

ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Happenings



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THANKSGIVING. WHAT A PERFECT TIME TO TAKE
A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT THE PSALMS TELL US ABOUT GRATITUDE -
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE, HOW DO WE PRACTICE IT, WHY DOES IT MATTER?

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY SERVICE: *Psalm 103:1-13 Gratitude for God's Mercy* 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.



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In Memory of Philip Cashion



With a deep trust in God's gift of new life, we share that Philip Cashion entered the church triumphant October 13, 2025. Our prayers are with Paul, Jenny, Adam, Andrew and Philip's wife, Beth.

A memorial service for Philip will be held on Saturday, November 22, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church.



In Memory of Bruce Kopper



Sympathy is extended
to the family and
loved ones of Bruce
Kopper who entered
the Church

Triumphant on
November 13, 2025.

Please pray for
Bruce's wife, Carolyn,
and their loved ones.

A Memorial Service for Bruce will be held
on January 3, 2026 at First Presbyterian
Church, Colorado Springs.



Leave a Legacy



Dear Members of the Congregation,

The **Generation-to-Generation (G2G)** Committee prepared and provided you with the brochure **Leaving a Legacy** as we celebrate the birthday of the church each year on Pentecost Sunday.

If you would like a copy of the **Leaving a Legacy** brochure, they are available in the Hospitality Center, upper hallway, or the Church Office.

The Generation-to-Generation Fund multiplies the blessings of planned gifts and bequests by current generations to make a difference for future generations. A periodic gift from you, or a bequest from your estate, demonstrates your gratitude for the gifts God has given you. All these gifts help St. Mark continue sharing the good news of God's love by supporting the many ministry programs, weekly worship services, mission and outreach activities, and facility needs.

The stock markets have been more favorable this year which influenced most investment portfolios. These are long-term investments in the Texas Presbyterian Fund with the key strategy to stay invested to be positioned to achieve future financial gains. Below are the fund balances for the G2G Endowment accounts:

12/31/2024
\$551,678.47

6/30/2025
\$598,148.53

9/30/2025
\$626,431.22

Thanks to the generosity of the Penrod family a new \$5,000 restricted fund named as the **Compassion Fund – IMO Thelma Jean Penrod** was established in the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. Its current value is **\$5,703.04** and is reflected in the totals above. Future contributions by family, friends, and church members, along with the earned dividends, will be used by the Pastor and Deacons to aid the elderly of St. Mark in their times of need.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about **Leaving a Legacy**, members of the G2G Committee are available to meet with you. Please let us know by calling the Church Office at (830) 816-3000 or by sending an email to office@stmarktx.org

Your G2G Committee thanks you and are willing to meet with you.

Steve Crowell Doug Mikus Lisa Paul Susan Penrod Dave Thomas

The Salvation Army Angel Tree Is Here!



November 16 - November 30

St. Mark Outreach is supporting the community-wide Salvation Army Angel Tree again, this year. With your help we can brighten Christmas morning for 80 children from Herff Elementary School in Boerne. These students have been selected by the Boerne ISD with the help of other agencies.

Ways to Adopt an Angel

- Choose an Angel and purchase gifts for a child or for a family
- Make a monetary donation and we'll do the shopping for you, checks made out to St. Mark, with Angel Tree on the memo line, and cash can be placed in the envelope on the Angel Tree display board in the Hospitality Center.

Angel Tree Process

- Select a Salvation Army Angel child(ren) from the Hospitality Center display.
- Detach the top portion, write your name on the back and leave the top portion in the basket; keep the bottom portion for your shopping list.
- **December 7 & 14:** return all unwrapped gifts to the Hospitality Center. No early birds please (we have limited space to store them!)
- You can also return unwrapped gifts **Dec 8-13** to the office.
- Make sure to attach the package code and your name securely to your bag.
- Gifts will be delivered to Herff Elementary School **December 15** for smiles and joy on Christmas morning!
- If you want us to do your shopping, please contact us directly as soon as possible.

