

Angels Among Us



FLYING IN THE FACE OF FEAR AT ADVENT
Advent 1:

"Make Ready a People: More Hope"



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 27, 2022, 9:30 am
In-Person and Live-Streamed
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WELCOME! We are glad you are here.

Please complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it to the next person. When the last person completes it, return the pad to its original place, looking at the names of persons in your pew. Greet one another at the conclusion of our worship.

Have a prayer request? Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks. Completed prayer cards will be collected during the opening hymn and shared during our prayer time.

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

PRELUDE Sue Combs
Acolytes Kallie & Kaden Theiss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Joe

INTRODUCTION Tonya Leguina
"There Are Angels Among Us" Chris Beiser
*The Candle of Hope is brought into the sanctuary
by members of our youth group.*

PRAYER

**Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of hope this day.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more hope in the midst of fear.**

***Singing:**

**Do not be afraid
Do not be afraid
Do not be afraid
Do not be afraid**

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

THE HOPE OF CHRIST
The Hope of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

YOUNGER MESSENGERS OF ST. MARK'S Peggy Smith
Afterwards, the children may go to "G.L.O.W."

ANTHEM "Will We Know Him?" Chancel Choir

WE CARE AND PRAY

Concerns, Joys,
Prayer,
The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of peace and possibility,

**we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed
into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Narrator: Tonya; Zacharias: Joe;

Messenger: Chris; Elizabeth: Sue

HYMN

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

MESSAGE

"Make Ready a People: More Hope"

Pastor Joe

Week One of the Advent Christmas Worship Series

Angels Among Us

*HYMN

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

UMH 240

*THE MISSION TO THE MESSENGERS

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God

Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,

This year, this year, let the day arrive

When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

*POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 11/20 JOY! Thanking God for our friend, Rich Mischell's lung transplant surgery. He is recovering now.
- 11/20 JOY! Jennie & Rick Marshall's birth of their granddaughter, Belle Morgan Howard on 11/16. Daughter of Jack and Camry joins sisters Millie and Tatum. We are overjoyed!
- 11/20 Peace in the world!
- 11/20 Aydlett's neighbor Ann Weaver as she is regaining strength and good health.
- 11/18 A JOY! Jeff & Carol Gering's daughter, Stephanie gave birth to a baby girl this morning, Sophie Madeline Paige. She weighed in at 8lbs 10oz. We congratulate and are thrilled for the entire family and filled with joy!
- 11/18 Lois Hill's neighbor who is having health issue and recently discovered that he has tumor on bladder & thyroid cancer.
- 11/13 Ann Brabbs thanks everyone for the prayers, calls and love during my surgery and recovery. You are a blessing.
- 11/13 Bud Aydlett's friend, Gary Roberts who is recovering from back surgery.
- 11/13 James who lives at Parkside and is blind. He has a great sense of humor and brightens everyone's day.
- 11/13 David & Pam Brockfield's daughter-in-law Traci & grandson Tyler recovering from Covid. Also, Traci's father Kyle Kennedy fell & fractured his back recovering in rehab.
- 11/13 For policeman, Sergeant Pete Langevin who is recovering from Covid and his 9 month old grandson, Eddie.
- 11/13 Dianne Aiken's daughter Missy & her husband Dave are traveling from Portugal back to Columbus.
- 11/13 Jeff Gering is going through some health issues. The CT scan revealed an aneurism in the brain and will be seeing several doctors in the coming weeks. Jeff is still dealing with neck & shoulder issues and may be getting neck fused if other treatments fail.
- 11/13 Karen Clendenin is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
- 11/09 Charlene Miller is moving to Berkeley Square (permanent address) and receiving therapy after breaking femur.
- 11/06 Susan Hendrickson who is experiencing complication after spinal surgery.
- 11/06 Mark Hensler's niece, Rene and her husband who both passed away from pneumonia.
- 11/06 Jenni Hensler's friend and colleague, Kristine who unexpectedly lost her 17 year old daughter on 11/04.
- 11/06 Lois Hill wearing a heart monitor for five weeks.
- 11/06 Donna Hughes' sister-in-law is having back and abdominal surgery.

- 11/06 Kayla's boyfriend, Andrew to have safe flight home.
- 11/06 Don Kemen's mother for health issues.
- 11/06 Ginny O'Dell's son, Charles is suffering from severe rheumatoid arthritis.
- 11/06 Pat Fassnaucht having some health issues.
- 11/06 Betty Jones' son, Martin loss of his wife and is struggling.
- 11/06 Dave Brockfield's brother, Bob Brockfield loss of his wife, Kathleen on November 2.
- 11/06 For the Fairfield student who passed away on Fri., Nov 4.
- 11/02 Roy Brown's brother, Larry Brown passed away on Nov. 1 after battling liver cancer. We send our prayers and and warmest condolences to the family and friends.
- 10/30 Iris Jones' son-in-law Tim Beltz as he continues tests.
- 10/30 Becky Hamblin's sister, Deb Shriver is grieving the loss of her son, Tom, following a sudden heart attack.
- 10/30 Steve Hill having some vision issues.
- 10/30 A JOY! Our first great grandbaby, Lucas Blaine Horton was born on October 19. Donna and Bruce Armstrong
- 10/30 Olivia Edmonson recovering from broken hand.
- 10/30 Bud Aydlett, prayers for vision challenges.
- 10/30 Susan Bunte's sister, having mental health concerns.
- 10/30 Del Burfitt and family. Del's wife Pat, passed away.

