



# SAINT MARK

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**  
**Eleven O'clock**

All Saints Sunday  
Communion Sunday



# 11 AM 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!

### Prelude

**Diapason Dialogue**

**Gordon Young**

### \*The Call to Worship

One: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

**All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, and those saints who are among us whose life and witness continue to teach us:

**All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

**All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends to us.

**All: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.**

## **Praise and Thanksgiving**

### \*Hymn of Praise

**UMH No. 711 v. 1-4 | For All the Saints**

### The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### \*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

One: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

### \*Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### \*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.*

## Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

## Honoring Our Saints

*In gratitude for the gifts of our saints, we take a moment to name them before you, and the body of Christ, claiming their lives as a gift to the church:*

Christopher Fletcher  
Floyd Barnett  
Don Schoner  
Keith Poss  
Diane Haase

*As a bell rings and a candle is lit for each of our honored saints, family, and friends in the congregation are invited to stand as their loved one is named.*

## Pastoral Prayer

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

## Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

## Anthem

**For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

**Howard Helvey**

*For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'nly board,  
May the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.  
In your service, Lord, defend us, on our hearts keep watch and ward;  
In the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord!  
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

\*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.**

The Scripture Lesson

**Revelation 7: 9-17**

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**We Give Thanks... For the Redeemed**

## **Response to God's Word**

Celebration of Holy Communion

**UMH Page 17 | Musical Setting A**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God (Father), Creator of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*"

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "*Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*"

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you - *Christopher Fletcher, Floyd Barnett, Don Schoner, Keith Poss, and Diane Haase.*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God (Father), now and for ever.

**All: Amen, amen, amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

## The Lord's Prayer

One: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**All: 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 Communion of the People

*During communion, we invite you to the table at the back center of the Sanctuary where you may light a candle in honor of a loved one on this All-Saints Sunday.*

*At the front left of the Sanctuary,  
Rev. Dr. Carol Rawlinson is available for prayer and anointing.*

## The Prayer of Dedication

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Forth

\*Hymn of Dedication

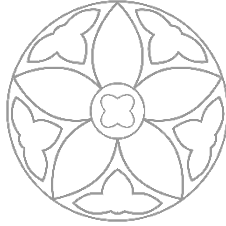
**UMH No. 733 | Marching to Zion**

\*Benediction

Postlude

**Trumpet Voluntary**

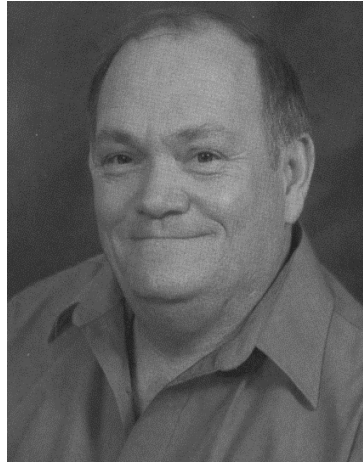
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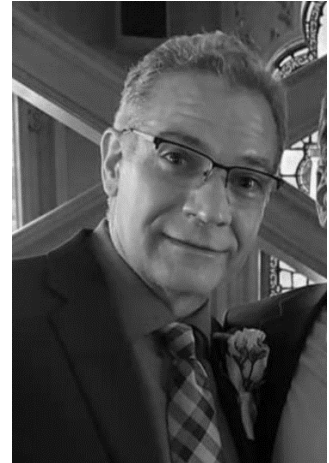
## **Our 2022 – 2023 Saint Mark Saints**



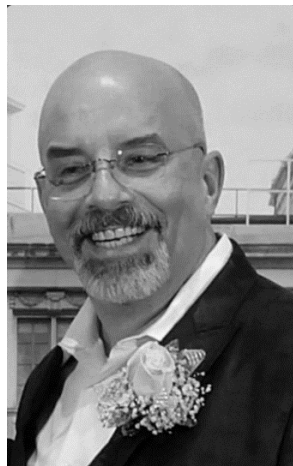
**Christopher Fletcher**  
*November 25, 1958 –  
December 31, 2022*



