



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, August 20, 2023
Nine O'clock

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Morning Worship

*You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

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!

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 185 v. 1, 3, & 4 | When Morning Guilds the Skies

Ministry Moment

Children's Ministry
Minister Shelia Stephens

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Let us offer each other signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*The Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Character of a United Methodist: Prays Without Ceasing

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 352 v. 1 & 3 | It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

*Benediction

Postlude

We Welcome You

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



Attendance

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

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.

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, *Senior Pastor*

Liturgists: Sheila Stephens, *Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation*

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist
Madeline Pascavage, Cantor | Hymn Leader

Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley

Usher Team: Greg Brown, *Head Usher*, Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Christian & Kristen Fuller, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton, Scott Lee, Betsy Moore, and Sybil Smith

Greeter: Craig Pigg

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Announcements & Special Events

Celebrate the Ministry of Pastor Sheila Stephens

Today | Between Services | Wade Hall

Popsicles on Peachtree

Next Sunday, August 27, 2023 | After Second Service | Front Terrace