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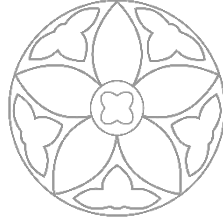
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, December 31, 2023
Ten O'clock

First Sunday after Christmas





10 AM Morning Worship

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

Prelude

Cantilena on Hark the Herald Angels Sing

James Biery

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!

Opening Prayer

*Christmas Carol

UMH No. 220 | Angels From the Realms of Glory

Christmas Carol

Congregation Selected

Scripture Reading

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Christmas Carol

UMH No. 224 | Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Christmas Carol
Congregation Selected

Scripture Reading
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

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A Christmas Story

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

*Christmas Carol
UMH No. 238 | Angels We Have Heard on High

Christmas Carol
Congregation Selected

Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Offertory
Go Tell It on the Mountain

Colleen Allard-Smith
Soloist

*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.

A Christmas Story

*Christmas Carol

UMH No. 246 | Joy to the World

*Benediction

Postlude

Joy to the World

David Cherwien

Worship Team

Presiding: Rev. Jimmy Moor, *Retired Elder in Full Connection, North Georgia Annual Conference*

Liturgists: Madi Dunn, *Children's Minister*

Meagan Williams, *Minister of Youth and Young Adults*

Music: Justin Bowen, *Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist*

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

Usher Team: Bob Brown, Chip DuPont, Russell McKinney, and Sybil Smith

Greeter Team: Pam and Andy Davis

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.



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.

Year-End Giving

Any gifts to the church that you would like to be credited for 2023 **must be dated and postmarked no later than today, December 31, 2023**. You can also drop off your gift using the newly installed mailbox outside the Church Office doors.

Questions? Contact Deana in the church office at 404-873-2636, ext. 14.

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.



- Using your Smartphone's camera, scan the QR Code.
- Follow the prompts.

Prayer Requests

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

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

The Children's Ministry needs four to six volunteers to help facilitate our nursery on an alternating schedule. If you LOVE babies and toddlers and can provide a one and a half to two-hour service once a month, WE NEED YOU! Please contact Madi Dunn at mdunn@stmarkumc.org.

Church Offices Closed

The Church Offices will be closed on January 1, 2024. We will reopen at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Winter Weather Donations Needed

As the weather begins to turn colder, it becomes more challenging for our unhoused neighbors to stay warm. We are requesting donations of blankets, gloves, and sleeping bags. Please bring any of these items to church and drop them off on Sunday mornings in the appropriate donation bin in the hallway between the narthex and chapel.



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.

Disciple Bible Study—Year 2

Disciple 2 Fast Track Bible Study is a 24-week in-depth review of Genesis/Exodus and Luke/Acts. The study comprises 15 to 30 minutes a day of bible reading and dynamic group discussions during the weekly meetings. This study will immerse you in 4 important books of the Bible and will enhance your spiritual journey as a disciple of Christ. Please note that it is not necessary to take Disciple 1 prior to taking Disciple 2.

We are organizing a new class that will meet 12 times this spring and 12 times in the fall. We are considering several times for the class...

- 1) During the Sunday School hour;
- 2) After the Wednesday night dinner or
- 3) A virtual class Tuesday evening

The new class will begin in late January and Paul Winslow will lead the class. The book for the first session is \$17 and scholarships are available. If interested, please let **Paul Winslow** know your preferred time at plwinslow3@gmail.com or **757-646-3278**.