



*Christmas Eve*

*Festival of  
Lessons & Carols*

*St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
11:00 p.m.*

PRELUDE “How Far Is It to Bethlehem” Mark Hensler, euphonium

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Joe

\*CAROL “O Come, All Ye Faithful” vv. 1,2,3,6 UMH 234

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Luken Family

PRAYER

Holy God, we give you thanks that you became Joy-Made-Flesh in Jesus Christ  
so that your hope, love, joy and peace  
could be multiplied in all of heaven and earth.

Help us to remember that this is our true nature,  
and that simply being the humans you have created us to be—  
including our moments of struggle and sadness—  
is what you want us to do fully, hopefully, lovingly, unabashedly, peacefully.

Together we proclaim that

**The Lord has come to our hearts this day.**

**The Lord has come to our church this day.**

**The Lord has come to the world this day!**

**Amen.**

WELCOME / PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory “Away in the Manger” Mark Hensler, euphonium

\*Doxology (*to the tune of “O Christmas Tree”*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation**

**Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration**

\*Prayer of Dedication

FIRST LESSON **Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19** Pastor Joe

*God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve’s punishment  
for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent’s head.*

Hymn “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” v. 1 UMH 196

Solo “Special Delivery” Chris Beiser

SECOND LESSON **Genesis 22:15-18** Kayla Goodman

*God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations  
of the earth will obtain blessing.*

Duet “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” Hannah and Maddie Hensler

THIRD LESSON	<b>Isaiah 9:2, 6-7</b>	Wes Flannery
	<i>The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.</i>	
Carol	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” vv. 1&2	UMH 216
FOURTH LESSON	<b>Micah 5:2-5a</b>	Suzan Stracke
	<i>The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God’s creation.</i>	
Choral Anthem	“Messiah” with “O Come Let Us Adore Him” Hannah Hensler, solo	
FIFTH LESSON	<b>Luke 1:26-35,38</b>	Joey Specht
	<i>The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God’s promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.</i>	
Solo	“Mary Did You Know”	Sam Downs
SIXTH LESSON	<b>Luke 2:1-7</b>	Peggy Smith
	<i>Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.</i>	
Solo	“Go Tell It On the Mountain”	Kayla Goodman
SEVENTH LESSON	<b>Luke 2:8-16</b>	Brenda Smoot
	<i>The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.</i>	
Carol	“Angels from the Realms of Glory” vv. 1&2	UMH 220
EIGHTH LESSON	<b>Matthew 2:1-11</b>	Bob Hamp
	<i>The wise men follow the star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.</i>	
Carol	“What Child Is This” vv. 1&3	UMH 219
HOLY COMMUNION		
	Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. The table is open to All.	
	Please join in singing carols. Words will be projected.	
	Prayer after Communion	
Solo	“O Holy Night” <i>Lights are Dimmed</i>	Chris Beiser
*NINTH LESSON	<b>John 1:1-14</b>	Pastor Joe
	<i>John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.</i>	
*Carol in candlelight	“Silent Night, Holy Night”	UMH 239
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
*CLOSING CAROL	“Joy to the World”	UMH 246

(\*Stand in body or spirit)

## POINSETTIAS - 2019

- In memory of Lou Fassnacht, Lynda Combs and Naomi Rowland from Pat & Holly.  
In honor of the Stracke Family from Pat & Holly.  
In memory of Parents and Grandparents from the Zugelter and Booker Families.  
In memory of John and Norma Best from the Family.  
In memory of Elaine Jones from Byron Jones.  
In memory of husband, French Smoot from Brenda.  
In memory of our parents, Harold & Ruth Warren and George & Elizabeth Gering from Carol & Jeff Gering.  
In honor of our children, son-in-law's & grandson: Allison, Sam, Jordan, Stephanie, Mike & Christopher from Jeff & Carol Gering.  
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. O'Dair Duff from Betsy Jones.  
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Jones from Jim Jones.  
In memory of Craig & Florence Kennedy; Robert Schumacker from Bill & Lynne Schumacker.  
In memory of Donna Jean McClelland from Belinda & George Peters.  
In memory of Bob Janosik from wife, Carolyn & Family.  
In memory of Tom Janosik from mother, Carolyn & Family.  
In memory of Al Fenzel from Linda.  
In memory of our Parents from Mark & Jenni Hensler.  
In memory of Mark's Brothers from Mark & Jenni Hensler.  
In memory of Parents from Dick & Edith Davis.  
In memory of Carol Grammel from Bob Grammel & Tari Randall.  
In memory of my wife, Carol Jackson from Don Jackson.  
In memory of Jill & Connor Szul from Pastor Bob & Judy Klingel.  
In memory of Horace & Mary Logan from daughter, Gale.  
In memory of Vina & R. A. Myers from Shirley Grant

In memory of what we call our family group.

