

s. mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

8:30 and 10:30 Services

Reverend Daisy Colon, Celebrant

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

The Word of God

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

THE GREAT LITANY, S67 in the Hymnal, Congregation to Chant Responses at 10:30

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood;
from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence,
battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and
submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by
thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and
Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the
hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it
may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in
the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and dea-
cons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and
that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and
show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest,
and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to
hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the
Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Mark and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

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KYRIE: 1982 Hymnal #S90, said at 8:30, sung at 10:30

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People: **His mercy endureth for ever.***

The celebrant then continues

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: **And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

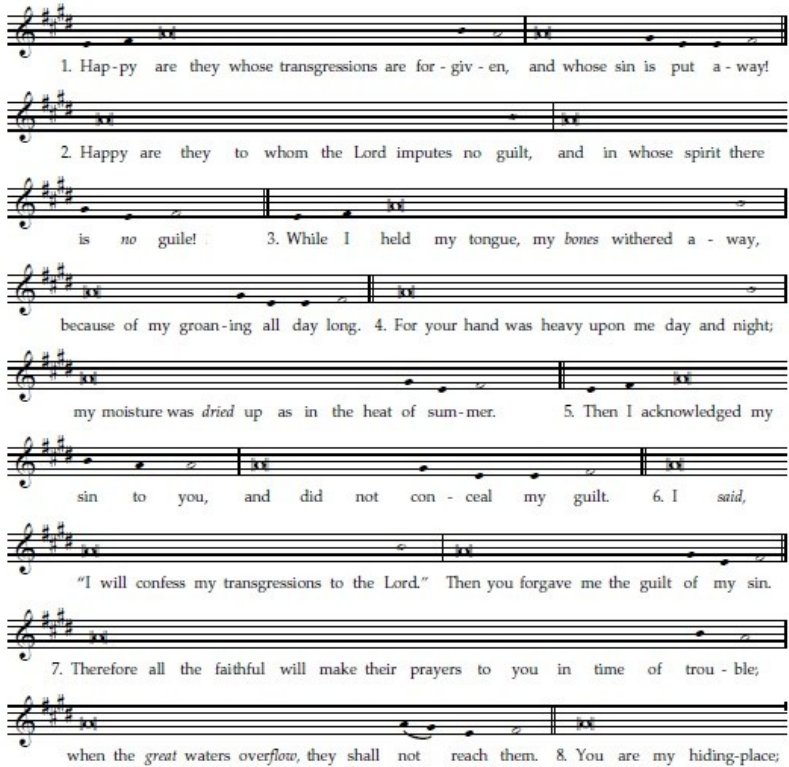
Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach
them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

PSALM 32

chanted by choir at 10:30



1. Hap-py are they whose transgressions are for - giv - en, and whose sin is put a - way!

2. Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3. While I held my tongue, my bones withered a - way, because of my groan-ing all day long. 4. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was *dried* up as in the heat of sum-mer. 5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con - ceal my guilt. 6. I *said*, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trou - ble; when the *great* waters overflow, they shall not reach them. 8. You are my hiding-place;

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford,
Church Publishing Incorporated.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned--sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL HYMN: 1982 #150 Forty Days and Forty Nights

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

People: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Reverend Daisy Colon

THE NICENE CREED

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven*

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:15,16

OFFERTORY HYMN: Break Thou this Bread of Life

DOXOLOGY, verse 3 Hymn 380, said

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

OFFERTORY HYMN: LEVAS #192 "I Need Thee Every Hour"



1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou_ near by;
3 I need thee ev - ery hour; in joy_ or_ pain;
4 I need thee ev - ery hour, teach me_ thy_ will,



no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou_ art_ nigh.
come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life_ is_ vain.
and thy rich pro - mi - ses in me_ ful - fill.

Refrain



I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee!



O bless me now, my Sa - vior, I come_ to thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is meet and right so to do***

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS S114 : “Holy, holy, holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(People may kneel or stand.)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly –beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Said at 8:30 and 10:30

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

FRACTION ANTHEM: S158 said at 8:30 and sung 10:30 service

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

At the Communion

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*
- *All are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available. Indicate by crossing fingers.*

COMMUNION HYMN: 1982# 343 Shephard of souls

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:1982 Hymnal #143 The Glory of these 40 days

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The flowers on the altar are given by Christopher & Jordyn Micun in loving memory of Jordyn's oldest sister, Jennifer Bradford.

St. Mark's Prayer List

We pray especially for: Marion Johannsson, Mary Zacharias, Beth Hunt, Marsha Phillips, Saunders Black, Martha Ann Springer, Michael Marecheau, Paul and Michelle Cravetz, Angela Worme, Maureen Pollard, Canon Franklin Morales & family, Brady McKay, Clarence Harrington, Mary Walton, Kim Summerrow, John Osborne, Doreen Mondlak, Bri Molony, Bob and Chaytor Chandler, Bill and Joan Bixby, Lisa Davis, Elenai Auger and family, Pulselli Family, and Mario Roca.

We continue to pray for the success and growth of the following ministries La Escuelita San Marcos, Ranson Middle School, and Flyin' Lion Ministries.

We pray for those in our parish celebrating happy events. Linda Holst, Allison Rhinehardt, Lynnda Jordan, Ian Kendrick and Jan Daubener

Announcements February 22, 2026

Have a Pastoral need? Please contact Reverend Daisy Colon at daisy.colon@episdionc.org or 704-953-9076

Watering Volunteers needed!

Do you have an extra 40 min before or after church on any Sunday? Our baby azaleas must be watered twice a week until October to thrive. We are looking for folks to help on Sundays; a team of two people can accomplish this task in 35 - 40 min. Contact Robin Canchola if you can help at 361-646-9288 or rcandoo@hotmail.com

Outreach needs for Ranson

Needed: Gift cards any amount for students.

Needed: Small snack bags for students

Announcements February 22, 2026

**Urgent need for Stitchers
We have exhausted our supply.**

If you or a friend can knit or crochet and would be willing to help us, please contact jandaubener@gmail.com

Yarn is available in founder's hall

We need stuffed animal, baby blankets and Prayer Shawls
Please....no plastic attachments that could be a choking risk.

***Wednesday night Lenten Suppers 6:00 pm
March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25***

W.I.N.E.

Monday March 16th Hosted by Debbie Heggen
at her home 4851 Steepleglen Ct Charlotte, NC 28269

Announcements February 22, 2026

Flowers for 2026

Need to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or someone special in your life? Consider making a flower dedication! You will have a personalized message printed in the bulletin and flowers or greens on the altar made especially for the occasion. Just sign up outside of Marcia's office. Email Emelie Colmery emelieduke@gmail.com for specific flower requests. Thank you for supporting St. Mark's!

Transitions Meeting February 25th 6:00 pm

We will have food and childcare

The Senior Warden met with the Canon for Transitions, and we are now ready for the next step in our Rector search. To launch this effort, we will be holding a Transition Workshop on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm in the Rafters, where we will discuss the process and more importantly get the congregation's input into the requirements for our next Rector. Please make every attempt to attend this important meeting, and if you are unable to attend, please share your thoughts with any member of the Vestry, so we can ensure that all voices of the congregation are heard and contribute to the process.

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2026 pledge Form



Capital Campaign



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