



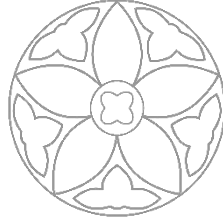
SAINT MARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, November 26, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Christ the King Sunday





11 AM Morning Worship

**You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.*

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

We welcome each of you to this service! No matter who you are or where you are from, you are a child of God, and you are welcome here!

Prelude

*The Call to Worship

One: The King of love is our Shepherd.

All: The goodness of the Lord never fails.

One: Christ rescues us from the scattered and dark places of our lives.

All: He leads us into fertile pastures and flowing streams of grace

One: The Lord gives us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

All: He is our refuge and hope.

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 66 | Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

All: Loving and merciful God, you have shown your love to us through the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and liberated those held captive. He has instructed us to do the same, as his disciples. Yet, we have failed to care for those in need as we should. We often think we are too busy, or our efforts will not make a difference, or it should be done by someone else. Forgive us for not doing as we should. Convict our hearts again and again until we respond in your love.

One: Hear the Good News: Christ has invited us to into the ministry of love with him. We have been called. We have been equipped. Let us now do the work of the kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Let us offer each other signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (God), 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Anthem

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Craig Courtney

Crown him with many crowns! Crown him with many crowns! Crown him with many crowns!

*Crown him the Lord of Love! Behold his hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him with many crowns, this lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthems drown all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee.
And hail him as they matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave.
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high.
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side.
Those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me.
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.*

Crown him with many crowns! Crown him with many crowns! Crown him with many crowns!

*Doxology

UMH No. 95 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 715 | Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25: 31-46

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

We Give Thanks... For your Invitation to Serve

Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* universal

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 581 | Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, *Senior Pastor*

Liturgists: Madi Dunn, *Children's Minister*

Meagan Williams, *Assistant to the Pastor of Youth and Young Adults*

Paul Winslow, *Lay Reader*

Music: Justin Bowen, *Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist*

Audio Visual: Johnny Sims, *Coordinator of Online Ministry*, Jay Drew, Deana Hilton, Anna Rader, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle

Usher Team: Joel Black, Bob Brown, and Chip duPont

Greeter Team: Roger Brown and Pam Davis, *Head Greeter*

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We Welcome You

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!



Attendance

Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use the Secure Giving App, or Saint Mark's assigned number for text donations is 844-703-1444 and the keyword is 'operating'. To give via text, text the word 'operating', a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text 844-703-1444 operating 25. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.



We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

Visit www.stmarkumc.org and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.



Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

For reservations, please email Robert Gilleo at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org or complete the Microsoft Forms survey (<https://forms.office.com/r/29Xbv198wy>) no later than 5 PM Tuesday.

Upcoming Meals

November 29	Lemon Baked Salmon
December 6	Homemade Chili
December 13	Pork Tenderloin
December 20 - January 10	NO MEALS



PRIDE FOR PARENTS

**Donations accepted from now through
Monday, December 11, 2023.**

This year, Saint Mark is again proud to support Pride for Parents. We will collect toys through Monday, December 11, 2023 at Saint Mark or you can order directly off their Amazon and Target wish lists below. The December 11th deadline is so that they can pick up, sort, and price the toys before the store opens. The store will be officially open this year from December 14th to 23rd.

Pride for Parents is an opportunity for South Atlanta families to provide for their loved ones at Christmas. Toys and gifts area available to purchase at a reduced cost. Families from the neighborhood get to shop for that perfect toy for their loved ones. The revenue generated from the store goes right back to the community supporting affordable housing.

Toy donations are needed!

