The Happenings

ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 7TH, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1-10 Do You Hear the Call to Peace? 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.



Give Thanks to all Deacons



The Deacons had a Christmas party Monday evening, we are giving thanks for those who are rotating off and let's welcome our new Deacons.

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 Sunday, December 7 - Sunday, December 14

- Attach the child's code (to identify the child the gifts are for)
- Sundays: take gifts, including bikes to the Hospitality Center
- Weekdays: take gifts to the Office

If possible, please deliver bikes on Sundays due to storage limitations in the Office

Questions:

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^{*} Did you adopt a 10 year-old boy wanting cars for Christmas with Angel code 130G? If so, please let Toni or Crystal know - thank you!



Register





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 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.

You're Invited

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



Outreach will be collecting items for the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services Christmas Shoppe

November 30-December 7
Collection Box located on the
Outreach table in the hallway

PCHAS Kids Christmas Shoppe Suggested Items/Ideas:

- Full size Body Wash/Lotion sets
 Insulated coffee/water tumbler
- Holiday-themed small home décor (cookie jars, manger scenes, etc)
 - Hat/Scarves &/or gloves sets
 Small fuzzy sofa blankets
 - Fuzzy holiday socks or slippers
 Christmas-themed kitchen items
- Small portable Bluetooth speaker
 New items ranging from \$5 -\$25

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





Our Gifts at Work: Supporting Our Past, Present and Future Leaders!

The Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need.

Thanks, in part, to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances.

These generous actions bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love one another as Christ commanded.



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



MISSION PRESBYTERY'S

Midwinter Youth Conference 2026

at

Mo-Ranch

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. AMY MEYER

JANUARY 16-18, 2026

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

Register



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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.

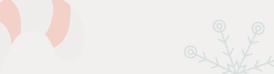
Nursery/Childcare Workers:

- 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 7th – December 13th

Online Service Youtube:

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

Sunday, December 7, 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 - 10:15 AM C Engaging God's Word FLC # 101

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

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

9:15 AM - 11:45 AM C Nursery Care (birth to pre-kinder) FLC # 106

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 (In Person and Lives

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Table Fellowship Pure Country BBQ & Grill

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Outreach Meeting ZOOM

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hill Country New Commers FLC

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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

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

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

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM 🔯 Pickleball - Carol Trono FLC

Monday, December 8, 2025

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

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM C Hill Country Newcomers FLC Main Floor, Kitch

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

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Jericho Setup FLC

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jericho FLC

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Comming Glorias ZOOM with Carlyn Crawford

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

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

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

GROWING
FULLER
at Table
Fellowship

December 7
Pure Country
BBQ & Grill

December 14 Bevy

December 21 Tre Pizzeria

December 28 Longhorn Café

Thursday, December 11, 2025

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

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

Friday, December 12, 2025

Fri 12/12/2025 (All day) CHURCH ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

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

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM St. Mark Christmas Party Setup FLC

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM St. Mark Christmas Party FLC

Saturday, December 13, 2025

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

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



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