

## OUR MISSION

Gathered around Word and water, bread and wine,  
we spread God's Word by living our faith daily  
and welcoming all with open hearts and minds.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 18, 2018

9:30 AM

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK.** Please sign our attendance pad located in each row. We are happy to have you here with us! Please join us for refreshments on the walkway following worship.

**WELCOME BACK TO ST. MARK, PASTOR KEISER.**

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER AND PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS** - Our mid-week Lenten worship services have taken on a musical and reflective nature again this year. After our 5:30 p.m. soup supper join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (now through March 21) for a service of Holden Evening Prayer and Prayer Around the Cross. Written in 1985 by musician Marty Haugen, this lovely setting of vespers follows the traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. Prayer around the Cross will be a time towards the end of the vespers service where worshipers are invited forward to pray around a wooden, sand-filled, cross. Candles will be available to light and place in the sand while offering prayers to God. Set aside a little time for reflection and prayer and join us in community and worship this Lenten season.

**LENTEN WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS** - Lenten Soup Suppers are on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Soup Suppers allow members and friends of St. Mark to share light and delicious soups as a way of enjoying Christian fellowship with one another while remembering those who are hungry and would be glad for a simple bowl of soup. Lenten mid-week worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary after the meal. Crock pots are available in the kitchen and you are welcome to borrow one! Please stop by the church office or pick up one on Sunday. Volunteers are needed to make soup, help with set up, and help with clean up. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex and you may sign up for as many days as you like.

**EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH TIME AGAIN!** – Your Fellowship Team is again planning on a sumptuous brunch between our two Easter Sunday Services. Please mark your calendar to join your fellow members following the 8:30 am service. We will be providing those delicious cinnamon rolls again this year along with assorted bagels/cream cheese, fresh fruit, decorated hard boiled eggs, juice and the coffee bar. Your Fellowship Team would love a few extra hands to help with either set up or clean up. We will put out sign up sheets in the Narthex but feel free to ask how you might help. Whatever assistance you can offer, it is always appreciated. For more info, talk with Kathie Chernes or email her at [kathiec123@gmail.com](mailto:kathiec123@gmail.com).

## **EASTER EGG HUNT AND RESURRECTION SCAVENGER HUNT**

Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. children are invited to gather in the Youth Room to hear the Easter story and hunt for Easter Eggs. The younger children will hunt for eggs in the grassy courtyard and rock waterfall area while the older children will have a hunt all their own! Bring your own basket or use one of ours. Join us Easter morning to celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

**PASTOR KATY'S MATERNITY LEAVE** - He's almost here! The Fast family is expecting Baby Boy #2 to arrive sometime around March 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Katy is planning to work up until her due date (or as close to it as she can) and then will be on maternity leave for eight weeks. While she is away, Pastor Jon Keiser will be presiding and preaching during worship on Sundays as well as for our Holy Week services. Please give him a hearty St. Mark welcome as he shares the good news of God's Word with us! If you have any pastoral needs during Pastor Katy's maternity leave, please contact the church office and you will be referred to one of our pastors on call – Pastor Jon Keiser, Pastor Connie Bonner, and Pastor Klaus Koch. With any other questions or concerns, please contact the church office or speak to one of our Church Council members.

**ANNUAL ST. MARK PICNIC - St. Mark 2018 Annual Church Picnic** Please join members and friends of St. Mark on April 15, 2018 for our Church Picnic. Right after our regular 9:30a m service, you are invited to head straight to Anderson Park located at 39699 US Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689. We will be in shelter 9 which sits right on Lake Tarpon. Games and fellowship time begin upon arrival. We are in for a special treat this year. Pulled Port and Chicken is being prepared for us by Spencer Taylor, a member with a talent for smoking meats. Of course, we will also have Hot dogs along with condiments, chips, beverages and watermelon, all provided by the Fellowship Committee. We ask members to bring a dish to share, following these suggestions: If your last name begins with A-F bring dessert; G-M bring fruit/veggie salad; and N-Z bring starchy salad. Of course, if you have a favorite dish you would like to bring, please bring it or if don't have anything to bring, join us anyway — there's always plenty to share. There will also be games for children and adults; bathrooms and parking are nearby; and nobody goes home hungry! You are invited to bring your friends!

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your daily prayers members and friends of our congregation who are on our prayer list. If you would like to add or remove someone to or from our congregation's prayers, please call or email the church office or sign the prayer notebook in the narthex.

