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 21ST, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-16

Do You Hear the Promise of Love? 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.

Updates

Lost and Found Update

A gentle reminder to our St. Mark family:

Our Lost & Found has grown full, and we want to be good stewards of the space and the items entrusted to us. Any unclaimed belongings will be donated on January 1 to bless others in our wider community. If you are missing something, coats, books, water bottles, or other personal items, please take a moment to check the Lost & Found before the end of the year. Let's make sure treasured items find their way home, and what remains can continue doing good beyond our walls.

Office Will be Closed

Office will be closed for Holiday on December 29th and

January 1st

St. Mark, We Did It!

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

were extended this Christmas with your overwhelming generosity to our Outreach partners.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree filled Christmas wishes for 83 children in 33 Herff Elementary School families.

The Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services Christmas party was a great success, with children selecting gifts for their parents from your Children's Christmas Shoppe donations.



The Christmas Joy Special Offering gifts provide assistance to current and retired church workers in need and develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping minority and international students.

Thank you for opening your hearts and giving generously to make this Christmas possible

May your hearts be filled with the promises from the birth of Jesus Christ.

Celebrating the Good News!

Outreach Ministry





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



From the ELC!



The ELC will be closed for Christmas Break

Dec 22nd - Jan 9th



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.





Come Worship with Us

CHRISTMAS EVE

FOR CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

12 24

7:00 PM



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.

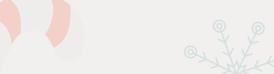
Nursery/Childcare Workers:

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



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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 21st – December 27th

Online Service Youtube:

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

Sunday, December 21, 2025

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

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

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 🗘 Disciples Class FLC # 109

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

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 Tres Pizaria

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM The Longest Night Service The Hospitality

GROWING
FULLER
at Table
Fellowship

December 21 Tre Pizzeria

December 28 Longhorn Café

Monday, December 22, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Crestmont Christian Prep FCL

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Crestmont Christian Prep FLC

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

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Wed 12/24/2025 (All day) Christmas Eve United States

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM 🛱 Christmas Eve Family Worship Service Sanctuan

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM 💢 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Nursery

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Thu 12/25/2025 (All day) Christmas Day United States

Thu 12/25/2025 (All day) CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Church Office Closed Whole Campus

Friday, December 26, 2025

Fri 12/26/2025 (All day) CHURCH ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

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