

Epiphany Sunday

FIT FOR A

King



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 5, 2020, 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

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

*OPENING HYMN "There's a Song in the Air" UMH 249

*OPENING PRAYER

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.

Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

WELCOME

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

AN ORDER OF THANKSGIVING FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

CHORAL ANTHEM

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"
Gavin Grathwohl, soloist

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Fit for a King"

Pastor Joe

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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Vs. 1 & 2 UMH 206

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE

Vs. 3 UMH 206

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: After worship, all who can are please asked to stay and help take down the decorations. It won't take long, if there are many hands helping. Thanks.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Starting on Monday, January 13th, we will be studying Adam Hamilton's, Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say. *"Join Adam Hamilton in exploring popular sayings that miss the point. They are simple phrases: "God helps those who help themselves", Love the sinner, hate the sin", and others. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Discover the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture."* This is a **5-week study, meeting on Monday nights from 7-8:30**. Anyone is welcome to join us! Sign-ups are at the Welcome Center and you can see or call Julie Mislansky, 505-4061, with any questions.

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.

MISSION UPDATE - 2020 is full of opportunities to serve!

Besides the bulletin and newsletter, be sure to check out our St. Mark's Cares bulletin board in the hallway, right outside the Narthex. That is where we post upcoming events and sign-up sheets. You can also see a short description of the various missions we support. Our focus in January & February will be on The Fringe Coffeehouse and The Broken Bus. The Fringe Coffee House, thefringecoffeehouse.com is a new mission we are excited to be a part of. Look for more about them our next newsletter and be sure to be in worship on January 26th when they will be our guest speakers. We will have two opportunities to serve on The Broken Bus, thebrokenbusministry.org in February - watch our bulletin board for sign-ups coming soon.

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

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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 12/29 and this past week:

Riley Hughes, 14 yr. old, was brought home Friday with a DNR in place. Hospice is helping with meds and to keep her comfortable. Pray also for the strength of her family.

Debbie Thomas's aunt passed away last night, one week after losing her Mom.

Marjorie Gaddis passed away and her service was on Mon. Dec. 30. Sympathy to her brother, Bob Netherland.

Sympathy, prayers and love to Betty Stover & family in the loss of Max on December 26th.

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)

Dan Hensler 12/8

Olson Family 12/8

Cousin, Michelle 12/8

Friend, Arlene 12/8

Linda Prohaska's nephew 12/8

Charlene Pullem 12/22

Jack & Flo Gill 12/22

Weisman Family 12/22

Bill & Shirley Maston 12/22

Shirley Aydlett 12/22

Russ Carr 12/22

Debbie Thomas & family 12/22

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

Mitch Thomas

Bryon Jones

Jean Stivers

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	Wes Flannery
Head Usher	Andy Shellman
Usher	Jerry & Gail Hartwig
	Larry & Sue Miller
Greeter	Russ Carr

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

- ... are given in memory of Gordon Hill by Lois.
- ... are given in memory of French Smoot on the 16th anniversary of his death from Brenda.

ATTENDANCE: 12/29 - 121

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