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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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026—5:00PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026—8:00AM & 10:15AM
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetoprayer*

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal 423

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.*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

THE LESSONS (*seated*)

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Proper 14

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 85:8-13 (*responsively by half-verse*)

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *

***for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.***

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *

and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart, (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)

I Love to Tell the Story (v1, Gospel, v4)

BoL 36

THE GOSPEL *(stand)*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 14:22-33**

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

HOMILY

Rev. June Johnson, *Saturday*

Rev. Alan Akridge, *Rector, Sunday*

This space provided for notes and memos:

Matthew 14:22-43

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: We are the ark of the church, at times storm-tossed and frightened. Let us cry out in faith for our own needs and the needs of the world, saying: Lord, save us.

Leader: For those churches who are resisting oppression and enduring persecution in the name of the gospel, let us cry out to the Lord.

People: *Lord, save us.*

Leader: For the leaders of nations, communities, and households who are faced with terrible choices and whose decisions affect the lives of many, let us cry out to the Lord.

People: *Lord, save us.*

Leader: For those caught in addiction of mind or body, for those who feel powerless and sink ever deeper into despair, let us cry out to the Lord.

People: *Lord, save us.*

Leader: For those who rely on themselves, for those who struggle to trust in God's beckoning word, for those who know fear before the actions of grace, let us cry out to the Lord.

People: *Lord, save us.*

Leader: For the sick and the suffering in our world, especially Renee, Diane, Hayden, Melissa, Cheri, Bill, Sandy, Marion, Joice, Nancy, Melinda, Louise, Maxwell, Marsha, Barbara and Dan, Jeff, Eric, Ronald, Evie, Perry, Mary Ellen, Gary, and Sara, we pray:

People: *Lord, save us.*

Leader: For all who gather at this eucharistic table, weak in faith, faltering in our response to God, let us cry out to the Lord.

People: *Lord, save us.*

Deacon: O true and faithful God, you are the hope of those who cry out to you. Hear our petitions. Where there is no faith, awaken it; where there is little faith, enlarge it, that one day we may all come to acknowledge Jesus as your Son and the savior of the world. We ask this in his name, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSIOIN 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 as you process to the altar rail. 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:

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)

Just As I Am

Hymnal 693

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BoL 80

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

BoL 30

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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)

To God Be the Glory

BoL 94

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
Velma Meredith in loving memory of her son Christopher*

Are you in a St. Mark's Home Circle yet? Home Circles are friends and fellow disciples who enjoy spending time together as they explore their Christian mission together. There is a new season of Home Circles starting in the Fall and you are invited to Mixon Hall following the 10:15 service on Sunday, Aug. 16, to seek and find “your group.”

Want to go deeper on your lay leader ministry? The Diocese of Georgia will bring its second annual Lay Leader Conference to Honey Creek, August 28-29. You're invited to expand your focus whether you are a Lay Eucharist Minister, acolyte, usher, or lector. Join others from around the diocese to share stories and experiences on ways to grow in your ministry. The conference begins on Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday afternoon. Train, prepare, and lead in your congregation. Registration for the Lay Worship Leaders' conference is open! Register at <https://bit.ly/LayWorshipLead>. Contact Canon Joshua Varner with your questions at jvarner@gaepiscopal.org.

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 9 George Bagby
 Aug. 11 Brad Butler, Martha Williams
 Aug. 13 Nathaniel Roper, Jenny London
 Aug. 14 Michael Carter
 Aug. 15 Dorothy Lambright

ANNIVERSARIES

We have no anniversaries this week.
 If we missed your birthday or anniversary,
 please notify the church office.

Immediate prayer

Marion Nelson
 Joice Grow
 Nancy Ehringer
 Melinda Schneider Roehl
 Louise Atwood
 Maxwell Smith
 Marsha Boyette
 Barbara & Dan Johnston

Cheri Taylor Brewer
 Sandy Fowler
 Jeff Pace
 Eric Croft
 Ronald Chappell
 Sara
 Evie Barnard
 Diane Braziel
 Perry Smith

Gary Hill
 Hayden Putre
 Melissa Butler
 Bill
 Renee Dowe
 Mary Ellen

Continuing prayer

Will Whatley
 Nancy MacKenzie
 Frank Matthews
 Dot Barone
 Beverly Dembowczyk

Matthew Dowe
 Jewell Rogers
 Carole Nolan
 Wendy Stubbs
 Jo Strickland
 Ronn ben Aaman