**34 Angels Chosen –
47 Angels awaiting
their adoption**

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“Let the Heavens Rejoice and the Earth Be Glad”

Psalm 96: 11

Hanging of the Greens



Sign up sheet at St Mark
Any Questions please call office
(830).816.3000

[Register](#)



St Mark Presbyterian Church
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Reservations for the *December 12* All Church Christmas Party began last *Sunday, November 16*, and close *Sunday, December 7*. Cost will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Dinner includes smoked ham (thank you Klein family), sides, and deserts.

Please note that childcare reservations must be made no later than *November 30*. Don't miss this festive and fun event for the entire congregation. Stop by the TGIF table in the Gathering Room to learn more and make your reservations.

Holiday cheer and ugly Christmas sweaters welcome.



God's Gift Factory

Saturday, December 6
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Drop-off event for children, birth-5th grade
Children will make and wrap gifts for family and friends, hear the Nativity story, create a special lunch and enjoy silly games!

\$10/child | register 11/10-12/1
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Your invited to join us for the

Christmas Parade 2025

with

St Mark Presbyterian Church and Early
Learning Center

ELC children and families as well as St mark
Congregation are all welcome to join us in riding or
marching alongside our float!

- December 6th at 6pm on Main street
- Participants are expected
to be at our designated spot
at 5:30

- Theme: Saddles and
Sleigh bells (come
dressed in your best
cowboy/cowgirl outfits!)



REGISTER NOW





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**).



January Events

Out of Chaos:
FAITH

MATTHEW 14: 22-33

MISSION PRESBYTERY'S
**Midwinter Youth
Conference 2026**

at

Mo-Ranch

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. AMY MEYER

JANUARY 16-18, 2026

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

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\$12.50/Hr.

*We're
hiring!*

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

Contact Nursery@StMarkTX.org

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





December 2025

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-off event for children, birth-5th grade--Children 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 Presbyterian church 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) Child Care available with registration
December Dec 14, 10:30 Worship	Cantata - Festival of Carols A joyful musical celebration of Christmas that is overflowing with tuneable 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) Child Care available with registration
December Dec 24, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family Worship Starting at 4:00 PM 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 Dec 24, 7:00 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion Starting at 7:00 PM , Traditional Christmas eve service for all ages with Candlelight and Communion with Special Music from our Choir. (Nurse care provided)
January Jan 4 11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Following worship in the Family Life Center 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 November 23rd – November 29th

Online Service **Youtube:**

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM ↻ Explorers Class FLC # 107
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Disciples Class FLC # 109
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Engaging God's Word FLC # 101
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Youth Sunday School # 103
9:15 AM - 11:45 AM ↻ Nursery Care (birth to pre-kinder) FLC # 106
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Elementary Sunday School FLC # 105
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM ↻ Breakfast Club Parlor
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ↻ St. Mark Worship Service (In Person and Lives)
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Hanging of the Greens Party Sanctuary
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ↻ Table Fellowship Los Guitarras Breakfast Buffet

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Youth at Hill Country Family Service - Service Opp
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ↻ Staff Meeting Parlor
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Bach FLC
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM ↻ Pickleball setup FLC
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ Pickleball - Carol Trono FLC

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thu 11/27/2025 (All day) Thanksgiving Day United States

Monday, November 24, 2025

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM BACH FLC

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM ↻ Morning Glorias ZOOM with Carlyn Crawford
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ A Few Good Men (R. Klein) Parlor

Friday, November 28, 2025

Fri 11/28/2025 (All day) Day After Thanksgiving Day United States
Fri 11/28/2025 (All day) ↻ CHURCH ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

As the 5th Sunday falls on Thanksgiving weekend, we will not have a potluck luncheon on November 30. We hope you all enjoy this special time with your family and friends.

GROWING
FULLER
at Table
Fellowship

November 23
Las Guitarras
November 30
Shang Hai

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