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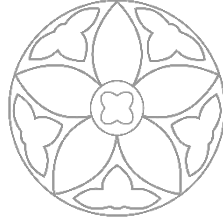
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Nine O'clock

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany





9 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! Maybe you've been here more times than you can count. Maybe it's been a while, maybe never. Here is what matters: No matter who you are or where you are from, you are a child of God, and you are welcome here!

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 98 v. 1 & 3 | To God Be the Glory

*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.

Announcement

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Eric Steverson

Celebration of Disciple 1 Fast Track Graduates

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.

*The Gospel Lesson

John 13:3-15

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Covenant Promise: Faithful in Service

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 593 v. 1 & 3 | Here I Am Lord

*Benediction

Postlude

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We Welcome You

As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

Worship Team

Preaching:	Rev. Andy Peabody, Associate Pastor
Liturgists:	Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Music:	Justin Bowen, Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist
Communion Steward:	J.W. Mozley
Usher Team:	Deana Hilton
Greeter:	Terry Davis



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.



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.

2024 Commitment to Saint Mark

If you need help setting up, confirming, managing your electronic donations, or financial commitment for 2024, please contact **Deana Hilton** at **dhilton@stmarkumc.org** or **404-873-2636**, ext. 14.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use one of the QR codes below. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

- Using your Smartphone's camera, scan the QR Code. & follow the prompts.

SecureGive



PayPal



Venmo



Text to Give



- To give via text, scan the QR code, and replace the \$\$ in the text with the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text operating 25.

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.

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

Date	Upcoming Meals	Program
January 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soup• Baked Potato Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eddie Gammill and Film Maker, Sofia

Church Calendar Reminders

- **Disciple II** | Tuesdays | Zoom | 6:00 PM
- **Vespers** | Wednesdays | Chapel | 6:30 PM
- **Young Adult Book and Bible Study** | Wednesdays | Room 201 | 6:30 PM
- **Four Quartets Study** | Wednesdays | **Room 205 | 6:30 PM**
- **Fast Track Disciple I – New Testament** | Wednesdays | Room 111 | 6:30 PM
- **New Member Class Session 2 of 2** | Sunday, January 28 | Wade Hall | 10:00 AM
- **Souper Chili Cookoff** | Sunday, February 11 | Wade Hall | 10:00 AM
- **Cabaret with Clint Clark-Duke** | Wednesday, February 28 | Wade Hall | 6:00 PM
- **LifeSouth Blood Drive** | Sunday, March 3 | Outside | 9:00 AM

Midtown Alliance 2024 Annual Meeting

Midtown Alliance is seeking volunteers for their 2024 Annual Meeting, which will take place on the morning of Tuesday, March 5th at the Fox Theatre. This annual signature event attracts Atlanta's business, civic, and residential leaders and is our first and largest event of the year. It includes an amazing networking breakfast at 7AM, followed by an engaging program at 8AM with Midtown leadership, City leadership, and a keynote speaker.

Volunteers should be enthusiastic about the exciting developments in Midtown and be able to be at the Fox from 6:00 AM to 8:30 AM on the morning of the event. Volunteers will be involved with:

- Electronic guest check-in and name badge distribution
- Ushering guests upstairs to the breakfast, and downstairs to the program
- Passing out event programs at the start of the event
- Guiding guests to seating

If you are available, please contact **Philip Rafshoon** at **Philip@MidtownATL.com** or **404-274-5404** by **Friday, February 16th** – thanks for your consideration and support of Midtown Atlanta.

Four Quartets Study at Wednesday Midweek Retreat

For four Wednesdays, January 24 – February 14, read and reflect together on T.S. Eliot's provocative poem Four Quartets. In this long poem, Eliot explores humankind's relationship to time, the universe, and the divine. Written in the years just before and during the early part of World War II, this poem has great relevance for the tenor of our own time. It also provides a good lead up to Lent.

Mary Abbott Waite is facilitator. You will find a free PDF at <http://www.lettersjournal.org › uploads › 2017/05>

Prayer Ministry

Please visit our prayer ministry page at <https://www.stmarkumc.org/prayer-ministry>. There you can submit a prayer request, view prayer requests, and see any pastoral care announcements. If you know of someone in need of our prayers and the person is not listed on our Prayer Ministry page, please email **Robert Gilleo** at **RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org** to let him know.

Chancel Choir

Our choir is one of the wonderful ministries of our church in which you can serve. We've heard quite a number of you singing, and you are good, therefore, you are a potential candidate for the choir. You do not have to be a professional singer to join the choir. You just need to be willing to use the gift God has given you to the glory and honor of God. The choir is looking for more members to be a part of its ministry. Will you not join? Reach out to **Phil Crumbly** at **PCrumbly@bellsouth.net** for more information.

Congregational Care

Pastor Carolyn has been thinking about some of the ways we can continue caring for each other as a church family, and one of the ways it can be done is through a congregational care ministry. This is a ministry where members write notes and call other members who are sick or homebound, or who have not been in worship for a period of time. This intentional care by members will be in addition to what I, and now Pastor Andy, will continue to do. If you are interested in being a part of the congregational care team, please let me know. Please email **Robert Gilleo** at **RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org** to let him know, so that we can add your name to the team. I know this will be fruitful and thriving ministry of our church.

FAITH HOPE LOVE



GIVE BLOOD

Saint Mark
United Methodist Church
Blood Drive

Sunday, March 3

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Click or scan the QR code!

All donors will receive a \$20 gift card!

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

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Community Blood Centers