Glenn Kersey
 Jean Patelidas
 Katherine Adams
 Tim Meredith
 Robert Rowell
 Betty June Henderson

In-person Attendance July 30– Aug. 2, 2026

Thurs.	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total
15	25	26	139	215

Financial Update as of 8/3/2026

	Received	Budget
Pledges	\$ 318,282	\$ 363,238
General Donations	\$ 63,938	\$ 69,508

August 9-16, 2026

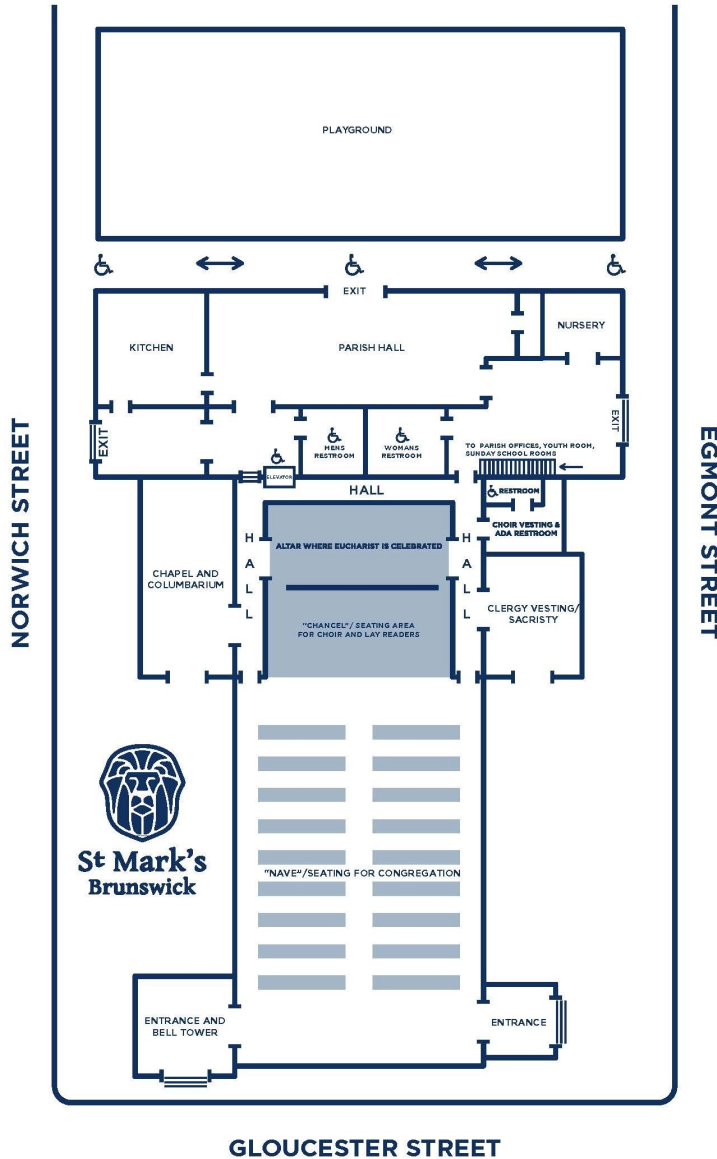
Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	9:00am	DOK
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with Choir
	11:30am	Mixon Hour/Mixon Hall
Monday	9:30am	Staff formation and meeting
	10:00am	ECW/Mixon Hall
	6:30pm	NA/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	5:00pm	Hello Goodbuy Volunteer Appreciation/Mixon Hall
Wednesday	2:00pm	Backpacks/upstairs
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	11:00am	Healing Service/chapel
	12:00pm	Bad Girls/Mixon Hall
	1:00pm	Pastoral Care/Mixon Hall
	5:00pm	Serenity Seekers/Mixon Hall
Friday		Church Office Closed
	10:00am	Virtual Dementia Tour/Mixon Hall
Saturday	5:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Eucharist with choir/Children's Church School
	11:30am	Home Circle Sign-up/parish hall
	12:30pm	Grace House Graduation/Mixon Hall

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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

Monday-Thursday
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