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PAIRING THE PROPHETIC WORDS OF ISAIAH WITH THE BELOVED MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS, WE WILL LISTEN MORE DEEPLY FOR GOD'S MESSAGE IN THIS SEASON. AS SCRIPTURE AND SONG WEAVE TOGETHER, WE'LL EXPERIENCE HOW GOD'S LOVE GIVEN IN JESUS CONTINUES TO TOUCH OUR LIVES TODAY. COME LISTEN WITH US!

DECEMBER 14TH, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cantata

Festival of Carols Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

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.



Stewardship Update

We are so grateful for your generous support in pledges for our St. Mark 2026 ministries. Your gifts help us provide powerful worship experiences and welcome people into community. Together we are growing deeper in faith through classes and fellowship, and our outreach helps us share the Good News with others. Some exciting things coming as we enter 2026: a new child-friendly worship space for our children's Transitional Worship, our Women's Gathering with a special speaker and fellowship, and our annual mission trip to the Rio Grande Valley.



Your pledges help us plan for our ministries so we can be good stewards of the gifts God provides through you. Our elders, prompted by the support for our strategic Plan, have enthusiastically proposed programming to support that plan, and their recommended budget for 2026 has a \$67,000 shortfall. If you would like to make a pledge or give a special end of year gift please contact Jennifer Dillard, Financial Associate, (finance@stmarktx.org). We are very thankful for your generosity and ask that you hold our leadership in your prayers as we plan for the future God has for us.



Reservations are closed for the **December 12** All Church Christmas Party.

Please note that childcare reservations have already passed and no more reservations are being taken.

Don't miss this festive and fun event for the entire congregation. Stop by the TGIF table in the Hospitality Room to learn more and make your reservations.

Holiday cheer and ugly Christmas sweaters welcome.



Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025

11:30 am - 1 pm

PCHAS San Antonio Campus 6355 Whitby Road, San Antonio, TX 78240

RSVP:

Banner Huggins banner.huggins@pchas.org 210.843.5477



PCHAS Kids Christmas Shoppe

These items will be made available at the annual Christmas Party for children to choose a gift for their parents or caregiver.





Preparing the Way by supporting our past, present and future leaders

The Joy Gift Special Offering envelopes will be available in the sanctuary pews, on the Outreach table and in the office from December 14 to 21. Checks may be made to St. Mark PC, with Joy Gift noted on the memo line and turned in through the offering basket on Sunday or in the office.

Our Gifts at Work: Preparing the Way for Future Leaders

The PC(USA), with its historic commitment to higher learning, has long promoted diversity in education and leadership development through the establishment and support of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping minority and international students. Our future church leaders can receive much-needed assistance while they discover and pursue their professional goals at these schools and colleges. Your gifts allow these ministries to continue, sustaining a tradition Presbyterians have carried out for nearly 140 years

The Salvation Army Angel Tree Is Here!



St. Mark, Make a Joyful Noise!

All of the Angel Tree Children and Families will have a Blessed Merry Christmas!

Deliver unwrapped gifts to St. Mark by Sunday, December 14

Questions:

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Crystal McElhenney; <u>crystal@guadalupebend.com</u> 830.336.2330





A Festival of Carols

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Held on the longest night of the year, this service offers space for quiet, reflection, and prayer. Through candlelight, scripture, and stillness, we seek the light of Christ in the midst of darkness. You will also have the opportunity to light a candle in memory or in honor of someone you love.

Our Longest Night Service will be held on **Sunday, December 21**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center of St. Mark Presbyterian Church. The service will last about 45 minutes and is open to everyone. Childcare is available with a request made by **December 15** (office@stmarktx.org or 830-816-3000).

If you would like a ride to the service, please contact the church office.





January Events



Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 4 at 11:30 a.m. Family Life Center

A fun event for everyone...Come for lunch, King's Cake and to receive your 2026 Star Word!

RSVP Christian Ed@StMarkTX.org



MISSION PRESBYTERY'S

Midwinter Youth Conference 2026

at

Mo-Ranch

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. AMY MEYER

JANUARY 16-18, 2026

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

Register





Register

St Mark is Hiring!



We're hiring!

\$12.50/Hr.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE WORKER NEEDED

The St. Mark nursery staff is hiring for Sunday mornings and occasional weekdays/nights. Paid training and flexible shifts.

