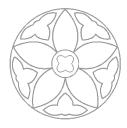


God's Grace Transforming Lives

# Sunday, November 5, 2023 Nine O'clock

All Saints Sunday Communion Sunday





# 9 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!

\*Hymn of Praise

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

\*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.

# 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 & 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 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

### Holy Communion

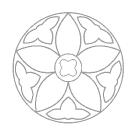
During communion, we invite you to the table at the back of the Chapel where you may light a candle in honor of a loved one on this All-Saints Sunday.

# Sending Forth

\*Hymn of Dedication
UMH No. 733 v. 1 & 4 | Marching to Zion

\*Benediction

Postlude



# 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

Liturgists: Madi Dunn, Children's Minister

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

Madeline Pascavage, Cantor | Hymn Leader

Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley

**Usher Team:** Kristen Fuller **Greeter:** Christian Fuller



#### 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.

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

Visit 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 back of the Chapel 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.



https://tinyurl.com/28rtpjd8



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 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