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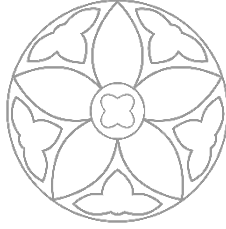
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Nine O'clock

Epiphany 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. 237 v. 1, 4, & 5 | Sing We Now of Christmas

*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 Scripture Lesson

James 5: 13-16

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Covenant Promises: Be Steadfast in Prayer

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

The Wesley Covenant Prayer

**"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."**

- John Wesley

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 251 | Go Tell it on the Mountain

*Benediction

Postlude

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, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Liturgists:	Rev. Andy Peabody, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Music:	Justin Bowen, <i>Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist</i>
Communion Steward:	J.W. Mozley
Usher Team:	Christian Fuller
Greeter:	Kristen 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.



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

This Month's Communion Offering

This month's Communion offering goes to support the **United Methodist Dollars for Scholars** program. The **United Methodist Dollars for Scholars** (UMDFS) program involves matching support from a student's church, the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF), as well as participating United Methodist-related schools and UMC conference foundations. At Saint Mark we have two Young Adults at LaGrange College who depend on our funding via the **United Methodist Dollars for Scholars** program.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

Return January 17, 2024

Welcome, Rev Andy Peabody!

We are delighted to welcome our new Associate Pastor Andy Peabody to Saint Mark today!

What's Your Name?

To help our new Associate Pastor Rev. Andy Peabody get to know us better - please remember to wear your nametag. If you do not have a nametag, contact Robert Gilleo at rjgilleo@stmarkumc.org so that he can create one for you. Nametags are stored in alphabetical order in the cabinet in the narthex. If you don't have a nametag to wear today, look for temporary blank ones in the narthex (ask an usher for assistance).

Covenant Prayer

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Amen.

John Wesley (1781)