

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday
April 6, 2025**



Pastor
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Diane Llywelyn

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

Time with Young Disciples

Call to Confession

Pastor

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

Patient Lord, we often find it easy to blame our past, others, and circumstances for the things that happen in our lives. We hear the words “if only” and wonder why things didn’t happen differently for us. Too often, we want you to be a “magic” presence that will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills and give us success and happiness, but we don’t necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life happens. Our plans fall apart and events swirl around us over which we have no control. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don’t recognize your presence and love for us. Help us to forget the past so we may see the future. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us explore the various ways you are working in the world for peace and your kingdom and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.

(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison

“Dying You Destroyed Our Death”

No. 567

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Pastor and Congregation

Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God’s healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to our God now and forever!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: Isaiah 43:14-21 (p. 604 Pew Bible) Liturgist
This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (p.981 Pew Bible) Pastor
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon "Dying to Live: The Death of Your Past" Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

Anthem "Remember Me" Sanctuary Choir
(Jay Althouse)

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation
– Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* **Invitation to Stand**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

“Come to the Table of Grace”

No. 507

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

All who wish to receive communion are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be served where you are seated. You may select the prepackaged communion elements or partake by intinction – to dip a portion of the bread in the cup. Safety precautions were observed when preparing all communion elements.

Prayer After Communion

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 606

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor

* **Hymn**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 353

* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

* **Postlude**

Gary O’Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Becky Page, Liturgist.

The Usher is Diane Llywelyn.

Refreshments in the Parlor today are served
by the Worship and Music Committee.

* **Invitation to Stand**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6th

Sunday	11:30 am 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1:00	Yoga Wellness Church Food Pantry Community Unplugged Jam Club
Monday	6:00	Worship & Music Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm 6:00 6:00	Church Food Pantry Stewardship & Finance Com. Mtg. Christian Education Committee
Wednesday	6:00 6:00 7:00	Way Out Wednesday Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 3:00	Bible Study Church Food Pantry Open Gate
Friday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Neighborhood Block Party Journey Community Church



SESSION MEMBERS Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2025
Bill Grayson
Daniel Robinson
Leigh Taylor

Class of 2026
Diane Llywelyn
Bill Oney
Charlene Taylor

Class of 2027
Dorothy Moore
Ann O'Neal
Lorraine Stephen

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

The Weekly Devotional focuses on today's sermon and message. It includes a memory verse, three reflection questions, and a challenge for the upcoming week.

Please take the Weekly Devotional home with you and use it throughout the week.

Sermon:

Dying to Live: The Death of Your Past"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:14-21
Philippians 3:4b-14

Memory Verse

"Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 3:13-14)

Reflection Questions

- (1) What "former" thing that happened in the history of Israel does Isaiah refer to in the passage you just read?
- (2) In what ways does your past keep you from embracing new things?
- (3) What new things are happening in your life? If nothing new is happening, what new things do you hope for?

Challenge for the Week

Make two lists: 1) What things in your past are making it hard for you to move forward in your faith journey? 2) What new things do you believe God has brought into your life or wants to bring into your life?