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
- Merianne Cardas
- Sharon Hamp
- Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)

- Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah (34)
- Eugene Campbell—lung cancer
(Linda Prohaska's brother)
- Peggy Wyatt
- Residents at Parkside
- Virginia Shaw
- Virginia Shaw's son Richard

St. Mark's Homebound:

- Vivian Brill
- Jean Cottrill
- Freida Hawkins
- Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint
- Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
- Eleanor McCollum
- Zedith Pottenger
- Greg Puller—Parkside

- Jean Stivers
- Virginia Shaw
- Paul Schutte—Mt. Pleasant, Monroe
- Betty Winkler
- Joyce Zugelter (In home health care)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 11/27 (*First Sunday of Advent*)**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
 G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
Now open St. Mark's Christmas Post Office in Narthex
5:30 pm Advent Celebration

MONDAY, 11/28

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Women's Monday Night Study (zoom)

TUESDAY, 11/29

- 6:30 pm SPRC meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 11/30

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer
2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Group
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, 12/01

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study

FRIDAY, 12/02

SATURDAY, 12/03

SUNDAY, 12/04

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
 NO G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
 St. Mark's Christmas Post Office in Narthex
2:00 pm Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 27, SUNDAY, 5:30-7PM, ADVENT CELEBRATION

Children and Family Ministries Presents "A Savior is Coming" By Bob Landis and Ruth Wiertzeman. Join your friends for a Potluck dinner, main course & drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. "A Savior is Coming" will follow dinner. A short program of readings by children from our G.L.O.W. group & hymns led by Chris & Sue and dedication of our crèche outside by Pastor Joe. What a wonderful way to welcome I the season of Advent!

ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE IS NOW IN NARTHEX

The youth have set up the traditional "Christmas Card Post Office" in the Narthex and is ready to help with your Christmas cards list. We appreciate all donations as we sort & pass out the cards to our congregation.

NOVEMBER 30, 2PM, WEDNESDAY GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is welcome to join us who want to learn about the bible. Currently, we are studying the book of Luke. Feel free to attend when you are able, this is a casual bible study. For more information, contact Sue McDaniel at s.mcdaniel13@hotmail.com.

PARKSIDE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE-GIFTS DUE BY DEC 4

The Christmas giving tree is in the Narthex decorated with paper ornaments/tags. Each tag will have the wish list of a resident or a staff member at Parkside Nursing Center. Feel free to take a tag or two, buying & wrapping the gift(s), and placing them under the giving tree. For more details, contact Kym Nguyen.

NURTURE & CARE MEAL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are coordinating meals for those in our congregation, who have recently been discharged from the hospital or very ill. Please consider donating a meal. Sign up at welcome desk. For details contact Pam Guynes (513) 779-9162.

DECEMBER 8, THURSDAY, 7:30 PM SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us at St. Mark's as we welcome the Ohio Military Band for an evening holiday concert. Mark Hensler has been the director of the group for nearly 30 years and will be joined by the Bells of St. Marks and the Choir. Chris Beiser and Richard Roemer will also be performing solos with the band. For more details, contact Mark Hensler. We hope to see you there!

DECEMBER 9, FRIDAY, CALLING ALL COOKS FOR SERVE CITY MEAL

Calling all cooks in our congregation. There is an opportunity to provide a meal for Serve city on December 9. Sign up on the board in the Narthex or contact Charlotte Tierney.

GORGEOUS HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM!

A sample table in the Narthex! Also, check out the Choir room for more items that are being hand made each week. The craft items and gifts can be purchased now through the Holiday Season in the Choir Room.

DECEMBER 16, FRIDAY, 12PM, RUTH CIRCLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ruth Circle December Christmas Party is a Potluck Luncheon with entrée and drinks provided. NOTE: This is an earlier start time since it's a luncheon. Bring a covered dish and \$1.00 Grab Bag Gift. For more details, contact Pam Guynes at (513)779-9162, email Pamguynes2@gmail.com. Save the Date: Jan 20, 2023

DECEMBER 17, SATURDAY, 1 PM SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Covered Dish Senior Christmas party is Dec. 17 at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Linda Payne will sing and Sue Combs will play the piano during our party. For details contact Bud & Shirley Aydlett at (513) 894-5209 AND let them know that you plan to attend for accurate head count.

DECEMBER 18, 5-7PM, YOUTH & CHILDREN MINISTRIES PARTY

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the Youth & Children Ministries will have their special Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall 5-7pm. Dinner will be provided. Contact Julie Mislansky and Peggy Smith for more details.

DECEMBER 18, SUNDAY, CHOIR CANTATA "Angels Among Us"

DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 6:00PM & 11:00PM

DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE LIVESTREAM ONLY

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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

STAFF

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| Pastor | Joe Payne |
| Administrative Assistant | Lyn Bucalo |
| Director of Music | Chris Beiser |
| Pianist | 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

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| Liturgist | Tonya Leguina |
| Camera | Mark Hensler |
| Sound | Rick Kiefer |
| Screen | Jennie Marshall |

ALTAR FLOWERS:

One Floral: In Memory of Jami Hamblin, Love Ron & Becky

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