# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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## World Communion Sunday

## October 4, 2026

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| Pastor | Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns |
| Director of Music/Organist | Mr. Gary O'Neal |
| Church Office Administrator | Cathy Schingle |

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP
# World Communion Sunday

## October 4, 2026

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

**Prelude** "One Bread, One Body" (Contemporary American Hymn)Handbell Choir
(arr. Sondra Tucker)

* **Welcome and Greeting One Another** Pastor

* **Congregational Introit** (remain standing)

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,**
**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**
**I can hear the brush of angels' wings,**
**I see glory on each face;**
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

* **Call to Worship** Liturgist
(Responsive in English or Spanish)
People will come from east and west,
**from north and south, del norte y del sur,**
and will eat in the kingdom of God.
**Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**
**Gracias a Dios por acogernos en la mesa.**

* **Hymn** "O Sing to the Lord" (Brazil) No. 637

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* **Invitation to Stand**

* **Prayer of the Day** by Safiya Fosua from *The Africana Worship Book*
Let us pray in English or Spanish: Liturgist and Congregation
**Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved worldwide community; through Jesus Christ Our Savior. Amen.**

**Dios poderoso y misericordioso, amante de la justicia y la equidad, nos llamas a apoyar a los débiles, a ayudar a los que sufren y a honrar a todas las personas. Por el poder de tu Espíritu Santo, haznos defensores de tu justicia e instrumentos de tu paz, para que todos puedan reconciliarse en tu amada comunidad mundial; por Jesucristo Nuestro Salvador.**
**Amén.**

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

**The Sword of the Spirit**

**Call to Confession** Pastor

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation
**Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and understanding. Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal, but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us wherever we find ourselves. When we have forgotten you, failed to speak words of love, and neglected the needs of others, Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

**Dios amoroso, presente y cercano. Estás más allá de nuestras palabras y comprensión. Ayúdanos a recordar que eres a la vez infinito, ilimitado, atemporal y eterno, pero, al mismo tiempo, íntimamente ligado a nuestras vidas. Estás con nosotros dondequiera que nos encontremos. Cuando te hemos olvidado, no hemos dicho palabras de amor y hemos descuidado las necesidades de los demás, Señor, ten piedad. Amén.**

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

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* **Invitation to Stand**

**Kyrie Eleison** "Change My Heart, O God" No. 695

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**
**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder. Hazme como tú; tuyo quiero ser.**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**
**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (Responsive) Pastor and Congregation
God loves us with an everlasting love; God's grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.
**Alleluia!**

**Lessons from Scripture**

**Prayer for Illumination** Liturgist and Congregation
Pray with me in English or Spanish
**Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Dios fiel, qué bendecidos son los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia. Sántificanos con tu Palabra y tu Espíritu para que podamos glorificarte en compañía de los fieles; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (p. 151 Pew Bible) Liturgist
This is the Word of the Lord!
Response: **Thanks be to God!**

**Second Reading:** Selections from Matthew 5-7 Pastor
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Response: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

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* **Invitation to Stand**

**Sermon** "The Life and Times of Jesus Christ; Jesus Turns Tradition on its Head" — Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Anthem** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (Ghana) (arr. Steven Strite) — Sanctuary Choir

* **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 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 worshiped 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 Anthem** "Santo, Santo, Santo" (arr. Donald Moore) (Spanish/English) — Sanctuary Choir; Soloist, Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

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* **Invitation to Stand**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**
The Lord be with you.
**And also, with you. Y también contigo.**
Levantemos el corazón.
**We lift them to the Lord. Los elevamos al Señor.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise. Es justo dar gracias y alabanza.**

**The Lord's Prayer**
**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, Offerings, and Faith Promises** Doxology No. 605
"Praise to God the Father" (Ghana)
*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.*

* **Hymn** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (South Africa) No. 853

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* **Invitation to Stand**

* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

* **Sending Song** "We Are One in Christ Jesus" No. 322
"Somos uno en Cristo"
(sing 2 times)

**We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.**
**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.**

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

Assisting in worship today is Leigh Taylor, Liturgist.
The Usher is Diane Llywelyn.

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

* **Invitation to Stand**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH

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| | | World Communion Sunday |
| Sunday | 11:00 am | Disciple Followship Group |
| | 11:00 am | Yoga Wellness |
| Monday | 6:00pm | Worship and Music Com. Mtg. |
| Tuesday | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Church Food Pantry |
| | 6:00pm | Fellowship Com. Mtg. |
| Wednesday | 5:00 pm | Yoga Wellness |
| | 6:00 pm | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 6:00 pm | Way Out Wednesday |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | | Grace Presbytery Meeting in Granbury |
| | | Bible Study Will Resume on October 15 at 10:30 |
| | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Church Food Pantry |
| | 3:00 pm | Open Gate |
| | 6:00 pm | Administration and Personnel Com. Mtg. |
| Saturday | 10:00 am | BA Soccer Booster Car Wash |

**SESSION MEMBERS**
**Cathy Schingle – Clerk**

| Class of 2027 | Class of 2028 | Class of 2029 |
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| Kathleen Hale | Bill Grayson | Bob King |
| Dorothy Moore | Shelly Manriquez | Bill Oney |
| Ann O'Neal | Harry Roberts | Charlene Taylor |