



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 | 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING

THE WELCOME

We welcome each of you to this service! No matter who you are or where you are from, You are a child of God, and you are welcome here!

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Dale Wood

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

People: We will worship the Lord with gladness.

Minister: Let us sing unto the Lord.

All: We lift our voices in praise.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH NO. 451 | *Be Thou My Vision*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Gracious God, you have invited us to be co-laborers with your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through him we hear the call to discipleship, and received the instructions to do the work of your kingdom here on earth. You have given us the gifts, and have equipped us for service. Where we have been slothful or negligent forgive us. Revive us again, rekindle our souls with fire from above.

Minister: Hear the Good News: Christ has paved the way for us, setting the example of the faithful servant. Accept the invitation to join in the work of the kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (God), 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Twelve Gates into the City

Larry Shackley

Oh, what a beautiful city, there are twelve gates into the city. Hallelu. Three gates face to the East, three gates face to the West, three gates face to the North, three gates face to the South, and that makes twelve gates into the city. Hallelu. My Lord built that city, said it was just four-square, and He wanted all of you children to meet Him in the air. 'Cause He made twelve gates into the city, Hallelu.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH NO. 95 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12*

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH NO. 433 v. 1-3 & 5 | *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Nehemiah 2:11-18*

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

(Re)Building a Legacy: Committing to Work

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* *universal*

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH NO. 438 | *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variation #6, from Goldberg Variations

J. S. Bach

*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.

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Preaching:	Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Liturgists:	Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor Kenny Smallhorn, Candler School of Theology Intern Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation Meagan Williams, Assistant Director of Young Adult Ministry
Music:	Jon Easter, Minister of Fine Arts and Organist
Audio Visual:	Jay Drew, Johnny Sims, and Eric Steverson
Ushers:	Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, & Buddy Wofford

WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW



Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

ATTENDANCE | Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your pew or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

NURSERY | A nursery provided for infants and toddlers is located on the first floor of the Education building. Please see the usher for more information. We encourage children of all ages to be present and participate in worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS | Let us pray for you. Prayer request cards are located in the pews. Please return your request to the offering plate or the prayer boxes in the Narthex.

TITHES & OFFERINGS | Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use the Secure Giving App, or Saint Mark's assigned number for text donations is 844-703-1444 and the keyword is 'operating'. To give via text, text the word 'operating', a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text 844-703-1444 operating 25. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICE | We have a shuttle service that runs between the AT&T parking deck (located at 759 West Peachtree Street) and church on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30am. Don't forget to bring your parking ticket to church with you for validation (see the usher for assistance).

FOOD & BEVERAGES | Please no food or open containers in the Sanctuary.

HYMNALS | We sing from 2 hymnals, including the red United Methodist Hymnal located in the pew racks and the black The Faith We Sing, located at the end of the pews. Large print hymnals and Bibles are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

HEARING & VISUAL AIDS | Enhanced listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS | Men's & Women's restrooms are located just outside the chapel. As you exit the sanctuary turn left. Once you reach the chapel, turn left then immediately right. The Women's restroom is the third door on the left. For the men's restroom, pass the Women's restroom and the Men's restroom is just around the corner. Gender Neutral restrooms are available downstairs. As you leave the sanctuary turn left, take the set of stairs down just before the balcony stairs on the left. The restrooms are on the first landing. Please see an usher for assistance.

PEW CUSHIONS | Need some extra cushion for the pew? Ask an usher for a pew cushion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To learn more about upcoming events, to subscribe to our weekly newsletter (the Remarks), see the church calendar, or give, visit stmarkumc.org.

FRANCES WINSHIP WALTERS CHAPEL

During the months of January & February, the Frances Winship Walters Chapel will be closed for interior repairs. The Sunday 9 AM service will meet in the Sanctuary. Vespers will meet in Room 209 and the Interactions Class will meet in Wade Hall. Also, during the renovations of the Chapel, the Parlor will be closed.

