

Heaven and Nature Sing!

300 Years of

JOY

to the World

December 1: Advent 1 "PREPARE—HOPEFUL JOY"

December 8: ADVENT 2 "Repeat the Sounding Joy—Loving Joy"

TODAY: Advent 3 Unabashed Joy"

Choir Cantata

Messiah: Heaven & Glory

December 22: Advent 4

"Make the Nations Prove—Peaceful Joy"

December 24: Christmas Eve

"The Lord is Come—Incarnate Joy"

Candlelight Services

6:30 Family Service

11:00 Festival of Lessons & Carols

December 29: First Sunday of Christmas

"Wonders of God's Love—Compassionate Joy"



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 15, 2019, 9:30 am

WORSHIP—UNABASHED JOY

CENTERING

PRELUDE

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Chris Beiser

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Dichtl Family

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you provide the source of our joy.
It runs deep and wide underneath all of life.
When we are tempted to depend on others for happiness,
draw us back to you,
for you are the Light that shines for us always.
Help us to shine that light from within us through our own
Unabashed Joy.

**Let us make your blessings known in our hearts
this day.**

**Let us make your blessings known
in our church this day.**

**Let us make your blessings known
in the world this day...**

**in the name of Joy.
Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vv. 1, 6, & 7

UMH 211

WELCOME

PEACE

RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING

Consultation Task Force Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD IN SONG

MESSIAH HEAVEN'S GLORY

Arranged by Russell Mauldin
St. Mark's UMC Chancel Choir

Angels From the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)
Sing Noel Medley, *w/Sing We Now of Christmas,*
For Unto Us a Child is Born, *and* Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Messiah, *w/O* Come Let Us Adore Him, Hannah Hensler, solo
Silent Night

He Shall Reign Forevermore - Gavin Grathwohl, soloist
God With Us, *w/Silent Night and* The First Noel
What A Beautiful Name
Joy To The World! (Emmanuel)

The Hallelujah Chorus

Chris Beiser	Director of Music
Sue Combs	Piano / Choir Accompanist
Sherry Randall	Violin
Samantha Coning	Violin
Erica Arnold	Viola
Erin Price	Cello
Pamela Jackson	Flute
Bob Browning	Trumpet
Josh Goodman	Horn
Mark Hensler	Tuba
Joe Klein	Percussion

Narrator	Eric Leyrer
Sound	Rick Kiefer, Jerry Hartwig

Long ago, a Baby was born in Bethlehem that would change the world. He came as our Messiah to redeem and deliver us. Messiah Heaven's Glory celebrates the coming Messiah with a wonderful retelling of the Christmas story. Combining selections from Handel's Messiah, Christmas carols, and contemporary worship songs, our hope is this morning your heart is filled with joy as you worship the newborn King, born to save us all.

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Messiah Heaven's Glory is dedicated to the memory of Gary Weaver. Gary was a longtime member of the Chancel Choir, and also The Marksmen. Gary organized many "Gospel Sings" for our church. Gary wrote many songs that the choir and congregation have sung, including the Benediction "Take Jesus With You".

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You"

**When you leave this place, take Jesus with you,
Share His love with others every day.
Share His promises and all the hope it gives you.
Share His joy with those you meet along the way.
Use the strength He gives in pain or sorrow.
Learn to forgive as He forgives your sins.
In your quiet time give thanks in prayer and praise His
holy name.
And He will bless you,
And He will keep you,
Until we meet you here again.**

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY: 6-7:30 pm.

Questions, see or call Erin Theodor (748-1085).

RUTH CIRCLE CHRISTMAS MEETING:

Friday, December 20 at Noon. This will be a covered dish luncheon.

Bring a \$1.00 Grab bag gift. All women are invited to attend.

Any questions, see or call Pam Guynes (779-9162) or Charlene Miller (844-6793).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

6:30 pm Family service

11:00 pm Traditional service with Carols, Candlelight and Communion.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART:

The 2020 Altar Flower chart is now available for you to get flowers in memory or honor of someone. The price for one Altar vase is \$14.50. You may take the flowers home after the service. Flower inserts should be left in the kitchen.

UPPER ROOMS: The January/February Upper Rooms are available in the Narthex Literature rack and on the hall table by the Sanctuary. Feel free to take one home for your devotional reading.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS need to be submitted to the office by Wednesday each week. Send to b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
9:30 am Worship Celebration
6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party

MONDAY

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)
7:00 pm Advent Study (Heritage Rm.)

TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
6:00 pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)

FRIDAY

- 12:00 pm Ruth Circle (F. Hall)

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
9:30 am Worship Celebration

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Questions for Prayer Time

Third Sunday in Advent—Unabashed Joy

*How can we personally tap into the strength of ever-present, God-given joy, especially in the midst of difficulty?
How are we contributing to the oppression of others?
What are we doing to bring healing in our community?*

Requests from 12/8 and this past week:

Mark Hensler's younger brother, Dan, that the doctors find the best treatment for him.

Sympathy to Mary Jane & family of Olson's. Don passed away December 4th.

Cousin, Michelle, recently diagnosed with Breast cancer.

Linda Prohaska's nephew on his 2nd round of chemo for Brain cancer.

Arlene, friend, dealing with cancer.

Sue Beckett's nephew passed away Mon. after having Triple By-pass.

Hospital or Re-Hab

Max Stover - Tri-County Extended Care.

Eleanor McCollum - Home

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning, Triplecreek

Virginia Shaw

Nancy Miracle

Dale Shreve, Birchwood, Rm. 201

Sue Webster

Betsy Jones

Joys / Concerns *(listed in the order received, and kept for four weeks unless*

Freida's niece's triplets 11/17

Riley Hughes 11/24

Wes Flannery 11/24

Louise Watkins, 11/24

Joys & Blessing for new grandson for

Sue & Larry Miller 11/24

Lori Palmieri 12/1

Kym Nguyen 12/1

Continuing Prayers ,

*(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office
(b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818) with any updates.)*

All service Men & Women
Country

United Methodist Church
Prayer & Bible St. Groups

Merianne Cardas

Dick Brewer

Kristy Theiss

Sandy Ronningen

Jean Stivers

Nancy Bumpus

Jack Cook

Mitch Thomas

Bryon Jones

Charlene Pullem

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Brenda Smoot
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
Organist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Youth Director	Erin Theodor
Nursery Director	Lauren Dichtl
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Mark Hensler
Head Usher	Steve Nguyen
Usher	Dave & Cindy Booker
	Bill & Lynne Schumacker
Greeter	Russ Carr
Prayer Room	Julie Mislansky

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

- ... are given in celebration of the 67th Wedding Anniversary of Bud & Shirley Aydlett.
- ... are given in memory of Bill Summers by the Dichtl's.

ATTENDANCE: 12/8 - 139

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