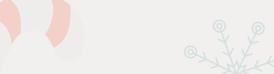
Nursery/Childcare Workers:

- Enjoy time with infants, toddlers, preschool and occasionally elementary children
- · Lead Bible lessons and activities
- Ensure safe environment



208 W. Bandera Rd. Boerne, TX 78006 www.StMarkTx.org







November Nov 23, 11:30 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens All are welcome to help deck the halls of St. Mark! Following worship meet in the Hospitality Center for snacks and your decorating assignment. Stay as long as you are able, but your help is needed.
December Dec 6, 9:30-12:30	God's Gift factory Drop-offeventfor children, birth-5th gradeChildren will make and wrap gifts for family and friends, hear the Nativity story, create a special lunch and enjoy some silly games. Cost is \$10/child. Must register in advance. (Family Life Center)
December Dec 6, 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Parade St Mark Presbyterianchurch and Early Learning Center will be participating in Boerne's Annual Christmas Parade! ELC families and St Mark's congregation are all invited to join us in either riding or marching alongside our float! This year's theme is "Saddles and Sleigh bells"! The parade will be held on December 6th at 6:00pm on Main Street.
December Dec 12, 6:00 p.m.	Church Christmas Party Join us for a delicious holiday meal and evening of fun! Hosted by TGIF (Thanking God in Fellowship) Group. (Preregistration is required) (Family Life Center)
December Dec 14, 10:30 a.m.	Cantata - Festival of Carols A joyful musical celebration of Christmas that is overflowing with tuneful praise. This modern "Lessons and Carols" includes more than 20 classic Carols, many with congregational singing. (Sanctuary)
December Dec 21, 6:30-7:15 p.m.	Longest Night Service In the midst of a busy season, this is a service of quiet, reflection, and prayer. Whether you are looking to simply slow down or looking for comfort and hope in the midst of pain, through prayer, candlelight, and quiet reflection, this service creates sacred space to seek the light of Christ in the midst of darkness. (Hospitality Center)
December Dec 24, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family Worship An interactive and meaningful service for the whole family to attend. Children are invited to participate in the service as we sing praises and share the story of Christmas.
December	Candlelight and Communion Traditional Christmas Eve service with Candlelight and Communion with Special Music

January Jan 4 11:30 a.m.

Dec 24, 7:00 p.m.

Epiphany

Following worship in the Family Life Center

from our Choir. (Nursey care provided)

come for lunch, Epiphany activities with your church family and receive your 2026 STAR WORD! All are welcome.

Notes

Advent Devotionals will be available for the season (pick up in the office or hallway, request an e-version). These devotionals will offer opportunities to sit with the scriptures and music of the season and reflect on God's presence in our lives. We encourage you to set aside time each week to use the discussion questions for conversation with family or friends.

For more info on any event go to Stmarktx.org or email Office@stmarktx.org



WEEKLY CALENDAR December <u>14th - December 20th</u>

Online Service Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams

Sunday, December 14, 2025

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Angel Tree Giving FLC # 104/105

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM 🗘 Explorers Class FLC # 107

9:15 AM - 11:45 AM 🗘 Nursery Care (birth to pre-kinder) FLC

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM 🗘 Engaging God's Word FLC # 101

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM C Elementary Sunday School FLC # 105

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM 🗘 Disciples Class FLC # 109

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM 🗘 Youth Sunday School # 103

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM 🗘 Breakfast Club Parlor

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 💢 St. Mark Worship Service-Cantada In

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Table Fellowship The Bevy

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 🗘 Staff Meeting Parlor

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Pickleball setup FLC

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pickleball - Carol Trono FLC

Monday, December 15, 2025

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Crestmont Basketball FLC

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bach Basketball FLC

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 🔯 Session Meeting FLC # 104/105

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM ELC Polar Express FLC # 104/105

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM OM Morning Glorias ZOOM with Carlyn Crawford

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM 💝 Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley- Swanso

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Mary Beth Thomas) Choir Roo

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM A Few Good Men (R. Klein) Parlor

GROWING
FULLER
at Table
Fellowship

December 14 Bevy

December 21 Tre Pizzeria

December 28 Longhorn Café

Friday, December 19, 2025
Fri 12/19/2025 (All day)

CHURCH ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 18, 2025

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM ELC Christmas Program Sanctuary

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 🗘 WOW FLC #107/108

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 🗘 Pickleball (DeWitt Ragsdale) FLC

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bach Basketball FLC

Saturday, December 20, 2025

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Adam Johnson FLC

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