Amazon Wish List: <https://tinyurl.com/4ccj8ur6>

Target Wish List: <https://tinyurl.com/4z626zs9>



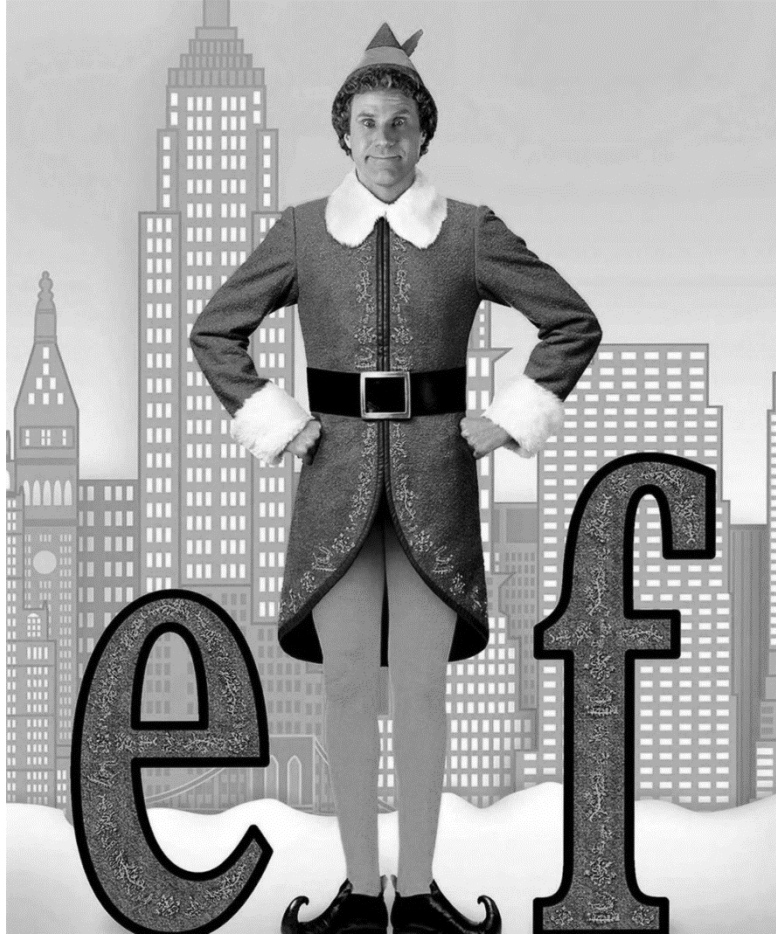
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TARGET

Volunteer at the Store

Once the store is open, Pride for Parents is always welcoming the support of community partners. There are various tasks, including gift wrapping, register support, toy sorting, pricing, and stocking. If you are interested, in volunteering use the following link to register: https://form.jotform.com/FCS_/pride-for-parents-join-the-joy



Holly Jolly Family Movie Night!
Friday, December 8 | 6:00 PM

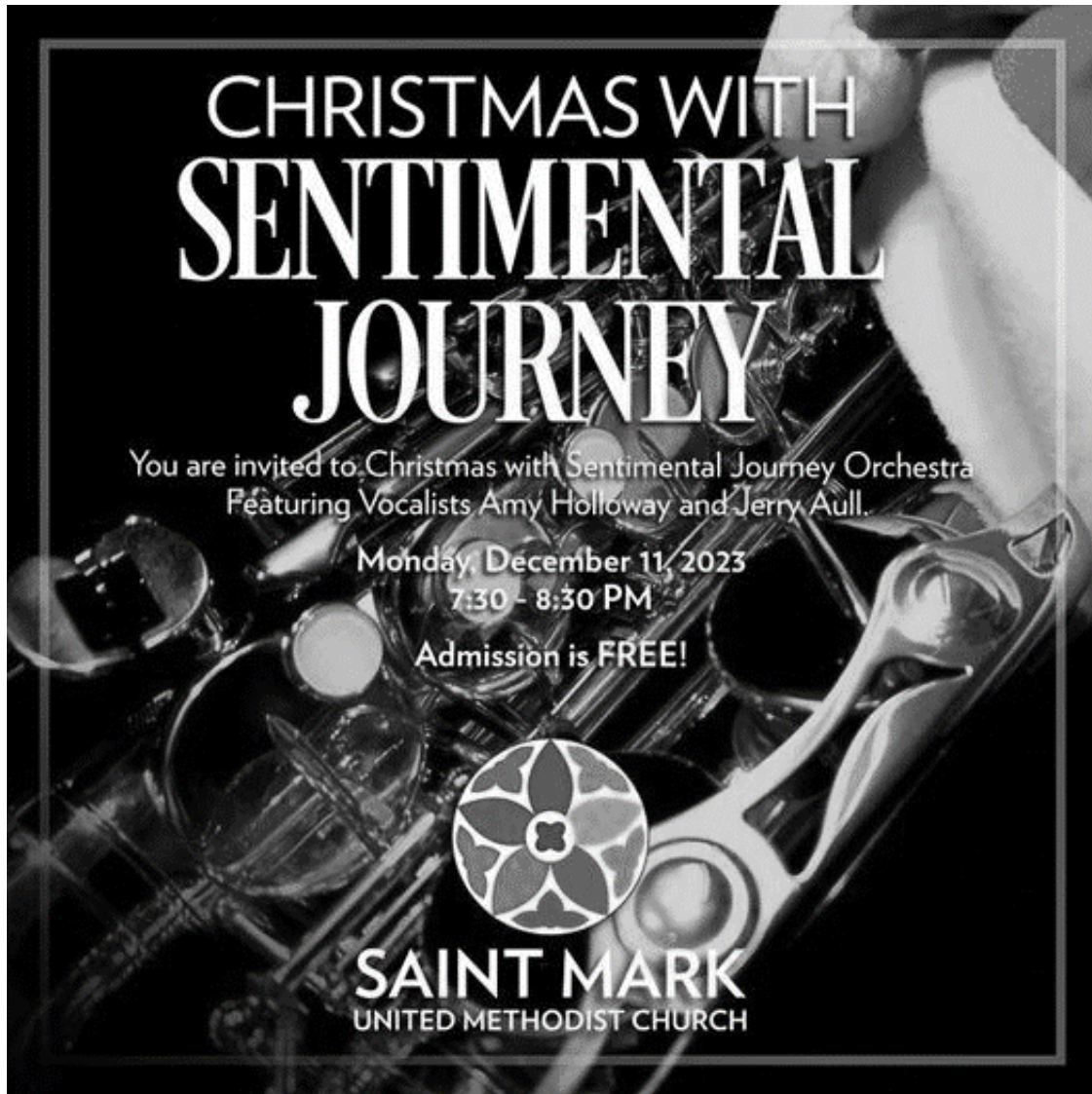
Join us for a Holly Jolly Family Movie Night!

