

Advent Series for the whole
St. Mark's family



Today: When You're Sure You're Right



December 12, 2021, 9:30 am
In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
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GATHER

PRELUDE		Sue Combs
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Joe Payne
INTROIT	"O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem"	Bell Choir
ADVENT WREATH		Youth Group

Singing:

**A candle is burning, a candle of Love;
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.**

As we light the Candle of Love, consider these questions:

- *When did you experience an altogether love in 2020 and 2021?
- *Where do you go to feel loved?
- *When have you attended a wedding where you felt an altogether love?
- *Why do you find it difficult to be your true self with others?
- *How can you share the gift of an altogether love in 2022?

Let Us Pray:

Lord Jesus, you have given us a love that loves all the parts of us, even those that we would hide. It is so easy to put on a mask and pretend to be someone more put-together, more compassionate, more perfect than we really are. But you, O God, see who we truly are. You see us and you love us anyway. Give us your eyes to truly see others and your heart to truly love them. This Advent, we continue to search for an altogether love for all people. Amen.

*HYMN "Love Has Come" *words next page*

*PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Come See The Child" Bell Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE

"When You're Sure You're Right"

Pastor Joe

HYMN

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

UMH 242

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING MOMENT

HYMN

"Once In Royal David's City" vv. 1, 2, 4 UMH 250

DISMISSAL

*BLESSING

Response

"Take Jesus With You"

*POSTLUDE

*(*Please stand, if able)*

"Love Has Come"

Love has come, a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem
skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.

Hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are
seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.

Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.

Love is God now asleep in the hay.

See the glow in the eyes of His mother.

What is the name her heart is saying?

Love! Love! Love is the name she
whispers.

Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Words by Ken Bible

Music: French Carol Melody,

attr. to Saboly, 17th c.,

arr. by Ken Bible

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 12/05 Jennifer Rinker thanks everyone for the prayers for her mother. She began to improve Sunday afternoon. Her kidney failure has reversed and her dialysis and biopsy cancelled. Praise God!
- 12/05 Jennifer Rinker's father has a growth between his bladder and prostate. He will need a biopsy to determine if it is cancer.
- 12/05 The Hensler's neighbor, Darrell will be having open heart surgery on December 22.
- 11/30 Cindy Miller's co-worker, Sarah Haselden hospitalized in ICU resulting from a car accident. Fractured skull & injured C5 vertebra. Sarah's mother also hospitalized.
- 11/28 Iris Jones fell, resulting in broken pelvis and elbow replacement surgery. Now at Triple Creek for rehabilitation.
- 11/28 Bud Aydlett- knee replacement surgery was 11/30 and he is now home recovering.
- 11/28 Belinda Peters' father, Robert McClelland had a heart attack last week and is now home.
- 11/28 Edith & Dick Davis' son-in-law, Bob Nixon awaiting jaw replacement surgery.
- 11/28 Jennie Marshall's sister-in-law, Katrina Biscay has undergone her 23rd surgery related to Crohn's Disease.
- 11/28 Jennifer Rinker's mom, Johnnie Atkins, on dialysis this week, after suddenly becoming ill Friday.
- 11/28 Doug & Beth Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah deployed at Texas border for (384) days. Prayers for daughter Kristi & children.
- 11/28 Linda Prohaska's brother, Eugene has Lung cancer. Prayers for wisdom in knowing best treatment.
- 11/28 Update on Linda Prohaska's brother, Glenn had 1/4 of lung removed. Continued prayers.
- 11/21 Zedith Pottenger & family in the death of her daughter-in-law, Deborah Pottenger.
- 11/21 Paul Schutte is now at home.
- 11/21 Belinda Peter's uncle, Rev. Larry Thornton passed away in Kansas City. Prayers for the family.
- 11/21 The Aydlett's niece, Valerie and her husband, Gene Morrell living in New York. Both have Covid.
- 11/14 Penny Dole and family on the loss of Penny's sister's husband, Henry Hull.
- 11/14 Rick Broshear who has lung cancer, continued prayers.

- 11/07 Danny Thomas recovering from back surgery. He is at Mercy hospital for a couple weeks doing rehab for his back.
- 11/07 David & Pam Brockfield's son Mike, who has been fully vaccinated now has Covid. Prayers for full recovery.
- 11/07 Nick and Kylie Alcorn are having health issues. Prayers.
- 11/07 Marlis Hatton's sister, Marilyn Schoppenhorst had back surgery. Marilyn's husband Erwin Schoppenhorst has heart problems.

A Memorial Service for Jean Bennett
 (passed away on 11/17/2021) will be held on
 Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM
 in our sanctuary

Continuing Prayers

Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates. Contact Lyn at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com or call the office (513) 844-1818.

