

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Communion Sunday
February 2, 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.

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor and Congregation
Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn within our own family, our own congregation, and our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth, you knew, loved, and claimed every person. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Forgive and renew us with your never-ending abundant grace, mercy, and love. Amen.

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

Kyrie Eleison “Lord, Have Mercy” No. 551

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive) Pastor and Congregation
(Zephaniah 3:14-15 Adapted)

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings. It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and justice. This good news is for you: God claims you; Christ welcomes you, and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored.

Thanks be to our God now and forever!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (p. 627 Pew Bible) Liturgist
This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Luke 4:21-30 (p. 860 Pew Bible) Pastor
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

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

Sermon “The Power to Become: God’s Prophets” Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

Anthem “If We Truly Believe” Sanctuary Choir
(Don Besig)

* **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

* **Invitation to Stand**

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.

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**

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

No. 722

* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

* **Postlude**

Gary O’Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Sheila Wahl, Liturgist.

The usher is Diane Llywelyn.

Refreshments in the Parlor today are served by the Membership and Mission Committee.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2nd

Sunday	11:30 am	Yoga Wellness
Monday	6:00	Worship & Music Committee Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Fellowship Committee Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Way Out Wednesday
	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	3:00	Open Gate
	6:00	Administration & Personnel Committee Mtg.
Friday	12:00	Fitness Boot Camp*
		Eastminster Presbyterian Church
		6550 Samuell Blvd.
		Dallas, TX 75228
		*You must be signed up to attend



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: "The Power to Become: God's Prophets"

Memory Verse

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
(Jeremiah 1:4)

Reflection Questions

- (1) In what ways did Jeremiah feel he was not qualified to be a prophet?

- (2) In what ways do you feel inadequate in delivering God's messages to others?

- (3) What is an instance in which you feel God has used your voice for the sake of others?

Challenge for the Week

Identify an instance in the next week where you believe God is speaking to you through another person.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since then, close to \$200 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God’s love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice:

WHITE ROCK CENTER OF HOPE

To learn more, visit: TackleHunger.org