



St. Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA





*Welcome to
St. Mark's Episcopal Church*



St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Prattville, Alabama, is a parish shaped by prayer, sustained by worship, and rooted in a long-standing commitment to the life of the Church. We are a congregation where people are known, worship is central, and relationships are formed over time through shared faith and service.

Our life together is grounded in Anglican tradition and expressed through thoughtful liturgy, mutual care, and an open-hearted welcome to all who seek a church home. Whether lifelong Episcopalians or those discovering the Church for the first time, individuals and families find space here to belong, grow, and serve.

Our Mission

*"A loving community welcoming to all, growing in faith,
and sharing Christ's love through compassionate service."*

*We see a future where our sacred spaces become:
A sanctuary for deep spiritual nurturing
A haven for authentic seeking and honest questions
A wellspring of wisdom for life's journey
A place where ancient practices transform modern life
A community where contemplation leads to compassionate action*



Our History

The Episcopal presence in Prattville dates to the mid-nineteenth century, with worship among local Episcopalians taking place as early as 1853. St. Mark's was formally organized as an Episcopal mission in 1859 and admitted to the Diocese of Alabama in 1877, establishing a lasting Anglican witness in our beloved community.

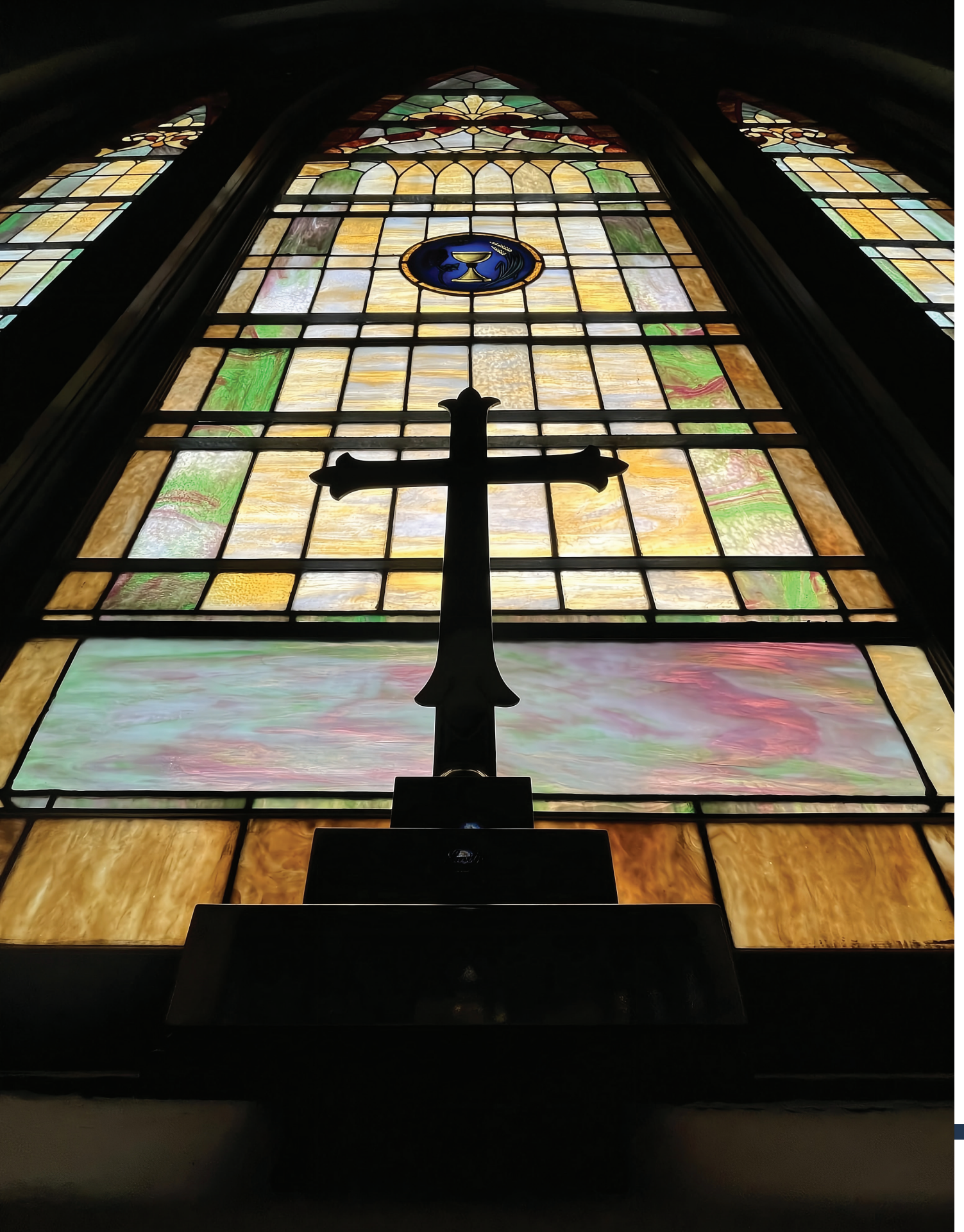
In 1876, the congregation acquired a small frame church building and moved it to the corner of Washington and Fourth Streets, where St. Mark's continues to worship today. The church was consecrated on St. Mark's Day in 1877 by the Rt. Rev. Richard Wilmer, Bishop of Alabama. This structure served the parish faithfully until the present brick church was completed in 1909.