Get ready to spread Christmas cheer with our FREE Outdoor Family Movie Night featuring the heartwarming classic, "ELF"!

Free movie, popcorn and hot cocoa for everyone!

Bring your family, friends, and your coziest blankets (and one blanket to DONATE to our Saint Mark Outreach Ministry Closet) to our festive movie night.

Dress in your comfiest PJs as this will be outside, in the neighborhood and bring your holiday spirit. Share the joy and invite your neighbors and loved ones. The more, the merrier! Let's celebrate the season with Buddy the Elf and his hilarious adventures!



**Christmas with
Sentimental Journey Orchestra and Amy Holloway
Monday, December 11 | 7:30 PM**

Join us for an unforgettable night of music and nostalgia!

Experience the magic of the season with our "Christmas with Sentimental Journey" concert, where timeless classics and heartwarming melodies come to life.

Get ready to be swept away by the enchanting sounds of the holiday season. Share this special evening with loved ones and create cherished memories.

Let's make this holiday season even more memorable together.

Trinity Table Volunteers Needed December 2 & December 3

Saturday, December 2 | 12:00 pm

6 volunteers needed for ONLY 1 hour
Make 175 To-Go Bags in Wade Hall

December 3 | 11:00 am

5 volunteers needed for ONLY 1 hour
Wrap 300 hot dogs in Wade Hall (Kitchen)

December 3 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Pass out meals at Trinity Methodist Church Table
10 volunteers needed.

Come Be a Part of the Table

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jena Mozley at jenamozley@yahoo.com or text at 770-329-1445.

Supper Club Volunteers

Every Tuesday afternoon, Supper Club prepares and serves a hot meal to 60 people who are in need. Similar to Breakfast Club, this ministry provides a meal to individuals in a loving and respectful environment.

In 2024, similar to Breakfast Club, we are looking for people to volunteer on a rotational basis a few times a month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Viveca Richards at 864-884-1206 or via email at viveca1956@gmail.com.

Give Poinsettias in Honor or Memory of a Loved One

\$10 each | Order before December 13

A Saint Mark tradition, the beautiful, red-leafed plants adorn our Sanctuary during the weeks leading up to Christmas Day. The plants are \$10 each (purchased from a local nursery). The last day to order for our annual poinsettias list is Wednesday, December 13. The poinsettias list will be published on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/store/p/poinsettia>