All service Men & Women
 Our Country
 First Responders
 United Methodist Church
 Prayer & Bible Study Groups
 Jean Stivers
 Mitch Thomas
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Merianne Cardas

Dick Brewer
 Gina Hollinger
 Sharon Hamp
 Brenda Smoot
 Freida Hawkins
 Rick Broshear—lung cancer
 Iris Jones—rehab at Triplecreek
 Bud Aydlett—knee replacement

St. Mark's Homebound:

Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek
 Dale Shreve—Birchwood, 409
 Greg Pullem—Parkside

Byron Jones—Majestic Care
 Joan Streckfuss—Marjorie P. Lee
 (Hospice)

St. Mark's Homebound at HOME:

Sue Webster
 Virginia Shaw
 Eleanor McCollum
 Paul Schutte
 Zedith Pottenger

Jim Beckett
 Bob Netherland
 Jean Cottrill
 Dollie Gallihugh

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:
www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 12/12

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
(G.L.O.W.) Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 4:00 pm Youth Group Outing

MONDAY, 12/13

- 10:00 am Crafter Group
- 6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study

TUESDAY, 12/14

- 7:00 pm Administrative Board
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960

WEDNESDAY, 12/15

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 2:00 pm Bible Study ONLY, the party is postponed until further notice
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 12/16

- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 12/17

- 12:00 pm Ruth's Circle Christmas Party/Luncheon

SATURDAY, 12/18

- ALL DAY Fellowship Hall reserved for private party

SUNDAY, 12/19

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
(G.L.O.W.) Nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photo-OP and shOP in the Choir Room, TODAY!

There are two great Opportunities in the choir room to check out & enjoy! A holiday area has been set up for a photo-OP with family & friends, and you can also shop the wonderful handmade crafts designed by the talented Monday Ladies Craft Group. Make sure you stOP in!

HYMNOLOGY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Chris & Sue have (3) videos of Hymnology for the Holidays posted on the church website. There is a Thanksgiving hymn lesson, an Advent Carol lesson, and an Angel Carol lesson. There will be several more posted in the upcoming weeks. Listen, learn, enjoy and then share the videos with others!

HANDMADE CRAFTS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM, TODAY!

The Monday Crafting Ladies continue to make wonderful crafts for the Christmas season. The crafts continue to sell quickly, so be sure to pick up yours while they are available! The craft items are on display in the Choir Room.

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE—NEW BOOKS!

Ruth's Circle is sponsoring a monthly used book sale to help support St. Mark's mission projects. The books are located in the Choir Room and the cost is your donation. Questions? Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323. Thank you for your help with this important mission.

SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING ADVENT, "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes"

Finding Faith in the story of the Grinch

Children will revisit and explore the familiar Christmas story, 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas! And ways the Grinch's transformation and redemption point us to aspects of the Christian faith, especially the hope we find in Jesus's birth.

ATTENTION!!! BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS PARTY, WED., DEC. 15TH IS POSTPONED. BUT, THERE WILL BE BIBLE STUDY ONLY AT 2PM*

The Bible study Christmas party/pot luck is postponed until next year, 2022. We will be meeting December 15th at 2:00pm and then we will break for Christmas holiday and resume January 5, 2022. *Please Note: December 22 & 29, we will not meet for Bible Study.*

RUTH'S CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY/LUNCHEON, FRI., DEC. 17TH, 12PM

Our Ruth's Circle Christmas party/luncheon is December 17th at 12 (noon) in Fellowship hall. (NOTE: This is 1 hour earlier than our normal meeting time.) Bring a \$1.00 grab bag gift and your food/beverage item. This is open to all women of the church. If you are new to Ruth's Circle and plan to attend in December, please contact Pam Guynes or Charlene Miller to discuss what you need to bring to the luncheon. Covid safe practices including masks will be practiced. For more information contact Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or email: Pamguynes2@gmail.com or Charlene Miller (513)844-6793 or email: chardamiller@gmail.com. See you there!

WHOVILLE CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS & YOUTH, MONDAY, DEC. 20TH, 5PM

St. Mark's Kids & Youth, let's gather for a WhoVille Christmas feast and fun! Bring a WhoVille type dish/snack to share and a comfy camp chair or pillow as we watch Dr. Seuss', "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERING, SAT., JANUARY 22, 2022, 9AM

St. Mark's is scheduled to serve at Matthew 25 on Saturday, Jan., 22, 2022 from 9-11AM. All church family are invited to join us! A sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. For more information contact Lynne Schumacker at (513) 382-0488 or email at Lynneshoe@icloud.com.

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS 2022 SIGN UP SHEET FOR MEALS

Thanks to all who provided meals for our hungry youth this fall! This is such a huge help to the leaders, and we are very grateful. The sign-up sheet for meals in 2022 is on the narthex bulletin board.

LITURGIST CLASS, SUNDAYS, JANUARY 9, 16 & 23 AFTER WORSHIP

Linda Payne will be offering another liturgist class beginning Jan. 9, 16, and 23, 2022. We will meet after worship in the front of the sanctuary. Anyone interested, please contact Linda after church to sign up.

COMMUNION SETS

Nurture & Care Committee is reminding folks that if you borrowed a communion set, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Bud & Shirley Aydlett's 64th Wedding Anniversary on December 14th.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Lyn Bucalo
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	Sue Luken
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Lay Leader/Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE LIVE STREAMING AND IN PERSON SERVICE, 7PM

St. Mark's will have Christmas Eve Service both live streaming and in person on
December 24th at 7:00 PM.

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