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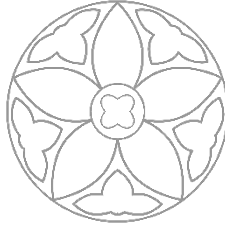
## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**  
**Nine O'clock**

Second Sunday after the Epiphany





## 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! Maybe you've been here more times than you can count. Maybe it's been a while, maybe never. Here is what matters: 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. 400 v. 1 & 3 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

#### \*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  
**Hebrews 10:19-25**

One: The Word of God for the people of God  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon  
**Covenant Promises: Consistent in Presence**

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

Holy Communion

## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn of Dedication  
**UMH No. 557 v. 1 & 4 | Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

\*Benediction

Postlude

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## **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**

<b>Preaching:</b>	Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Rev. Andy Peabody, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
<b>Music:</b>	Justin Bowen, <i>Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist</i> V. Lee Edwards, <i>Guest Organist</i>
<b>Communion Steward:</b>	J.W. Mozley
<b>Usher Team:</b>	Scott Lee
<b>Greeter:</b>	Greg Brown



### **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.



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## **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.

## **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.

## **A New Day in North Georgia!**

As we begin 2024, Bishop Robin Dease checks in with North Georgia United Methodists. She shares updates on the year ahead at <https://vimeo.com/901001992>.

## **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 name tag, contact Robert Gilleo at [rjgilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto: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).

## **2024 Commitment to Saint Mark**

If you need help setting up, confirming, or managing your electronic donations, please contact Deana Hilton at [dhilton@stmarkumc.org](mailto:dhilton@stmarkumc.org) or 404-873-2636, ext. 14.

## **Vespers**

Vespers returns January 17, 2024 to the chapel and will follow the Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Schedule.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

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.

Resume this Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Upcoming Meals</b>	<b>Program</b>
January 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Soup</li><li>• 1/4 lbs Steak Burgers</li><li>• 1/4 lbs Hot Dogs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet Rev. Andy</li></ul>
January 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Soup</li><li>• Baked Chicken</li><li>• Hash Brown Casserole</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
January 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Soup</li><li>• Baked Potato Bar</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>

## New Member Class

If you would like to join Saint Mark, please reach out to Robert Gilleo at [RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org) to sign up for the next new member class. The 2-session classes will be in-person at 10 AM on Sunday mornings or via Zoom at another time later in the week depending on the attendees' preferences.

## Fast Track New Testament

The Disciple Fast Track New Testament Bible Study Class will begin Wednesday January 17th at 6:30 PM right after Wednesday Night Dinner Please contact Buddy Wofford at 404-862-0030 or [prinnovate@aol.com](mailto:prinnovate@aol.com) to join, The Study Guides are \$17 and you can pay Buddy.

## Church Calendar Reminders

- **Church Office Closed** | Monday, January 15 in observance of MLK, Jr. Day.
- **Church Council Meeting** | Sunday, January 21 | Wade Hall | 12:30 PM
- **Chili/Soup Cook-off** | Sunday, February 11 | Wade Hall | 12:00 PM
- **Cabaret with Clint Clark-Duke** | Wednesday, February 21 | Wade Hall | 6:30 PM