



October 25, 2020, 9:30 am
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ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Brenda Smoot, Chris Beiser, Pastor Joe
God, we know you are with us.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
You have showered your love upon all generations,
since the beginning of time.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
Guide us now through this time of worship,
and into the week ahead.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" UMH 110

OPENING PRAYER Brenda Smoot

God, you are God forever.
This alone is cause for celebration,
but we also know that we are your people!
As we feel your love washing over us now,
may we love you with every part of our being:
heart, mind, body, and soul.
We celebrate your love in our lives,
and we ask for your help
as we try our best to boldly share the good news
of your love with others.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who models the way for us. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Introduction and invitation to families to come forward.

Presentation of Bibles

Leader - Receive the Word of God.

Learn its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all,
And these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are,
They tell us that we belong to one another,
For we are the people of God.

Students respond:

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts and our minds. Thank you.
We will read and study the Bible together.

Students and families face the congregation.

Congregation to Students:

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in Church school classes and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's word.**

Students to congregation

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thanks be to God.

Prayer by Pastor Joe

SONG "The Family Prayer Song"

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:34-40
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "On These Two Commandments" Pastor Joe
Series: *Pressing On*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SONG "More Like You"

JOYS, CONCERNS AND MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(using "sins" and "...sin against us.

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN

“The Family Prayer Song”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG

May you run and not be weary.

May your heart be filled with song.

**And may the love of God continue to give you hope
and keep you strong.**

And may you run and not be weary.

May your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - CRAFT SALE: The Monday craft ladies have items available to purchase in Fellowship Hall. There are Fall, Halloween, Christmas and general items available. **Proceeds will go to the Parking Lot.**

TODAY - FALL FEST TRUNK OR TREAT: 4-6 pm
Be a part of the fun! Decorated vehicles will be parked in every other space in our parking lot, and guests will drive (parade) through.

OCTOBER IS OUR ANNUAL COAT DRIVE! Last week to contribute - Drop items off Mon.-Thurs., 9 to noon. Bins will be in Fellowship Hall.

ALL-SAINT'S SUNDAY: Next Sunday, Nov. 1st is our annual All-Saint's Sunday. We will be recognizing all those in the St. Mark's family that have passed away since last year's day.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: Articles should be turned in to the office by **Tuesday, October 27th.**

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be ordered in memory or in honor of someone. The price is \$14.50. **Please call the church office for your request by Wednesday.** You may take your flowers home, after the service, or let the office know if you need to come another time.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH:
This is a great time to thank Pastor Joe for his ministry at St. Mark's. Please send any cards to Pastor Joe to the church.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, November 23rd. You may sign up now on St. Mark's Facebook page.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Danny Thomas will be having Back surgery on Nov. 3rd.
Mike Kinnard is now at Bethesada North in a long term care unit for therapy. He is showing some improvement.
Bob Grammel at Ft. Hamilton for Pneumonia. Prayers for Bob and his family.

Debbie Flannery will be having another surgery on Wed.
Greg Pullem & my friend, Linda, with the rehab of their hip surgery. (Jeff Gering)

Jim Ruhl with Stage 4 Prostrate cancer. (Willa's friend)
Jackie Meck, a friend from High School, has Breast cancer and it has metastasized to her lung. (Gale Goodman)
Niece, Leigh Anne, who contracted Covid 19 from one of her 3rd grade students. She has mild symptoms so far and is 10 weeks pregnant.

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	Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Byron Jones Merianne Cardas
Our Country	Jean Stivers	Kristy Theiss
First Responders	Mitch Thomas	Dick Brewer
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Mike Kinnard

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Sue Webster

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

Pastor Wes Souders 9/27	Jon Skirvin 9/27
Journdan 9/27	Pres. & First Lady & all suffering from Covid 10/4
Rose Townsend 9/27	David Ritenbaugh 10/4
Megan Riley 9/27	Family of John Eng 10/4
Jeff Pitman 9/27	Karen Riehle 10/11
Dave Conroy 9/27	Teachers, school staff & children 10/11
Sister, Ann 9/27	Staff member with Covid 10/11
Turner's daughter 9/27	Missy LaMar's friend's father 10/11
Sister, Lisa 9/27	Jim Jones & family 10/11
Mark Huffman 9/27	
Marlis Hatton 9/27	
Hollinger family 9/27	

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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
Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Brenda Smoot
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

ALTAR FLOWERS ...

... are in loving memory of Gordon Hill for his birthday tomorrow, from his wife, children and grandchildren.

... are in loving memory of Al Fenzel for his birthday today, from Linda.

...are in loving memory of Karen Kemp Mason for her birthday on October 26, from her daughter Jennifer Marshall.

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