



WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mark's is a welcoming community of dedicated believers in Christ who support and strengthen one another through worship, fellowship, study of the Word, and serving others.

St. Mark's has adjusted many worship practices to follow COVID-19 safety protocols over the past years. We are constantly adapting our procedures and we urge worshipers to participate at whatever level makes them most comfortable. *If you are visiting, we are glad you are here.* We welcome all who gather to worship each week, either in-person or on-line. Our Sunday service at 10:15 may be seen on our Facebook or YouTube channel and is linked through our website, www.saintmarksepiscopal.com. The password to the church wifi as a guest is *timetoprayer*.

About the Service

The service has two parts: the liturgy of the word, when Holy Scripture is read and celebrated, followed by liturgy of the table, when we celebrate Jesus's life, death, and resurrection with the Eucharist, (communion).

About Communion

All are welcome at the altar to receive communion or a blessing. Bread only is sufficient for the Eucharist to be valid. You may receive the bread and wine from common vessels or individual containers at the altar rail. Come forward to the altar as ushers release the pews and return to the pew to consume the bread and wine, if taken from the baskets. If a blessing is desired, place your arms across your chest. Place empty containers in receptacles at the exits. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Notify an usher if you would like a priest to bring communion to the pew.

Enhancing Your Experience

Limited mobility seating is available in front of the pulpit on the left side of the sanctuary. An elevator, entered through the garden doors at the rear of the church, allows access to all three levels of the church. *Offices and classrooms* located on the second floor are accessible via stairs or elevator. Ask for assistance, if needed. *Restroom facilities* are located on the ground level; ladies' room on the right, men's room on the left. *An ADA accessible restroom* is located just off the hall to the right of the chancel.

An AED device is located in the hall to the right of the chancel.

Welcoming Families

We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers during the 10:15 Sunday service. Grade school age children join in class upstairs for activities and lesson. The children return for communion and are always welcome to worship with their families. All are welcome to the parish hall following the 10:15 service for coffee and light refreshments.

On-line Giving

For members and guests, it is simple, easy, and secure to make an on-line donation or purchase using *Realm*, our giving platform. Gifts may be one-time or recurring; funds may be dedicated to a specific purpose. Simply text the word **Lion** to **73256** and follow the prompts to complete the process, using a credit/debit card, checking or savings account.



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026—5:00PM
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026—8:00AM & 10:15AM
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetoprayer*

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Hymnal 390

THE WORD OF GOD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II *All standing*

Book of Common Prayer 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY (all)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,*

*you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS (*seated*)

FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

Proper 11

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 86:11-17 (*responsively by half-verse*)

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *

knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *

and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; *

they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *

because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)

Blessed Assurance (v1, Gospel, v3)

BoL 12

THE GOSPEL (stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he

replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

HOMILY **Rev. Alan Akridge, *Rector***

<i>This space provided for notes and memos:</i>	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

THE NICENE CREED *(stand)* BCP 358

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 Scripture; 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*sit or kneel*)

Deacon: As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping that God's reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, let us pray, saying: In the Spirit we plead, hear us, O God.

Leader: O God, may your dominion grasp us and ravish the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *hear us, O God.*

Leader: O God, make your justice grow in our land, that the victims of this age will find shelter in its branches. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *hear us, O God.*

Leader: To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *hear us, O God.*

Leader: O God, Imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *hear us, O God.*

Leader: O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in terror, all the sick, especially Diane, Owen, Cheri, Sandy, Marion, Joice, Nancy, Melinda, Louise, Maxwell, Marsha, Barbara and Dan, Jeff, Linda, Eric, Ronald, De, Evie, and Sara. Give health and peace to all. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *hear us, O God.*

Leader: O God, we pray for the dead. On the last day gather us all into your heavenly realm. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *hear us, O God.*

Deacon: O master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: ***And also with you.*** *(people greet one another)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER *(those with birthdays or anniversaries coming up are invited to the altar rail)*

God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they celebrate another year on their journey. Grant that they may grow in wisdom, grace, and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served in individual containers and from the paten and common chalice. If receiving from individual containers, return to the pew to consume the bread and wine and place containers in recycling containers at the exits. To receive a blessing, place your arms across your chest. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates positioned at the front pews. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.

THE OFFERTORY (10:15) *During the Offertory at the Celebrant's bidding, the elements and prayer chest will be brought to the altar for blessing.*

(5:00 & 8:00) *spoken*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.*

(10:15) *sung*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S129

Celebrant and People

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant (people, sitting or kneeling)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***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.*

FRACTION ANTHEM (*say or sing*)

S154

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant

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 people may remain in the pews until the ushers release the pews; come forward to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion in the pew. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS (10:15)

Abide With Me

BoL 1

More Precious Than Silver

BoL 59

Nearer My God to Thee

BoL 62

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN (10:15)

Lead On, O King Eternal

BoL 555

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

POSTLUDE (10:15)

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Steve Crowder in thanksgiving for Rosalind's birthday, July 23*



Do you know the history of this piece at St. Mark's?

Some of you may never have noticed this extraordinary example of needlework that until recently hung on the wall outside the chapel. It has been repaired and reframed and now hangs in a place of honor over the piano in Mixon Hall. You are invited to take a closer look. If you have any information on its origin or how it came to St. Mark's, we would love to know.

Book Fair Part 2. St. Mark's Lions, family and friends, you are needed for the second half of a book fair for the Boys & Girls Club is coming up on July 28 at Burroughs-Molette school. The event is sponsored by Glynn Episcopal Ministries (GEM). If you have not purchased appropriate books for the readers, there is a suggested list on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1E676LKNDY0N6?ref=wl_share

Volunteer help is needed at 9:00am to prepare for the event, labeling new books and setting up. Contact Dcn Rita for more information.