**Floyd Barnett**  
*April 5, 1954 –  
February 9, 2023*



**Don Schoner**  
*April 3, 1966 –  
May 5, 2023*



**Keith Poss**  
*November 6, 1962 –  
June 23, 2023*



**Diane Haase**  
*April 24, 1950 –  
September 30, 2023*



## **We Welcome You**

*As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.*

## **Worship Team**

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

Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, *Retired Elder in Full Connection, North Georgia Annual Conference | Elder-in-Residence, Saint Mark UMC*

Rev. Dr. Brett Opalinski, *Emory University Candler School of Theology Assistant Dean of Methodist Studies; Assistant Professor in the Practice of Spiritual Formation and Church Leadership | Elder in Full Connection, Florida Annual Conference | Elder-in-Residence, Saint Mark UMC*

**Liturgists:** Madi Dunn, *Children's Minister*

**Communion Servers:** Hayden and Ryan McArthur, *Lay Members*

**Anointing Station:** Rev. Dr. Carol Rawlinson, *Retired Elder in Full Connection, South Carolina Annual Conference | Elder-in-Residence, Saint Mark UMC*

**Music:** Phil Crumbly and V. Lee Edwards, *Interim Directors and Organist*

**Audio Visual:** Johnny Sims, *Coordinator of Online Ministry*, Jay Drew, Deana Hilton, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle

**Usher Team:** Buddy Wofford, *Head Usher*, Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, and Russell McKinney

**Greeter Team:** Deana Hilton and David Wilson

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## **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.



## **We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark**

Visit [www.stmarkumc.org](http://www.stmarkumc.org) and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.

## **All-Saints Sunday**

Today is All Saints Sunday, a day when we remember that the Church includes all who have gone before us and now are glorified, and all who follow. On this day we honor all those saints who have passed from this life and into the one to come. We remember those whose lives have had an impact on ours, including our departed family, friends, and church members **Christopher Fletcher, Floyd Barnett, Don Schoner, Keith Poss, and Diane Haase**. Also, there is a table in the center back of the Sanctuary with candles for those who would like to light a candle in honor of a loved one.

The photos on the windowsills are from church members who wanted to honor and remember their loved ones today.

## **Today's Communion Offering**

Today's Communion offering goes to support Saint Mark's **Breakfast and Supper Club** ministries. Volunteer teams serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need every Saturday morning and Tuesday afternoon.

## **Church Conference**

Today | 12:30 PM | Sanctuary

There will be a Church Conference with our District Superintendent, Dr. Michael McQueen, at 12:30pm in the sanctuary. This Church Conference will be for the sole purpose of electing members to serve in different leadership capacities, including as your Church Council for the class of 2024 through 2026, as recommended by your Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, or from the floor. All members of Saint Mark are encouraged to be at this Church Conference, so you can be a part of this process.

## **Outreach Closet Donations**

As we head into fall season, we need to outfit our outreach closet with winter items. We have created a link and a QR code below for you to order much needed items.



**Walmart**

<https://tinyurl.com/28rtpj8>



**Amazon**

<https://tinyurl.com/3ve9fje2>

## **Diane Haase's Celebration of Life**

Saturday, November 11, 2023 | 2 PM

Mark your calendar for Diane Haase's Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 2 PM. Rev. Philip Thomason will deliver the eulogy and Rev. Gary Arnold will be accompanist to the choir.

If you ever worked, sang, or performed with Diane, we urge you to join the all-star choir we are pulling together for the celebration of life on Saturday, November 11 at 2 PM. Please contact Robert Gilleo (RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org) in the church office to obtain your music and logistics information for the service.



For reservations, please email Robert Gilleo at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org) or complete the Microsoft Forms survey (<https://forms.office.com/r/29Xbv198wy>) no later than 5 PM Tuesday.

### Upcoming Meals

November 8	Beer Battered Fish
November 15	Rotisserie Chicken
November 22	NO MEAL
November 29	Lemon Baked Salmon
December 6	Homemade Chili
December 13	Pork Tenderloin
December 20 - January 10	NO MEALS