



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

**October 29, 2023, 9:30 am**

FOR I KNOW  
THE THOUGHTS  
that I think toward you,  
says the  
Lord, *P* thoughts of  
**PEACE**  
and not of evil,  
to give you

*H* **HOPE**  
and a  
*F* **FUTURE**

JEREMIAH 29:11

**SERMON SERIES**

**“The Hits: Fresh Takes on Favorite Passages”**

## **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.*

*An \* invites you to rise as you are able, in body and/or spirit. Congregation responses are in **bold print** and projected.*

### WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Meg Slowik

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

**Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love-**

Pray for your communities

**Keep God in the center of all that is.**

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

**For something happens here**

**that reminds us that we can live as God desires**

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

**and we can trust the promise. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH 139

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world,  
enable us to be still and know that You are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,  
breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us  
in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour  
that we might become makers of Your peace  
in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in  
the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. **Amen.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Peggy Smith

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT  
    Offertory  
    Doxology  
    Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*CHOIR ANTHEM    "His High and Holy Name"

SCRIPTURE:                 Jeremiah 29:11

SERMON SERIES MESSAGE                                 Pastor Mark  
    "The Hits: Fresh Takes on Favorite Passages"

\*CLOSING HYMN        "My Jesus, I Love Thee"                 UMH 172

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG        "Take Jesus With You"

\*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."*

- 10/22 Pastor Joe Payne's eldest brother, Dr. Edwin Payne passed away Oct. 19. Pastor Joe was with him in his last moments. We send our sympathies and prayers to the family & friends of the Payne's and we pray that God provide his love and comfort to all.
- 10/15 Our heartfelt condolences for our dear friend Ann Shellman who passed away on October 15, 2023. She was so caring and kind to so many people. May God's love and strength be given to the friends and family.
- 10/15 Heather Chambers' mother in law Debby Chambers (Ben's mother) who had a horrible fall and received 80 stitches in her nose as a result.
- 10/15 Peace to end these wars in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.
- 10/09 Diana Gregory healing through some medical issues.
- 10/09 Pastor Mark's mother who is in hospital.
- 10/08 JOY! Eliza Christine Hannah was born October 2 to Sami & Josh, proud grandparents Rick & Jennie Marshall. Congrats!!
- 10/08 Patty Coyle's niece Michelle Sang has a brain blood clot.
- 10/08 Rich Turner thanks everyone for the loving people of St. Mark's in helping him through the pain and loss of Karen.
- 10/08 Lyn Bucalo thanks everyone for your prayers and thoughts during the healing process of a broken foot. I'm so Grateful!
- 10/01 Bob & Sharon Hamp's good friend Gail Wells passed away. Please pray for her husband Stuart as well as the family and friends. They are the pastoral couple who married us. Prayers, our sympathy and condolences for Stuart, the family and friends.
- 9/24 Good News! Pam Brockfield's surgery went well! She is swollen around her eyes and discolored but is thankful for the cards and prayers. "See you soon!"
- 9/24 Patty Coyle's daughter had a successful surgery and is recovering nicely.
- 9/24 Sue Bunte's friend who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- 9/24 Iris Jones' family in your prayers please.
- 9/24 Diana (DD) Fase is asking for prayers.
- 9/24 Ruth Stanifer is asking for prayers of quick healing. She fell down the steps.
- 9/20 Mark & Sue Luken sister-in-law Bev Luken is recovering from Quintuple (5) Bypass surgery and in a lot of pain.
- 9/20 Patty Coyle's daughter Lori Palmieri recovering from surgery
- 9/19 Jennie & Rick Marshall 1yr old grandchild Theo Hannah had collapsed but is now recovering from virus symptoms & heart rate issues. His mother is 8 months pregnant with signs of pre-eclampsia and exhausted. Keep the entire family in your prayers.

- 9/17 Terrill Broshear is healing from ankle surgery that was on September 7.
- 9/17 Bud Aydlett is getting better each day at home, but having some nose bleeds as doctors adjust the meds. Thank you all so much for all of the prayers and love.
- 9/17 Iris Jones' daughter and son-in-law.
- 9/17 Cindy Booker's sister, Kristy who will have surgery at the end of September.
- 9/17 Gale Logan is recovering from a fall in a boot at Otterbein.
- 9/17 Lois Hill's neighbor, cancer returned in his lung.
- 9/17 A friend's son who needs a liver transplant.
- 9/17 Mike & Dee Aiken's friend Armando Allejandro is very ill.

### **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](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) or call the office (513) 844-1818.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory  
 All service Men & Women  
 Our Country  
 First Responders  
 United Methodist Church  
 Prayer & Bible Study Groups  
 For the sick and/or homeless  
 Bud & Shirley Aydlett  
 Terrill Broshear  
 Patty Coyle  
 Dick & Edith Davis  
 Sam Davis (congestive heart)  
 Jeff Gering (shoulder issues)

Sharon Hamp  
 Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)  
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)  
 Linda Prohaska  
 Eugene Campbell—lung cancer  
 (Linda Prohaska's brother)  
 Parkside Residents  
 Loretta Poe (Kaden & Kallie grandma)  
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard  
 Brenda Smoot  
 Rich Turner and family  
 Peggie Wyatt

### **St. Mark's Homebound:**

Jean Cottrill  
 Freida Hawkins  
 Gale Logan—Otterbein Community  
 Nancy & Wade Lewis  
 Eleanor McCollum  
 Zedith Pottenger

Greg Pullem—Parkside  
 Jean Stivers  
 Virginia Shaw  
 Paul Schutte  
 Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)  
 Betty Winkler  
 Joyce Zugelter (In home health care)

### **BIBLE STUDY LEADER NEEDED AT PARKSIDE**

Do you have a desire to lead a small Bible Study group? Parkside Nursing Home is looking for a volunteer to lead 1 time per week. For more information, contact Charlotte Tierney (513) 795-3010 or Debbie Bryant.

## ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 10/29**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary & Charge Conf.

### **MONDAY, 10/30**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
- 6:30 pm Ladies Monday Group Study (ZOOM)

### **TUESDAY, 10/31**

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 11/01**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group
- 2:00 pm Bible study group
- 6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, 11/02**

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

### **FRIDAY, 11/03**

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY, 11/04**

- 9:30 am Church Work Day "Helping Hands"

### **SUNDAY, 11/05 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Back one hour)**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion/Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: St. Mark's Pantry and FFFP**

*The Fairfield Food Pantry (FFFP) only needs soups and canned veggies.* The St. Mark's mini-pantry has been depleted as soon as items are placed within it so we know the need is high.

**St. Mark's Mini-pantry LIST:** *Peanut butter, canned proteins (Tuna, Chicken, Hash, etc), Soups, Canned Pasta, Boxed pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned veggies, cereal, instant oatmeal, Hamburger & Tuna Helper, and paper goods.*

### **POINSETTIAS ORDER FORMS: BEGIN OCTOBER 29 —NOVEMBER 12**

It's hard to believe we are talking about Poinsettia's, but they are due early this year. The order form will be available at the Welcome Counter Oct. 29 thru Nov. 12 (Sunday deadline). Contact: Lyn Bucalo at the church office (513) 844-1818.

### **OCTOBER 30, 6:30PM, LADIES MONDAY GROUP STUDY (ZOOM)**

The ladies Monday group study will meet via Zoom at 6:30pm. We are using this book for our study guide called, "The Bible Recap" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. You can join any time of the year! Contact Kym Nguyen at [kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com). *NOTE: We are planning for November 6 to be in person with Sue McDaniel to lead.*

### **NOVEMBER 1, at 2 -3PM, WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We are studying the Gospel of John. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Sue McDaniel.

**NOVEMBER 4, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS**

You have an opportunity to serve by helping us clean areas around the church; replacing light bulbs, clean windows, seats & other things that may need cleaning. Tonya Leguina is the Trustee coordinator this month. Contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224.

**NOVEMBER 14, TUESDAY, 7:00 PM CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**NOVEMBER 14, TUESDAY, WESLEY HOUSE MEAL**

St. Mark's has a volunteer opportunity to provide a meal for the Wesley House. Contact: Kym Nguyen or Tari Randall for more details.

**NOVEMBER 17, FRIDAY, 1:00PM, RUTH CIRCLE , FELLOWSHIP HALL**

All Ladies are welcome *In November, we will have Lyn Bucalo talk about her small jewelry making business with samples for sale.* For more details contact Pam Guynes at Pamguynes2@gmail.com or (513)313-5092.

**NOVEMBER 18, SATURDAY, 2-7PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL, BOOK LAUNCH**

New Covenant Author Mrs. Belinda Serwaah Wireko will have a Children's Book Launch in Fellowship Hall from 2-7pm. This is her book debut. Come meet and chat with the author and check out her book.

**NOVEMBER 19, SUNDAY (After Worship), LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

We will be going to Perkins on Nilles Road in Fairfield after Sunday worship. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Counter. For more information, contact: Sue Luken.

**NOVEMBER 23-24, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

**NOVEMBER 28, TUESDAY 12PM LUNCH BUNCH at THE CENTURY INN**

The Lunch Bunch is at the Century Inn located at 10675 Springfield Pike, Woodlawn. This is one of Ohio's oldest Inns ,Est. 1806. Come fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Reservation deadline is Nov 26. Contact: Brenda Smoot (513) 316-1807 and placing reservations.

**DECEMBER 3, SUNDAY, 5:00-6:30PM, ADVENT CELEBRAION & POTLUCK DINNER**

Join our St. Mark's church family as we begin the season of Advent Celebration. Bring a dish to share and we will provide the Main dish and drinks. Dinner at 5:00pm with program and dedication at the crèche to follow. Contact Peggy Smith for more details.

**DECEMBER 7, OHIO MILITARY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7:30-8:45PM**

**DECEMBER 10, SUNDAY, 6-7PM, "FOLLOW THE CHRISTMAS STAR" EVENT**

This is a free indoor/outdoor event. Children will hunt for \*glow in the dark stars. Hear the story of the Christmas Star and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. \*Stars will be traded for small gifts and candy. For more information, contact: Peggy Smith.

**DECEMBER 7 & 10, HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

The Monday craft ladies will have Holiday Craft & Gifts to purchase. More details to come!

**USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE**

Find good used books in the Narthex or in the hallway. The cost is a donation. Questions? Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323.

## **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—OCTOBER 22, 2023**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 97  
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	\$5,563.00
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,637.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,643.00
Special—Designated Giving	\$ 255.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$5,535.00</b>

### **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month.

**December Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, NOV 20!**

### **YOUTH DIRECTOR NEEDED**

Do you have a passion for connecting with our youth and supporting them in their faith journey? Do you have a vision for what youth ministry could become at St. Mark's? SPRC is seeking a new Youth Director (grades 6—12).

Contact Jennifer Rinker (SPRC Chair) or Pastor Mark if you have an interest in this opportunity

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