

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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7th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024



Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Rev. Dr. Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Diane Llywelyn
Ms. Darlene Wright

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

Assurance of God's Forgiving Grace

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

When we confess our shortcomings, God assures us that we are forgiven and loved because of Jesus Christ. He lived, died, and was raised to show us God's love that conquers sin.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: 1 John 5:9-13 (p. 1023 Pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord!

Liturgist

Response: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: John 17:6-19 (p. 903 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Response: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Believing is Belonging"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

Anthem

"We Belong to Christ"
(arr. Emily Lund)

Sanctuary Choir

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation
The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Pastor and Congregation

When I say We Praise You, your response is, "Let all the people praise you." Lord Jesus, we express our gratitude for the prayer you made for your disciples. We earnestly pray that your requests would also be fulfilled in our lives. May God protect us from all harm, fill us with everlasting joy, keep us safe in this world, and sanctify us through his truth, which is his word. We are thankful for your unconditional love and care for us. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

Dear Lord, according to the psalmist, if we take delight in your word and meditate on it day and night, we will experience your favor and be fruitful and prosperous. Please help us to immerse ourselves in your word, meditate on it, and apply it to our daily lives. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

Lord, we are grateful for all the churches in our area, regardless of their denominations. We pray that we can be united in Christ and express our love for you and our neighbors and those in need. May the unity of the Body of Christ serve as a testimony to your love for the world that needs it. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

Father, you are the defender of orphans and widows, and provider for the poor. Help us to be your hands and feet to serve and feed your sheep. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

Let your love shine on those who are suffering from war, terrorism, displacement, or famine in countries like Ukraine, Afghanistan, Israel, and Palestine. Help us to always remember to pray for the establishment of peace between different groups so that they can sit down and listen to each other in our own community and in the world. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

Remember the needs of our brothers and sisters who are enduring trials, including those known and unknown to us but all known to you. We pray especially for those who are sick, lonely, hungry, homeless, whose spirits are broken, imprisoned, unjustly treated, or abused. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

We pray for all the mothers of every generation for birthing us, caring for us, and demonstrating Your unconditional love. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

May we be faithful to witness and help others enter Christ's family through our actions and words. We praise you.

Let all the people praise you.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and have mercy upon us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

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, 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

* **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 after the worship service.

* **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor

* **Hymn** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” No. 839

* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

* **Postlude** Gary O’Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Leigh Taylor, Liturgist.



The usher is Dorothy Moore.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12TH

Monday	6:00	Admin. and Person. Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Steward. and Fin. Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Christian Ed. Com. Mtg.
	6:30	Casa View Haven Neighborhood Assoc.
Wednesday	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00	Zoom Yoga

SESSION MEMBERS

Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2024
Kathleen Hale
Susie Miller
Lorraine Stephen

Class of 2025
Bill Grayson
Daniel Robinson
Leigh Taylor

Class of 2026
Diane Llywelyn
Bill Oney
Charlene Taylor