

# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 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** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
(arr. Matthew Prins ) Handbell Choir

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

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

\* **Call to Worship** (Responsive) (from Psalm 100) Liturgist

Be alert at all times,

**Praying that we may stand before the Son of Man.**

Look up and raise your heads,

**Because our redemption is drawing near.**

Shout aloud and sing for sing,

**For great in our midst is the Holy One.**

\* **Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 93

\* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

\* **Gloria Patri** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 581

**Call to Confession** Pastor

**If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did.**

**Too often, we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway and ask you to help us change our ways.**

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

\* **Invitation to stand**

**Assurance of God’s Forgiving Grace**

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak. We are forgiven and restored.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Lessons from Scripture**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

First Reading:

Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 831 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response:**

**Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p. 987-988 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Response:**

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

“Investing in Futures”

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

**Anthem**

"All Good Gifts"

Sanctuary Choir

(Joseph Martin)

\* **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** "It Is Well with My Soul" No. 840

\* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

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



Flowers today are given by Bill and Cecilia Grayson,  
in celebration of their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Assisting in worship today is Leigh Taylor, Liturgist.  
The usher is Lorraine Stephen.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF November 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Tuesday	6:30	Session Meeting
Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED	Thanksgiving

### **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