In memory of Joyce & Bob Roberts from Shirley Grant.

In memory of our Parents from Don & Marilyn Stewart.

In honor of our Children & Grandchildren from Marilyn & Don Stewart.

In memory of our Parents and in honor of our Children & Families from Shirley & Bud Aydlett.

In memory of husband, Eugene "Bo" Moore from Flo.

In memory of Goebel Family from Sis, Flo Moore.

In memory of those whom we have loved from The Bunties.

In honor of our Monday night Bible Study Group from Susan Bunte.

In memory of Herb Gross from Judy Gross & The Bunties.

In memory of David Robinson from His Family.

In memory of Lee Rumley from Kristy Theiss.

In memory of Kathryn & Ed Redmond from Susan Rumley.

In honor of Kristy, Brodie, Kaden & Kallie Theiss from Nana.

In memory of my Parents from Merianne Cardas.

In memory of Jerry Hughes from Family.

In memory of parents, Elmer & May Vornheder from Freida Hawkins.

In memory of my parents, Dick & Helen Moser from Debbie Bryant.

In memory of our parents, Jim & Eleanor Fitzpatrick and Don & Ruth Park from Mike & Kathy Fitzpatrick.

In honor of Charlotte, Mason, Reed, Maura and Phoebe from Mike & Kathy Fitzpatrick.

In memory of Lynda Combs from Suzan Stracke.

In memory of my mother, Karen Mason; Rick's father, Gary Marshall from Jennie & Rick Marshall.

In honor of our children & grandchildren; Sami (Josh), Jake (Camry), Morgan, Gunnar, Sophia & Millie from Jennie & Rick Marshall.

In memory of our grandparents; Ed & Ruby Kemp, Jewell Hoskins, Raymond Mason, Joe & Eleanor Marshall, Ignasius & Evelyn Kaczmarek from Jennie & Rick Marshall.

## ST. MARK'S OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**12/25 /2019 - 01/01/2020**

Church office closed - No regular church activities.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**SUNDAY, 12/29**

Worship at 9:30 - Dennis Mullen, preaching

**SUNDAY, 01/05**

Worship 9:30

Epiphany Sunday

Holy Communion



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Requests from 12/22 and this past week:

Charlene Pullem is still at Bethesda Butler in ICU recovering slowly.

Aunt & Uncle of Ruth Stanifer. Jack Gill in Ft. Hamilton with Pneumonia.

Flo Gill, in Mercy Hospital, scheduled for Open Heart surgery 12/24 for 3 heart blockages.

Debbie Thomas's Mom went home for Christmas. Sympathy and prayers to Debbie & Danny.

Weisman Family as their baby boy, Cruz, was born at 24 wks. and passed away.

Bill & Kerry Maston have Pneumonia. Prayer for Kerry as she has to have Chemo the rest of her life.

Shirley Aydlett has serious case of the Flu.

Russ Carr has the Flu.

**Joys / Concerns** (listed in the order received and kept for four weeks unless requested to remain on our "Continuing Prayer List").

Lori Palmieri 12/8 (Pat Coyle's daughter)

Dan Hensler 12/8

Olson Family 12/8

Cousin, Michelle 12/8

Friend, Arlene 12/8

Linda Prohaska's Nephew 12/9

### St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek

Virginia Shaw

Nancy Mirade

Sue Webster

Betsy Jones - Jamestown

Sandy Ronningen,

Chesterwood

Dale Shreve, Birchwood

### Continuing Prayers & Week of Special Prayer Requests

All Service Men & Women

Our Country UM Church

Prayer & Bible Study Groups

Merianne Cardas

Dick Brewer

Kristy Theiss

Jean Stivers

Mitch Thomas

Bryon Jones

### Hospital or Rehab

Max Stover - Tri-County Extended Care

Eleanor McCollum

# 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

Special Thanks to all who served as ushers, greeters,  
audio/visuals, and all who came to this special service.

**Merry Christmas!**



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