-up table in the Hospitality Center on Sunday, scan the QR code, [click here](#), or sign up in your Realm account.





YOUNG ADULT

MO RANCH OVERNIGHT

- Great for adults 18-30 years old
- Enjoy some time together to relax and renew yourself!

FRIDAY, 10/9-
SATURDAY, 10/10

\$50

includes food, transportation
and room

*"Mightier than the waves of the sea is His
love for you." -Psalm 94:3*



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ASAP](#)



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Sunday, September 13, 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	• Explorers Class	• FLC #107/108
9:15 AM – 11:45 AM	• Nursery Care	• FLC #106
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	• Elementary Sunday School • Youth Sunday School • Engaging God's Word • Disciple	• FLC #104 • FLC #102 • FLC #105 • FLC #109
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	• Breakfast Club	• FLC #101
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	• St. Mark Worship Service	• Sanctuary & Online Live
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	• Youth Group	• FLC
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	• Table Fellowship	• Chicken Salad Chick
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	• Congregational Life Committee Meeting	• FLC #109
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	• Adam Johnson	• FLC
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Gerald Alsheimer Basketball	• FLC

Monday, September 14, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	• Hill Country Newcomers	• FLC
4:00 PM – 5:45 PM	• Boerne Blaze	• FLC
5:45 PM – 7:30 PM	• Jericho	• FLC
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	• Finance Ministry	• FLC #107/108

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	• ELC Chapel	• Sanctuary
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	• Staff Meeting	• FLC #109
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Pickleball (Carol T.)	• FLC

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	• Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson)	• FLC #107/108
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	• Dave Thomas Meeting	• FLC #105
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	• HR Meeting	• FLC #109
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	• ELC Staff Meeting	• FLC #107/108
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM	• Choir Rehearsal	• Choir Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	• A Few Good Men (E-J Warren)	• Hospitality Center

Thursday, September 17, 2026

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	• W.O.W.	• FLC #107/108
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	• ELC Event	• FLC
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	• Pickleball	• FLC

Friday, September 18, 2026

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Crestmont Christian Prep	• FLC
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the calendar



Click to view
this week's
service.