

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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"We come together at St. Mark's to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world."

Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

(Senior Pastor)

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Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling

Baltimore/Washington Conference

Rev. Sarah Schlieckert

District Superintendent

for the Southern Annapolis Region

Worship Service 10:00 AM

All are welcome!

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Worship Leader: Brother Brandon Green

Prelude..... Brothers Michael Turner & Michael Wallace

Lighting of the Candles..... Brother Michael Carey

Processional..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

Greeting Brother Brandon Green

**Opening Hymn..... "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"
African American Hymnal..... pg. 545**

Prayer..... Brother Thomas Matthews

Call to Worship..... Brother Brandon Green

Leader: Repent and return to the Lord!

People: Repent? Wait...what did I do?

Leader: Repent and return to the Lord

People: Return? Wait...where did I go?

Leader: Repent and return to the Lord!

People: Lord? Wait...is that you?

Leader: Beloved, I am calling you home to me.

All: Lord, I am on my way.

Selection..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

Passing of the Peace of Christ

As we have been restored through faith and made whole by the grace of God, let us offer signs of peace to our family of faith.

Acknowledgment of Visitors /

Announcements..... Sister Tina Thomas Matthews

VSSU Prince George's County (MD)

Chapter President.....Vanecia Davis

Pastor's Moment..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Selection..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

Offering Prayer..... Brother Brandon Green

Offering

Offertory..... ALL **(Please Stand)**

Scriptures..... Sister Erica Roy

Old Testament – Psalm 95

*New Testament – John 4:5-42 NKJ **(Please Stand)***

Sermonic Hymn St. Mark's Mass Choir

Sermon..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Invitation / Altar Call..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Invitational Selection..... St. Mark's Mass Choir

Recessional / Closing Hymn..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.
St. Mark's Mass Choir

Extinguishing of Candles..... Brother Michael Carey

Benediction..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Pray Daily at Noon



Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.

Tuesday (6:00 p.m.) — **Women's Roundtable**. Led by Minister Nena Hughes. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81636690166?pwd=ND8RYcSgUrBxg5e1laNwVV21Ms2B11.1;>
Meeting ID: 816 3669 0166; Passcode: 002740

Wednesday (7:15 p.m.) — **Wednesday Night Experience**. This is our weekly Bible Study based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room. Call in #267.807.9611; Access Code: 331960#.

Thursday – **St. Mark's Women's Choir** (6:30 p.m.) **Choir Rehearsal**.

EVERY SUNDAY, we kindly invite you to bring the children to church to attend Sunday School. Please see Sis. Courtney West Armstrong.

BAPTISM, if you have a desire to be baptized or have a rededication Baptism, please see Rev. Smith or any minister on the Ministerial Staff. Online viewers, please email or contact the church as soon as possible.

Parents and Guardians of Youth Ushers, please notify Ms. Gemma DeSouza (301-693-4494) when your child is not able to attend on the 4th Sunday. Also, youth ushers are needed. Please contact Sister DaSouza for additional details

Attention: Finance is seeking new counters.

Donations Needed: The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center needs men and women **winter clothing and boots, coats, scarves, hats, gloves and blankets**. To make the above donations in **red**, you will need to make an appointment to drop off (204 Fort Meade Road, Laurel) by calling 301.974.3010 or visiting the website at info@laurelmsc.org. For additional giving, checkout an Amazon Wish List by scanning this barcode



Note from Finance: First, we would like to extend a big thank you to all who have been giving. This is a reminder that there are several ways to get your offering to the church:

1. You can drop it off at the church and place it in the church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarkslmd>)

4. [Scan the barcode](#)



Again, thank you. Just remember the church building still has obligations that need to be met.

Volunteers Needed

Six to eight women are needed to join the **Communion Steward's** ministry. Please see Sister Zsa Zsa Hill or Rev. Smith.

We need new Trustee members. Please see Bro. Thomas Matthews or Rev. Smith.

St. Mark's UMC



We Welcome the Prince George's County Chapter of the Virginia State University Alumni Association!

VSUAA PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (MD) CHAPTER

Come Worship with us for

VSU
VIRGINIA STATE
VSU

FOUNDER'S
Day
Celebration

SUNDAY
MARCH 8, 2026
@ 10:00am

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
of Laurel Maryland
601 8th Street
Laurel, MD 20708
Rev. Walter Smith Jr.

Announcements



FOWLER UM CHURCH PRESENTS

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LAST WORDS

OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY APR 3RD / 12 NOON | HOSTED BY: **REV. DR. JAMES GORDON, PASTOR**

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | SERVICE STARTS AT 12NOON

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



REV. LESLEY
NEWMAN-ADAMS
ST. MATTHEWS UMC
SHADYSIDE, MD



PASTOR GLENTON D. QUEEN
FIRST CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANNAPOLIS, MD



REV. WALTER
SMITH, JR.
ST. MARKS UMC
LAUREL, MD



REV. GAY
GREEN-CARDEN
ASBURY UMC-JESSUP
JESSUP, MD



REV. HARRY
SMITH
HALL UMC
GLEN BURNE, MD



REV. DR.
ANTHONY YOUNG
MOUNT OLIVE A.M.E. CHURCH
ANNAPOLIS, MD



BISHOP CRAIG N.
COATES
FRESH START CHURCH
ANNAPOLIS, MD



MINISTRY IN MUSIC BY
BRET LANE & THE CELEBRATION CHOIR

MEET US AT: 816 BESTGATE RD., ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONTACT: SIS VANESSA BUTLER PH#: 443-995-7062



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STREAMING



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April

PRICE

INCLUDES: SHOW
TRANSPORTATION & LUNCH

CHILDREN AGES 2-12: \$104.00
ADULTS 13 & UP: \$159.00

PAYMENT IS DUE 30 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT

LIVE ON STAGE

JOSHUA

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER
LANCASTER, PA
(800) 377-1277

DEPARTURE:
7:45 AM
8791 SNOWDEN
RIVER PARKWAY
COLUMBIA, MD
21045

**LUNCH
LOCATION:**
TO BE
ANNOUNCED

CONTACT:
PAM GRANT
EVANS
301-613-0890
RONITA
MATTOCKS
443-718-1045



*“Proclaiming Christ to the generations...
Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List: If you hear of anyone who needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact:

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William (Dip) Hebron, Jerry Reeves, Francis DeSouza, Quincy Jacob, Tyrone Awkward II, Molone Adams, All branches of the Military, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Mason, Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Keith Davis, Judith James, Joseph Ballard, Robert (Bobby) Marshall, Oscar Johnson, Harold (Bubby) Awkward, Jr., Tyrone Awkward, William (Jimmy) Scott, Charles Gregg, Janet Carey, Lafayette and Elaine Harvey, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Naomi Williams, Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Eric Smith, Gloria Thomas, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk, Larry Powell, Wanda Latney, Justin Carter and Family, Pierre Jones (Brenda Jackson’s grandson)

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