St. Margaret's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bringing the Good News

You are Loved

There is Hope

You are Not Alone

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are altogether new to the faith, looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to worship today, please know that you are welcome at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Please do help us begin to get to know you by filling out the Visitor form on our website (scan this QR code), or you may ask an usher for a paper copy.

St. Margaret's Visitor's Card

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for All Ages
10:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Election Day Polling Station
7:30 a.m. Bible & Breakfast on Zoom
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center
6:00 p.m. Book Study & Compline

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Blood Drive

WORSHIP

Regular Sunday Schedule

8 a.m. Quiet Holy Communion
9 a.m. Multi-generational & fully inclusive of children
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with organ and choir

Thursdays

6:00 p.m. Book Study & Compline

Today's undesignated offerings go to the Clergy's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. Please be generous.

St. Margaret's Weekly e-newsletter

Scan this QR code to learn more about what's happening at St. Margaret's.

LEARN

BOOK CLUB READS *HOW WE LEARN TO BE BRAVE*

Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:00pm, December 1 – January 19 (off Dec. 29), Parish Hall
This Advent, St. Margaret's Book Club will explore *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Mariann Budde, the Bishop of Washington. Within, Bishop Budde will account her own struggle to be brave, teaching readers that being brave is not a singular occurrence but a journey we can choose to undertake every day as we encounter life's pivot points where we're called to push past our fears to act with strength. Weaving together personal experiences with stories from scripture, history, and pop culture, Bishop Budde underscores both the universality of these decisive moments and the particular call each one of us must heed when they arrive. On December 1, come prepared to explore the introduction and first chapter. Purchase a copy using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR code on left-hand page) or from your preferred bookstore. Email mmiller@stmargaretschurch.org to request a free copy.

You can also join the book club virtually! Email mmiller@stmargaretschurch.org for the zoom link.

BELONG

ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL

The Arkansas House of Prayer will be open for silent prayer and meditation during polling hours on election day, and we invite you to join in prayer for our community and our nation. All are invited. Come anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. this Tuesday, November 3rd.

EPISCOPAL KIDS & YOUTH NEWS

Next Sunday, November 8
EKC, 2nd—5th grade, – Craft & Service Day: We'll be working on the Kids Banner to help us live further into our mission of Bringing the Good News. Kids will also have the service opportunity to write and draw Advent Greeting Cards for our homebound
EYC, 6th—12th grade, 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch – Icons & Crafting: An opportunity to experience and draw inspiration from the Icons in Transformation installation before making our own pieces to take home. Youth will also have the service opportunity to make Advent Greeting Cards for our homebound parishioners. Pizza & salad lunch provided.

SERVE

BACKPACK MINISTRY – THANKSGIVING/FALL BREAK COLLECTION

Thanksgiving Holiday/Fall Break for the 60 children in our Backpack Ministry begins on November 23 which means that we need to include some special food items that will better cover the week they are out of school when food insecurity is a greater challenge. We need your help with extra supplies to fill their bag. Sign-up using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR code on left-hand page) to bring specific items to include in the backpack or make a financial contribution (link can also be found in the e-newsletter) so our team can do the shopping for you.

Please start delivering your items on November 1. We need to have everything delivered no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11. We've designated the two tables in the hallway leading to the Parish Hall as a drop off space. Note that the peanut butter and applesauce should be in plastic jars only.

Check with Meredith Kemper (meredithsk@comcast.net) or (501) 912-5148 if you have questions. Thank you for your faithful support of these children!

FALL BLOOD DRIVE – THIS SATURDAY!!!

This Saturday, November 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., OBI (Our Blood Institute) will be at St. Margaret's. As the holiday season approaches, our personal schedules become hectic and blood donations often decline. Whatever your blood type, it is needed. There's no substitute for blood and your donation can mean the difference between life and death for someone in need. Also, invite your neighbors and friends to participate. This is our fourth year in a row that St Margaret's has provided an mobile donation opportunity for West Little Rock. Sign-up using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR code on left-hand page) to schedule your donation appointment and help us make a life-saving impact. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dee Sadler at deesadler07@gmail.com.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR 9:00 SERVICE

Thanks to growth in our 9:00 service, one Lay Eucharistic Minister each Sunday is no longer enough. Lay Eucharistic Ministers step to the altar at Communion to serve the chalice. By scheduling two LEMs each Sunday, we'll shorten the service and help everyone get to Sunday school on time. LEMs receive training and are generally asked to serve one Sunday per month. At the 9:00 service, LEMs do not need to wear special vestments. We are seeking 4 new LEMs for this service (and additional volunteers for the 8:00 and 11:00 service are also welcome!). If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lisa Yocum at lyocum@gmail.com.