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT:**

Betty Fresh

Steve Miller

Cheryl Burton

Michael Bryant

Richard King (friend of Barb Woodworth)

Jeff Dano (son of Arnie Dano)

Jim Dano (son of Arnie Dano)

Ingeborg Kayser (sister-in-law of Horst Kayser)

Richard Slater (friend of Carol Bernstein)

Joe and Lee Bogacz (friends of Arnie Dano)

Dean Romani (friend of Arnie Dano)

Lou Straccioni (friend of Barbara Woodworth)

Vivian Hogan (friend of Nancy Evers)

Rosemary Tindall (friend of Angela Langenback)

Clayton Stoots (grandson of Barbara Stoots)

Ernie Smith, Jr. (son of Phyllis Smith)

Tim Fisher (former ReconcilingWorks Staff)

Charly Hornbrook (friend of Jared Hall)

Donita Holjes (friend of the Plasketts)

Ernie Smith, Sr. (husband of Phyllis Smith)

Jennifer (Nizer) Rakas (daughter of Ray and Charlotte Nizer)

Ethan Gottlieb (grandson of Tim and Angela Langenback)

Heather Booth (daughter of the Plasketts)

Gretchen Woodard (daughter of Debbie Woodard)

Bret R. (friend of Linda Peterman)

Jerriann VanEpern (friend of Linda Peterman)

Judy Wallschlaeger (friend of Sue and Darrell Zenk)  
Chelle S. (friend of Jennifer Grumbling)  
Jax Cunningham (great nephew of Barbara Woodworth)  
Eddie Frederick (friend of the Grumbling/Delerme family)  
Elizabeth K. (friend of Sue Nelson)  
Karen Aungst (friend of Debbie Woodard)  
Dinah Reid (niece of Constance and Henry Chapman)  
Tom Conway (brother of Mary VanHaute)  
Elaine Forestier (Emery Horvath's teacher)  
Dorothy and Otto Pollei, Jr. (parents of Doug Pollei)  
Heather Mackin (relative of the Plasketts)  
Irene Klein (mother of Charles Klein)  
Kaycee Fowler (friend of Trish Kitchel)  
Helen Whitson (mother of Robin Klein)  
Missy Martin (sister-in-law of Suzanne Bryant)  
Carrie Leone (niece of the Walthours)  
Anita Hans (friend of Sue Nelson)

**FOR THOSE WHO SERVE (Family and friends of):**

Alexis Grzegorzcyk (friend of Carol Czajkowski - USAF)  
Mitch Shellenberger  
Tierney Froelich  
Rodney Mobley (son of the Nizers - Police Officer)  
Andy Bloch (son-in-law of Shirley Polak - Homeland Security)  
Steven Plaskett (grandson of the Plasketts - US Air Force Academy)  
Luke Ballesteros (friend of Robin Jo Bower Miller and David Miller - in Germany)  
Zoe Lekakis (granddaughter of the Nizers - Marines)  
Joel Elliott (stepson of Carolyn Elliott - in Germany)  
Michael Christenson (friend of Arnie Dano - U.S. Navy)  
Greg Burnham (son-in-law of the Nizers—US Navy)  
Kori Smeiska (friend of Carol Czajkowski - K. C. Police Officer)  
Calvin Jensen (friend of Carol Czajkowski - US Navy)  
Sam Palmer (family of the Horvaths)  
Andrew Amstutz (friend of the Langenbacks - US Navy)

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## Serving The Community of Faith

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**Assisting Minister:** Steve Miller  
**Ushers** Jay and Laurie Reed  
**Offering Bearers:** Max Mitzlaff and Max Krynski  
**Acolyte:** Connor Jensen  
**Lector:** Emery Horvath  
**Communion Assistants:** Robin Bower-Miller and Horst Kayser  
**Bread Baker:** Mary VanHaute

**Altar Guild:** Janice Froelich, Diane Salmon and Connie Feig.

### Given to the Glory of God:

**Presence candle** is in memory of George Walsh by Carolyn Elliott.  
**Thanks to** James Harry for helping to provide refreshments today.

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## This Week at St. Mark

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**Sunday** 9:30 am **Worship**  
March 18 10:45 am **Refreshments**  
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**

**Monday** 7:00 pm Al-Anon  
8:00 pm Ala-Teen Meeting

**Wednesday** 5:30 pm **Soup Supper**  
6:30 pm **Lenten Worship - Prayer around the Cross**

**Thursday** 6:00 pm AA  
7:00 pm Al-Anon

**Sunday** 9:30 am **Worship**  
March 25 10:45 am **Refreshments**  
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**

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Readings for next Sunday — **Palm (Passion) Sunday**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

## Our Statement of Welcome

St. Mark is a spiritual community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live.

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, faiths, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join in community to honor God and be of service to people. We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and by the grace of God is called a “child of God.”

St. Mark is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



*The Rev. Katy A. H. Fast, Pastor*  
*Cheryl Burton, Music Director and Cantor*  
*Willie Hobbs, Office Administrator*  
*Jim Boyter & Beverly Entwisle, Property Stewards*  
*Regina Hickey, Bookkeeper*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am until 3:00 pm

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