

# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 13, 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**

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



## **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

Friends in Christ, know this: God's mercy is eternal, and I remind you of God's extraordinary grace - in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

First Reading: Mark 10:17-31 (p. 847 Pew Bible)

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This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 (p. 1003 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

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

**Sermon**

"A Sympathetic Savior"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Anthem**

"Gonna Lay My Burden Down"  
(arr. by Rouse)

Sanctuary Choir

\* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

The 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 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**

“We Are Called”

No. 749

\* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

\* **Postlude**

Gary O’Neal, Organist

Sanctuary flowers are given this morning by Bill and Cecilia Grayson in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Assisting in worship today is Bill Grayson, Liturgist.

The usher is Dorothy Moore.



Refreshments in the Parlor today are provided by the Worship Committee.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Mission and Membership Com. Mtg.
	1:00	Community Guitar Jam
Monday	6:00	Property Committee Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Admin. and Personnel Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Way Out Wednesday
	6:00	Handbells Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00	Open Gate
	6:00	Zoom Yoga
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Mini Workday

## 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.

### Memory Verse

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

### Reflection Questions

- (1) What does the scripture say Jesus does when the young man declares he has kept all the commands since his youth?
- (2) How does it feel to know that Jesus sympathizes with your struggles?
- (3) Who are some people that you have a lot of sympathy for?

### Challenge for the Week

Send a sympathy card this week for someone you know is struggling.