

# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12 , 2023



**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**

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**We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Gary O'Neal, Organist  
(arr. Jason D. Payne)

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

**Welcome and \*Greeting One Another** Pastor

\* **Call to Worship** (Responsive) Liturgist

Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

**We choose love. We choose hope. We choose peace. We choose kindness.**

We choose welcome. We choose justice.

**We choose to serve God.**

\* **Hymn** "Come! Live in the Light" No. 749

\* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

\* **Gloria Patri** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

**Call to Confession** Pastor

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation

**God, we say we want to see you, to know you, to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kingdom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith into action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn always to be ready for you to arrive. Amen.**

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

**Kyrie Eleison** "Lord, Have Mercy" No. 551

**Assurance of God's Forgiving Grace** Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

Brothers and sisters, all who seek God will rejoice and be glad. We proclaim that God is great because of this good news: we are forgiven! Be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Illumination** Liturgist

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (p. 198-199 Pew Bible) Liturgist  
This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p. 987 Pew Bible) Pastor  
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

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

**Sermon** "It's Time to Make Your Choice" Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Anthem** "Keep Your Lamps!" Sanctuary Choir  
(arr. by Andre Thomas)

\* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation  
– Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** 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.**

\* **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 drop 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** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" No. 2129  
(Sing the Faith)
- \* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor
- \* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Becky Page, Liturgist.  
The usher is Dorothy Moore.



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF November 12<sup>TH</sup>

Monday	6:00	Admin. and Personnel Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Steward. and Fin. Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Christian Ed. Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00	Zoom Yoga
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Choir Retreat
	8:00 a.m.	Dallas Cluster Officer Trng. (Gleaners Classroom)

### 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