The text of our worship comes from the *Book of Common Prayer*, where the service for Holy Eucharist, Rite II, begins on p. 355.

Hymns will be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.

When the text of this worship booklet is in bold, it is spoken or sung by all.

The Presider's posture (sitting, standing, or kneeling) may serve as a cue, but you are invited to participate as able and comfortable.

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THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: I sing a song of the saints of God Hymnal, 293

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day BCP p. 245

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us. Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

During the singing the children gather at the front for the reading of the Gospel and the Sermon.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I sing a song of the saints of God Hymnal, 293

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying:
"Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
"Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.
"Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.
"Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.
"Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.
"Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.
"Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.
"Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
"Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

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

GOSPEL RESPONSE: I sing a song of the saints of God Hymnal, 293

They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still,
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

THE SERMON

Please use this space to engage with the Lessons and Sermon by taking notes or doodling your prayers.

HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMIMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsor I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsor I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with this person who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues with the prayer

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Join us in prayer for those in our community throughout the week. You can find the St. Margaret's prayer list here:

St. Margaret's Prayer List

To add someone to the prayer list fill out a request form on our website at stmargaretschurch.org/worship/request-prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
The People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Birthdays and Anniversaries

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support St. Margaret's ministries and empower our service to the community.

Offerings of non-perishable food for the Backpack ministry may be placed in the basket on the left hand side of the sanctuary entrance, under the usher's table.

During the offertory, you may place your offering in the alms basin, or make an electronic gift by texting STMARGARETS to 72356. Alternatively, scan this QR code to take you to the online giving form. Thank you for your offering!

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: Taste and see *James E. Moore, Jr.*

Refrain **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.
Verses sung by Cantor

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP p. 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.**

Then the Celebrant proceeds
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 said

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.

The Celebrant continues
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;

