Birthdays: Ralph Noble, Charlie Hawkins, Ann Cotnam, Ellen Anthony, Kate Southerland
Anniversaries: None
Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen, Chrissy and Thomas.
Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksdalton.org
St. Mark's Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer request, you may contact Cathy Houser 706-624-8913, or 404-219-8139; housermc@aol.com

This Sunday at St. Mark's
Nov. 8, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Early Adult Sunday School
9:45am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Veterans Brunch between services
Noon Children's Choir meets
6pm Royal Oaks

Every Monday
6-8pm GriefShare
Every Tuesday
6:15pm Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday
Handbells 5:15pm
Chancel Choir 7:30pm
Every Thursday
Bible Study - 6:00 pm Library
Al-Anon - 7:00 pm Parish Hall

A Look Ahead *Subject to Change*

Nov 9 10am Quilting for Others
Nov 9 12pm Children's Church meeting
Nov 9 6pm Last Griefshare Class
Nov 10 4pm Prayer Shawl meets
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 12 10am Royal Oaks
Nov 15 Noon Pastry & Packing Blessing Boxes
Nov 16 Noon Worship Meeting
Nov 16 1pm COHi Meeting
Nov 17 6pm Vestry
Nov 20 Blessing Boxes- Perishables packed
Nov 21 1pm Tomas Vaquera Memorial, reception @ 12noon
Nov 22 12 Noon Children's Choir meets
Nov 22 Christmas Memorial Donations begin
Nov 23 10am Quilting for Others

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9am - 2pm

Rector	The Rev. Rick Tiff
Music Director & Organist	Beth Nichols
Eucharistic 8:00AM Ministers 10:30AM	Debora Buckner Mike Renfroe, Tim Hawkins
Lector OT Lector NT	Ralph Noble Beth Pulliam
Prayer Leader	Wes Phinney
Verger	Scott Hamlin
Acolytes	Gregory Washington, Andrea Hamlin, Matt Allred
Flower Guild	Tinsley Patterson
Altar Guild	Martha Minor, Marilyn Lance
Linen Guild	Kelly Harrell
Ushers 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Marilyn Lance Ty Ross, Tom Minor
Oblation Bearers	Ross Family
Vestry of the Day	Nancy Nelson
Welcome Cart	Chris Stanley, Billy Koger
Video	Jerrid Thompson

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM

We begin the service in silence.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation **BCP p.** 323

The Collect for Purity **BCP p.** 323

The Gloria **BCP p.** 324

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen..

The First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a. 14-25

The Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7 **BCP p.** 694

(Please stand and read responsively, by half verse)

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon **The Rev. Rick Tiff**

The Nicene Creed **BCP p.** 327

The Prayers of the People **BCP p.** 328

Confession of Sin **BCP p.** 331

The Peace **BCP p.** 332

Holy Communion

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer I **BCP p.** 333

Sanctus **BCP p.** 334

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Welcome to St. Mark's Church

We are glad you have come to worship here this morning.
Please join us in prayerful meditation before the service.
We ask that you turn off cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.
Hymns and Service Music (e.g. S280) may be found in The Hymnal 1982
WLP Hymns may be found in the green hymnal.

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM

Prelude Morning Hymn — James Pethel

Processional Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates — *Truro*

Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Collect for Purity **BCP p.** 355

The Gloria WLP 900 *John Rutter*

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many."Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.



The Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7 **BCP p. 694**

(All Stand and Sing)

[1] Hear my teaching, O my / people; *
incline your ears to the words of my / mouth.
[2] I will open my mouth in a / parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient / times.
[3] That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / told us, *
we will not hide from their / children.
[4] We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has / done.
[5] He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for / Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their / children;
[6] That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un / born; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their / children;

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[7] So that they might put their trust in / God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his com / mandments;

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sequence Hymn 526 Let saints on earth in concert sing *Dundee*

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon **The Rev. Rick Tiff**

The Nicene Creed **BCP p.** 358

Prayers of the People Form I **BCP p.** 383

The Confession **BCP p.** 360

The Peace

Parish Notices

Hymn 579 Almighty Father, Strong to save *Melita*
(Please join and sing, in honor of all veterans)

The Holy Communion

Offertory At the River *arr. Aaron Copland*
Soloist, Barry Pulliam

Presentation Hymn 390 (v. 1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP p.** 367

Sanctus S128 Holy, holy, holy Lord *William Mathias*

The Lord’s Prayer **BCP p.** 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction S155 *Gerald R. Near*

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord. If you would like to participate in the traditional Common Cup, or through intinction, please join the line at the communion rail. To receive a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest. If you desire communion brought to you in the pew, please let an usher know

Communion Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

Post Communion Prayer **BCP p.** 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

The Dismissal

Postlude Let us walk with Jesus *Richard Hillert*

The flowers are donated by Cookie & Tami Cook to the Glory of God and in celebration of our Anniversary

Intercessions Prayer List

***Parishioners**

*William Brammer
*Tommy Brooks
*Arden Brown
*Jon Burchfield
*Ken Culverson
*Evie Fincher
*Greg Fincher
* Rob Gouffon
*Judy Hall
*Donna Huoppi
*John Hutcheson
*Sarah Jenkins
*John Kenemer
*Cindy Latour
*Jim Sneary
*Judy Schwenn
*Toni Thompson

Extended Community

David Blackburn family
Edith Cook
Ty Coppinger
Rita Hammontree
Rusty Harrison
Clyde Johnson
Mari Jones
Monique Lenoir
Francisa Loredo
Chris Maynard
Muschamp family
Jim Unger
John Wall
Alan Weeks
Gordan

We are called as a community to pray with and for one another, and we invite you to submit requests for our parish prayer list. In order to keep the list up-to-date and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, we will print names for one month, unless otherwise requested. If you would like for someone to remain on the prayer list for more (or less) than one month, please call the Church Office or email admin@stmarksdalton.org

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