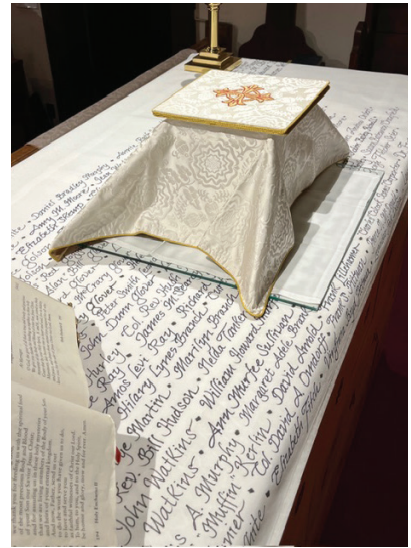
Designed by 15-year-old parishioner Erin Chapman, the current church was built debt-free at a cost of \$5,400 and became the first brick church in Prattville. Miss Chapman later served the parish as organist for forty years, reflecting the deep bonds that have long defined St. Mark's. A red tile cross in the narthex marks the spot where Bishop Charles Beckwith stood at the church's consecration later that year.

St. Mark's marked its sesquicentennial in 2009 with special worship, outreach, and community celebration. Today, the parish enters a new season with gratitude for its history and trust in God's continuing call.









Who We Are Today

St. Mark's is a Christ-centered parish shaped by Scripture, formed by the Book of Common Prayer, and sustained by worship, fellowship, and service. We believe faith is lived not only in Sunday liturgy but also in daily acts of compassion, generosity, and care for one another.

Our congregation values meaningful worship, strong relationships, and cooperation across generations. Members of all ages contribute to parish life through prayer, service, and leadership, supporting one another through life's joys and challenges while growing together in faith.

Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we seek to love God and neighbor with intention and humility. We understand the Church to be both a place of refuge and engagement—a community where grace is shared freely, questions are welcomed, and faith is nurtured through action and prayer.

Our Mission Statement: "St. Mark's Episcopal Church exists to be a loving community welcoming all, growing in faith and sharing Christ's love through compassionate service".



Our Ministries

The ministries of St. Mark's reflect the gifts and faithfulness of its people. Through worship, education, fellowship, and service, parishioners are invited to offer their time and talents in ways that strengthen both the parish and the community it serves.

Ministries at St. Mark's provide opportunities for spiritual growth, connection, and discernment. Whether longstanding or emerging, they support the life of the Church and invite all members to participate in shared ministry.