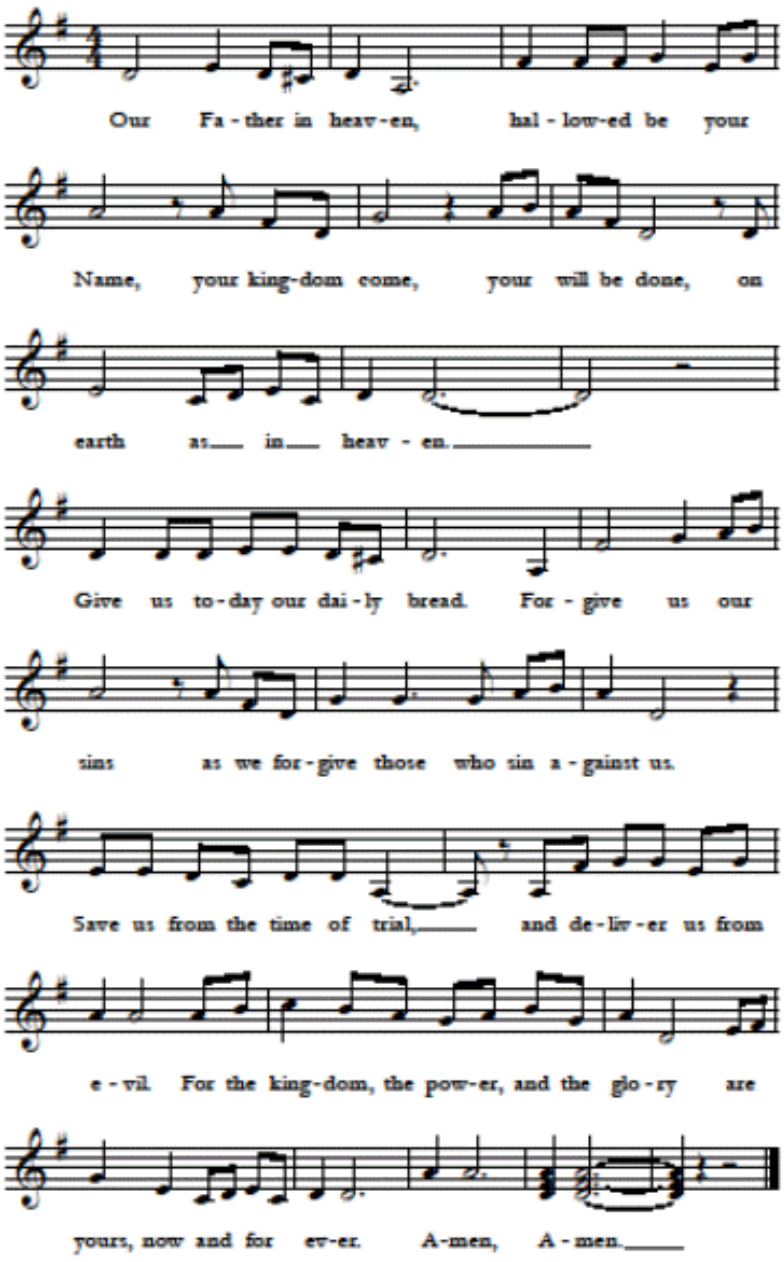
The Celebrant continues

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 Margaret 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



All are invited to receive Communion, or to come forward for a blessing.

To receive the sacrament, come forward to the rail, kneel or stand as you prefer, and extend your hands to receive the bread. Ask the priest at the rail if you need a gluten-free wafer.

To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a prayer.

For those who find it easier to remain in your seat, please signal an usher, and communion will be brought to you.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 365

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

THE CLOSING HYMN: Oh, when the saints go marching in

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in. *(sung twice)*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ST. MARGARET'S PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

FOR ST. MARGARET'S MINISTRIES
Little Free Food Pantry

FOR OUR SEMINARIAN
Heidi Sohl

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
02 Theo Turriff
03 Kristi Greene
07 Woody Anderson

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY
06 Robert Smith & Yvonne Greene

FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD
Zach & Natalee Nelson
Thomas Alexander & Lillian Hardaway
Sean & Brooke Alexander

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
John Brayman

FOR TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS
Given by Corinne McKay in thanksgiving for Josie & Finn McKay on their baptismal anniversaries.

FOR THE CHURCH
Sean Rowe
our Presiding Bishop;
John Harmon,
our Diocesan Bishop;
Mary Vano,
our Rector;
Michaelene Miller,
our Associate Rector;
Deb Cooper,
our Deacon;
All Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Arkansas
St. Francis House and its ministries
Camp Mitchell

FOR THOSE IN NEED
Judy Bethea
Mike Black
Blake
Jim Bradberry
Jay Bruno
Catherine Wood Burton
Mary Burton
Glen Cavallo
Robbie Certain
Cherece & Chris
Carol Curtis
Charles Daniel
Rhonda Davis
Paul Dodd
Ed
Steve Foti
Gail
Ron Kirchner
Tom & Roberta Monson
Neville & family
Dale Orr
Harvey Owens
Valerie Smith
Connor Spriggs
Matthew Thornton
Paul Thornton
Martin Walter
Whitney

FOR OUR CHURCH STAFF
Kris Alexander
Director of Children's Ministries & the Early Childhood Center
Elizabeth Connery
Lay Minister to Newcomers & Business Administrator
Colby Dillion
Lay Minister for Evangelism
Amy House
Lay Minister of Technology
Jamie Joheim
Music Director
Katherine Strother
Assistant to the Rector

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Celebrant	The Rev. Michaelene Miller
Preacher	The Rev. Mary Vano
Music Director	Jamie Joheim
Acolytes	*Crucifer* – Colby Dillion
	Torch Bearers – Ada Dillion & Rory Sullivan
Altar Guild	John Adams
LEM	Matt Stewart
Lector	
Ushers	Gary & Susan Higgins
Greeters	Joyce Williams Warren & Mary Willmuth
Communion Bread	Julia Acuna
Altar Flowers	Patricia Donnelly & Joan Gill
LEV	Mary Waldo

If you're interested in serving in worship in one of these roles, email admin@stmargaretschurch.org to get connected.

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