MIDWEEK RETREATS

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

5:00 pm | "Celebration of Discipline" by Richard J. Foster Book Study | Room 111

5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper | Wade Hall

6:30 pm | Vespers | Room 209

6:30 pm | "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman | Room 205

6:30 pm | "Who is Pauli Murray?" Documentary | Wade Hall

7:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room | 3rd Floor Education Building

ONLINE SERVICES SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Though they make it look so seamless and easy on Facebook, it takes a team of volunteers to produce our online services. We have an immediate need in the following positions: Facebook Moderator; Soundboard Operator; Camera Operator or Stream Director. If you are interested in serving as one or more of these positions above, please **Johnny Sims** at johnny@techiebud.com. Training will be provided.

PARK (HOPEFULLY!!) & MAKE YOUR MARK

"Make Your Mark" Day is back - and this one is extra special because volunteers will HOPEFULLY be among the first to PARK in our new parking deck!

Join us on **Saturday, February 18th from 9 am – 1 pm** as we gather to spruce up our space while enjoying time together. We are looking for at least 60 people this time - yes, we want to make this the biggest one ever. There will be projects for ages 8+ and all physical abilities. Arrive for breakfast around 8:45 and start making your mark from 9 am to 1 pm, with lunch provided. You will still have time to enjoy your weekend as well as have some fun with your Saint Mark family.

Sign up and share your project passion via this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Feb18-Park-MakeYourMarkDay>

WIGGINS HOUSE UPDATE & DONATIONS NEEDED

We are continuing to make progress with the buildout at Wiggins House...smoke detectors have been installed, ceiling tiles have been finished out, so all is new, clean, and safe. We do have some finishing work to complete, and the furniture needs to be assembled. Now we are ready for basic living needs. If you would like to support our Wiggins House relaunch, please visit our Amazon.com wish list and consider donating: **<https://a.co/6IVJP2d>** - Thank you.

“WHO IS PAULI MURRAY?” DOCUMENTARY

The Solidarity & Social Justice Committee concludes its three-part series on the life and legacy of Pauli Murray on February 1 at 6:30 PM in Wade Hall. Don't miss this opportunity to learn of a ground breaker in American History. Check out this sneak peek of the documentary of her life: <https://youtu.be/Uh4r95VBU2Q>

MIDTOWN ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Midtown Alliance is seeking volunteers for our 2023 Annual Meeting, which will take place on the morning of Wednesday, February 8th at the Fox Theatre. This annual signature event attracts Atlanta's business, civic, and residential leaders. It includes a networking breakfast at 7AM and an engaging program at 8AM.

In addition to covering essential city and district updates, the event will look closely at the importance of thriving public spaces for Midtown's next era of growth ... and the steps Midtown Alliance and partners can take to create more people energy at street-level.

Volunteers should be enthusiastic about the exciting developments in Midtown and be able to be at the Fox from 6:00 AM to 8:30 AM on the morning of the event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTOR CAROLYN October 10-19, 2023

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to witness the events of the Gospels? Imagine being in the boat with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus spoke to the storm or standing on the Mount of Olives beside a weeping Jesus. Although going back in time is not possible, you can go where the events of the Bible took place - the Holy Land.

Pastor Carolyn is putting together a group who are interested in going to the Holy Land later this year. If you are interested in going to the Holy Land with Pastor Carolyn this all, please contact office@stmarkumc.org. More details to come in February.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP | “Jesus and the Disinherited”

The Wednesday Night Book group will be reading "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman between January 25th-March 1st. This book is "famously known as the text that Martin Luther King Jr. sought inspiration from in the days leading up to the Montgomery bus boycott." Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail. Join us Wednesdays in person or on Zoom as we read and discuss these powerful chapters - one each week. If you have questions, please contact **Michelle Levan** at michelle.levan@gmail.com or by phone at 404-405-0274.