It's not Christmas! St. Mark's in one of the organizations which helps the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive by ringing the bells at Christmas. But the Army could use some help now with its food pantry, which is extremely low. A suggested list:

Oat meal	Peanut butter	Canned vegetables
Ravioli	Jelly	Canned fruit
Pasta	Ramen noodles	Canned tuna
Spaghetti sauce	Cup-a-soup	Spam
Juice boxes	Boxed mac & cheese	Rice
Individual snacks	Canned soup	

****** Manna House, Wednesday, July 29 ******

BIRTHDAYS

July 20	Alan Youngner, Harrison Akridge, Bobby Mashburn, Kevin Pearce
July 21	Alan Akridge, Zane Mashburn
July 22	Jessica Morris
July 23	Rosalind Crowder
July 25	Billy Hulsey

ANNIVERSARIES

July 19 Eric & Katia Pratt
If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

Immediate prayer

Marion Nelson	Marsha Boyette	Ronald Chappell
Joice Grow	Barbara & Dan Johnston	Sara
Nancy Ehringer	Cheri Taylor Brewer	De Williamson
Melinda Schneider Roehl	Sandy Fowler	Evie Barnard
Louise Atwood	Jeff Pace	Diane Braziel
Maxwell Smith	Linda Rooney	Owen Dorsey
	Eric Croft	

Continuing prayer

Will Whatley	Matthew Dowe	Glenn Kersey
Nancy MacKenzie	Jewell Rogers	Jean Patelidas
Frank Matthews	Carole Nolan	Katherine Adams
Dot Barone	Wendy Stubbs	Tim Meredith
Beverly Dembowczyk	Jo Strickland	Robert Rowell
	Ronn ben Aaman	Betty June Henderson

In-person Attendance

July 9-12, 2026

Thurs.	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total
22	33	28	116	199

Financial Update as of 7/14/2026

	Received	Budget
Pledges	\$ 285,002	\$ 328,722
General Donations	\$ 59,120	\$ 62,903

July 19-26, 2026

Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with Choir
	11:30am	Mixon Hour/parish hall
	12:30pm	Grace House Graduation/Mixon Hall
Monday		Office closed/staff at planning off-site
	2:30pm	Golden Isles Fiber Arts/Mixon Hall
	6:30pm	NA/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	1:15pm	Finance Team
Wednesday	2:30pm	Music Enrichment/Mixon Hall
	3:45pm	Handbells/Mixon Hall
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	11:00am	Healing Service/chapel
	12:00pm	Bad Girls/Mixon Hall
	5:00pm	Serenity Seekers/Mixon Hall
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	5:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Eucharist with choir
	11:30am	Mixon Hour/Mixon Hall

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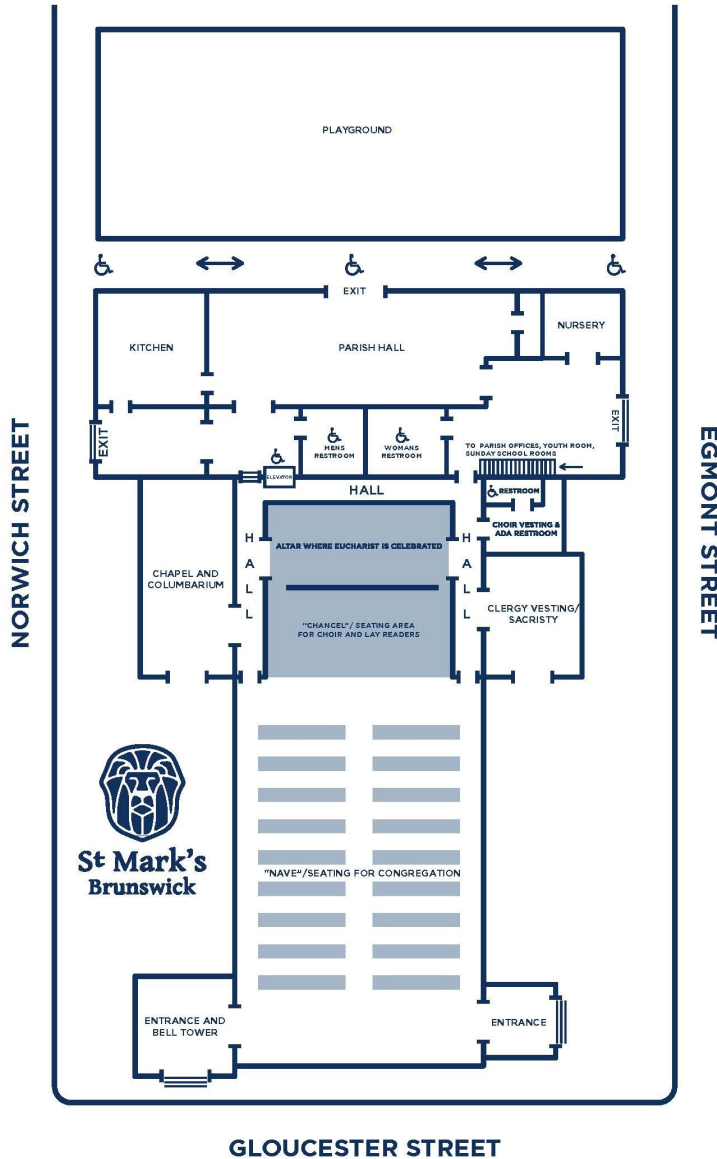
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SERVICE TIMES

- Thursday** 11:00 a.m.
Healing Service
- Saturday** 5:00 p.m.
Spoken Holy Eucharist
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m.
Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist w/ Choir

OFFICE HOURS

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