

# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 6, 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**  
**World Communion Sunday**

**Prelude** "He Is Mine" (Swahili song from Kenya) Sanctuary Choir  
(arr. Hal H. Hopson) Paul Burns, Soloist

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

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

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

We gather from the west to the east,  
**from the south to the north,**  
**to celebrate the God of peace**  
**who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us  
in each and every circumstance around us.

**We praise God's name! Amen!**

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

\* **Prayer of Adoration**

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

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Call to Confession** Pastor

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation  
**God, in faith and hope, we come to You and confess our weakness and vulnerability. At this time our fragility, fear, and death, we come to You. Make us well, and we will be well. Be our Savior and we will be safe. For us, You are our hope. We believe that You are our strength; You are our refuge. In our vulnerability, You are our shelter. In the midst of darkness, You give us light and rays of hope. In our pain and suffering, You give us the ability to live in hope with courage; and the wisdom to overcome all difficulties. God of hope, heal us, protect us, and sustain us by Your divine grace. Amen.**

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

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

\* **Invitation to Stand**

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

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

Each of us is a divine creation, and it is not right for you to be alone. Know now that you are forgiven and called back into a relationship with God and with one another praising God for his mercy and grace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 (p. 2 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (p. 1001-1002 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

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

**Sermon**

"A Helping Partner"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Anthem**

"One World, One Communion"

Sanctuary Choir

(American anthem)

(Pepper Choplin)

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

Pastor and Congregation

– Nicene 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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Communion Hymn**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

No. 526

(Jamaica)

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**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 (Responsive)**

Pastor and Congregation

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God's benefits.**

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

"Praise to God the Father" (Ghana)

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**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God" (South Africa)

No. 853

\* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

\* **Postlude**

Gary O'Neal, Organist

Assisting in worship today is Leigh Taylor, Liturgist.

The usher is Diane Llywelyn.



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday	1:00	Community Guitar Jam
Monday	6:00	Worship and Music Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Stewardship and Finance Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Christian Education Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Way Out Wednesday
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	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.

### Memory Verse

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." (Genesis 2:18)

### Reflection Questions

- (1) What was Jesus not ashamed to call you according to Hebrews 2:11?
- (2) Who are some of your helping partners?
- (3) Who do you feel called to be a helping partner to outside of your household?

### Challenge for the Week

Partner with someone this week in helping others.