

# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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Reformation Sunday  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 27, 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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**

“Toccata in F Major”  
(D. Buxtehude)

Gary O’Neal, Organist

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

**Welcome and \*Greeting One Another**

Pastor

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

Liturgist

God has gathered us in this place from the corners of North Texas and Dallas.

**We’ve come from many kinds of dwellings and many kinds of families; from the many places we work and learn.**

From near and far we join our hearts and voices to glorify God.

**God welcomes all in this place. Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 275

\* **Prayer of Adoration**

\* **Gloria Patri**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

No. 582

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Call to Confession**

Pastor

Friends, we are in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to make a sincere confession of our sins; to pray, for others and ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God’s love and show forth that love in our lives the fruits of his grace and mercy knowing God will grant us his grace, mercy and forgiveness. Let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

**Merciful God, we claim that we are always being reformed, but when it’s our turn to change our sinful ways, we are so often afraid. Even amidst our growing pains, enliven our hearts to recognize your grace. Even amidst the ever-shifting ways of the world, open our minds to what might be. Forgive us our sins. Grant us your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. Remind us that we live and move and have our being in you. Amen.**

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

\* **Invitation to Stand**

**Kyrie Eleison**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

No. 551

**Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

Take heart, Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two thousand years. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

First Reading: Mark 10:46-52 (p. 847 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28 (p. 1004-1005 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

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

**Sermon**

“A Merciful Intercessor”

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Anthem**

“Jesus is the Living Stone”  
(Music by Mary McDonald)

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** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 450

\* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

\* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist

Sanctuary flowers today are in celebration of the  
Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Karen Oney.

Assisting in worship today is Diane Llywelyn, Liturgist.

The usher is Bill Oney.

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



### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday	1:00	Community Guitar Jam
Wednesday	6:00	WOW Halloween Party
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
Thursday	3:00	Open Gate
	6:00	Zoom Yoga

### **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 – “A Merciful Intercessor”

#### Memory Verse

“Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

(Hebrews 7:25)

#### Reflection Questions

- (1) How does Jesus show Bartimaeus mercy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (2) How have you experienced mercy in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (3) Who do you hear crying for mercy either in your community or in another part of the world?

#### Challenge for the Week

Help someone who asks you for help this week.