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 St. Margaret of Scotland

November 15, 2026 @ 10:00 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

11:30 a.m. St. Margaret's Day Thanksgiving Potluck

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center

TUESDAY

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

9:00 a.m. The Village

SATURDAY

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

St. Margaret's Weekly e-newsletter

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

BELONG

UPCOMING BISHOP'S VISIT – SIGN UP FOR CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, December 20th, Bishop John Harmon will make his annual visitation to St. Margaret's. The Bishop's visit offers a special opportunity for anyone who may wish to reaffirm their Baptismal Covenant, along with the prayers of the Bishop, by participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation, or by being Received into the Episcopal Church. If this opportunity interests you, please email the Rev. Mary Vano at mvano@stmargaretschurh.org by **December 1st.**

LEARN

FAITH AT HOME: ADVENT

There are a number of Advent resources – information on St. Nicholas' Feast Day, a booklet of ideas for faith at home activities, devotionals, calendars, wreath prayers – for children, teens, families, and adults on the hallway table outside of the Sanctuary. Please explore and take these with you to develop your faith at home. Feel free to pick up extra copies to share with a friend as well. See the newsletter for additional ways to explore the season of Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 29th and prepares us for the coming of Christ.

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.

SERVE

YOUR 2027 PLEDGE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Vestry is actively working on the 2027 budget, with hopes that additional pledges and increased giving will help us meet some of our goals. Thanks to generous and ongoing giving to the capital campaign, we anticipate that our construction loan will be paid off within the next year! This is exciting news because it means we have already reduced the interest payments we have been making, and we'll have more room in the budget to invest in ministry. Where there is room for growth, priorities include adding a youth minister to support our growing youth community, and pay raises to support our hard-working staff. Every pledge received makes a difference, and we are grateful to all who will give to support these needs! If you haven't made your pledge yet there is still time!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ART DE-INSTALLATION

The Icons in Transformation exhibit will be packed up and transferred to its next exhibit at St. Paul's in Fayetteville. Volunteers are needed starting Monday, November 30, and each day through Saturday, December 5th. Artist Ludmila Pawlowska and her husband Jan Lech will be with us to guide our efforts. We need your help, so please sign up to volunteer when you can using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR code on left-hand page) or on the sheet in the hallway by the stairs. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

St. Margaret's is once again supporting some of the children in our backpack program this Christmas with gifts from an Angel Tree. We are asking for a pair of shoes, pack of socks and a toy. Each child has information to aid in the gift purchase. There will be angel tags on a tree in the hallway to the sanctuary with a child's name and wish list. Take an angel from the tree, put your name on the list next to the number of the angel you have chosen and place an angel ornament on the tree in its place. The counselors need to be able to see our gifts, so please do not wrap them.

****All items must be delivered to the church by Sunday, December 13th**. Please include your name with the gifts to assist us with matching the sign up.

If you prefer to let one of our volunteers do the shopping for you, you can make a financial donation using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR on left-hand page.) Please indicate "Angel Tree" in the memo line. Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter for these children!

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.

This service is livestreamed and recorded on St. Margaret's YouTube Channel, as we welcome those who are unable to join us in person. The camera is in the back of the room and focuses primarily on the altar, pulpit, and lectern. Members of the congregation may appear on video.

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THE FEAST OF SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 10:00 A.M.

VOLUNTARY

WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN

St. Margaret's Hymn



Words: Jason Saugey, Claire Carothers,and Mark Magie
Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355

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

THE SONG OF PRAISE: S-277, *Gloria in excelsi* *David Hurd*

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.

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. 236

THE FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 31:10-20

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

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

PSALM 139:10-17 *Read responsively by whole verse*

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 **Darkness is not dark to you;**
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 **I will thank you because I am marvelously made;**
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;**
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

17 **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;**
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 John 1:1-9

The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not only I but also all who know the truth, because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us for ever: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love. I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another. And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment just as you have heard it from the beginning - you must walk in it. Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist! Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: Seek ye first the kingdom of God Hymnal, 711

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-46

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

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

THE SERMON

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

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 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 Scriptures; 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.

A LITANY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Presider Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.

Intercessor Because of our faith in You, O Lord…
All **…we acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.**

Intercessor Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives…
All **...by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.**

Intercessor Help us, Lord to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek…
All **…and that You, alone, can provide.**

Intercessor Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts…
All **…by sharing them for Your purposes.**

Intercessor Help us make Your priorities…
All **…our priorities.**

Intercessor Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ…
All **…to put our faith into action.**

Intercessor As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us…
All **…Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need.**

Intercessor Help us plan…
All **…how to share the talents with which we have been blessed.**

Intercessor Help us plan…
All **…how to share our treasure to do Your work.**

Intercessor Help us plan…
All **… to serve our church, our community, and our world with Your Gifts.**

Intercessor We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love…
All **…and in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.**

Intercessor As we give proportionately…
All **…help us to put our trust, security and faith in You.**

Intercessor As good Christian Stewards,
All **may we come into the joy of our Maker. Amen.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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.

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.

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Shine On Us *Smith/ Harlan*

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 PRESENTATION HYMN: Come down, O Love divine Hymnal, 516

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 Sanctus, *David Hurd* Hymnal, S-124

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei, *David Hurd* Hymnal, S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMN: I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal, 490

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. Notify 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 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: God of grace and God of glory Hymnal, 594

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

ST. MARGARET'S PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2026

FOR ST. MARGARET'S MINISTRIES
Manna Bags

FOR OUR SEMINARIAN
Heidi Sohl

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
16 Kitty Stokes
16 Susy Rogers
17 Scott Smith
17 Ver McKay
18 Asher Karasek
21 Scott Davis

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
Mike Black
Kat Black's father
Charles Daniel
Nancy Zink's father

FOR TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS
Given by Jim & Cynda Ramsay.

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
John Allison
Judy Bethea
Blake
Jim Bradberry
Catherine Wood Burton
Mary Burton
Cherece & Chris
Rhonda Davis
Ed
Steve Foti
Ron Kirchner
Tom & Roberta Monson
Neville & family
Dale Orr
Harvey Owens
Valerie Smith
Connor Spriggs
Barry Thomason & family
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* – Miles Morshedi
	Torch Bearers – Margaret Adams & Rory Sullivan
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson & Nancy Vano
LEMs	Annette Magie & Bala Simon
Lectors	*1st Lesson & Psalm* – Jamie Joheim
	2nd Lesson & Intercessions – Rick Keech
Ushers	Michael Bordelon & Melissa Dillion
Greeters	Anna Morshedi & Mary Willmuth
Communion Bread	Jan Thames
Hosted Hospitality	St. Virginia Chapter of the DoK
Camera Operator	Amy House
Altar Flowers	Mary DeLoney Logan
LEV	Eve Berry

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

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