



 **ST. MARK'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 29, 2019, 9:30 am

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*You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.
Please stand as you are able.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

CENTERING

*Quiet your minds and hearts,
focusing on God's presence with anticipation.*

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

People: Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

People: Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled with the gifts of Christmas: Love, Hope, Peace, Joy!

All: Now we again sing the joyous carols of Christmas and witness to our Savior's birth.

*OPENING HYMN "Joy to the World" UMH 246

*OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Singing... "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:12-16

SERMON "New Year's Resolution" Denny Mullen

VIDEO "I'll Walk With God"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

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

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

"God of the Ages"

UMH 698

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNCH BUNCH: If you like to have a good time, meet people and eat - the Lunch Bunch would like to invite you to join them for lunch and socializing once a month at various restaurants around the area (we are always open to suggestions of places to eat too!). The Lunch Bunch is a group made up of 55 and older adults. We will be meeting at Berd's Grill & Bar, 500 Wessel Dr. in Fairfield on **Wednesday, January 15th at Noon**. Please see Bob or Carol Pittman or call 829-4548 for reservations by noon, Monday, January 13th.

RUTH CIRCLE: The January meeting of the Ruth Circle will be **Friday, January 17 at 1 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All Women of the church are invited to come and have fellowship. There will be refreshments and a short program. Please see or call Pam Guynes (779-9192) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have questions.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART: The 2020 Altar Flower chart is now available for you to get flowers in memory or honor of someone. The chart is on the wall next to the Narthex. 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. Put in Brenda's mailbox, by the church office, or 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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. Max Stover passed away Thurs. Dec. 26. Sympathy & love to Betty.

Hospital or Re-Hab

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 - Jamestown

Sandy Ronningen - Chesterwood

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

Lori Palmieri 12/1 (Pat Coyle's daughter) Cousin, Michelle 12/8

Dan Hensler 12/8

Friend, Arlene 12/8

Olson Family 12/8

Linda Prohaska's nephew 12/8

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

Dick Brewer
Kristy Theiss

Jean Stivers

United Methodist Church

Prayer & Bible St. Groups

Mitch Thomas

Merianne Cardas

Bryon Jones

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

Sermon	Denny Mullen
Liturgist	Sue Mullen
Head Usher	Steve Nguyen
Usher	Dave & Cindy Booker
	Bill & Lynne Schumacker
Greeter	Russ Carr

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

... are given to the Glory of God.

ATTENDANCE: 12/22 - 151
12/24 - 191

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