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- Lay Ministry - Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers
 - Sawyerville - meal support and donated items
 - Choir
 - Christian Education - Sunday School, EFM
 - Nursery
 - Cursillo - active Reunion Groups
 - ECW
 - EYC
 - Men's Breakfast Teams
 - St. Mark's Nite
 - Altar Guild
 - Congregational Care



Children, Youth and Young Adults

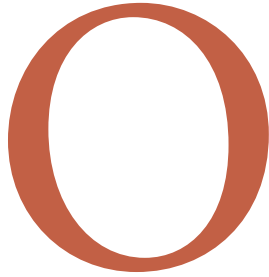
At St. Mark's, children, youth, and young adults are welcomed as important members of the parish and encouraged to grow in faith within a supportive and caring community. While our programs reflect the size of our congregation, our commitment to young people is shared across generations and woven into parish life.

As St. Mark's looks ahead, we view this season as an opportunity to strengthen relationships with families, deepen formation, and expand ministries with children, youth, and young adults in ways that reflect both community needs and the gifts of our next rector.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing.
Hebrews 10:24-25*



Outreach



Outreach at St. Mark's flows from the belief that faith is expressed through service, compassion, and attentiveness to others. The parish seeks to share God's love beyond its walls by responding to local needs and building meaningful relationships within the wider community.

As Prattville continues to grow and change, St. Mark's remains committed to listening, learning, and serving with humility.

Outreach is understood as a shared calling—one that invites participation across generations and reflects the connection between worship and daily life.

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- Active Adults - exercise, games, field trips
 - AA - meets on campus weekly
 - Al-Anon - meets on campus weekly
 - Girl Scouts - meet on campus weekly
 - Auburn Reading Summer Program
 - Caregiver Support Group - meets monthly
 - Meals on Wheels - every December
 - One Community Outreach United - partner
 - Water Wednesdays Ministry
 - Community Yard Sale and Bake Sale





Prattville is a growing community in central Alabama known for its historic character, strong civic life, and welcoming spirit. With small-town charm and access to modern amenities, the city offers a balanced pace of life well suited to families and individuals alike.

Rooted in a rich history and shaped by ongoing growth, Prattville values connection, tradition, and community involvement. Its proximity to Montgomery provides access to cultural, educational, and professional opportunities while maintaining a close-knit atmosphere.



St. Mark's is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, a diverse and vibrant diocese serving congregations across central and northern Alabama. The diocese supports parishes through shared worship, leadership development, and resources for faithful ministry.

Committed to discipleship, collaboration, and service, the Diocese of Alabama encourages congregations to live out the Gospel in their local contexts while remaining connected to the wider Church.



What We Offer

St. Mark's offers a parish community marked by warmth, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to the Church's life and mission. Our parish culture values cooperation, care for one another, and openness to new leadership and ideas.

We always provide a supportive environment for collaborative ministry, where the rector and vestry work together to discern priorities and guide the

parish with intention. St. Mark's is committed to responsible stewardship, thoughtful administration, and steady growth in faith and engagement.

Above all, we offer partnership in ministry. Parishioners bring a willingness to serve, a love for the Church, and a desire to grow together as we shape the next chapter of St. Mark's life.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Baptized Members	118	116	101	108	108
Average Sunday Attendance	64	64	64	64	66
Number of Pledge Units	37	43	38	41	37
Total Income	403,446	352,088	254,215	261,177	257,232
Annual Expense Budget	276,834	273,044	286,997	292,510	287,361

Note. Income is a combination from pledges, plate offerings, grants and other sources.







Our Desires For A Rector

As St. Mark's enters this season of discernment, we do so with gratitude for our shared life and hope for the future. We seek a rector who will join us in faithful leadership and shared ministry, trusting the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We hope to be led by a priest who is attentive to pastoral care and committed to preaching that is rooted in the lectionary while speaking clearly to the realities of daily life. We value sermons that are thoughtful, relatable, and spiritually nourishing.

St. Mark's desires a rector who leads with integrity, humility, and kindness, and who brings energy and vision to parish life. Working collaboratively with the vestry, our next rector will help guide ministries and administration with clarity and purpose, supporting families and encouraging a shared sense of calling among all members.

*“The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in
parched places, and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring
of water, whose waters never fail.”*

ISAIAH 58:11

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