

welcome

sunday worship

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for the Traditional service and at 11:00 a.m. for *The Current*. You can either join us in person at St. Mark's or view from our website or Facebook page anytime, Visit stmarkscarmel.org/connected.

sunday small groups

Adults

Learn more about Sunday classes and small groups on the Welcome Center screen, on the GROW Connection Tables and at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups. NEW: All are welcome to an informal, drop-in gathering called "The Living Room," temporarily meeting in Cornerstone Commons until a more permanent space is available. Conversation starters from the café tables are moving to that space gradually in the coming weeks.

Kidz Church: *(Check-in station & classes located in the Children's Wing.)*

Nursery & Toddler Care
9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Ages 6 weeks - 3 years
Staffed by trained & experienced leaders, our nursery & toddler areas are here to care for our littlest members.

Kidz Church: 9:00 a.m.
Ages 4 - Grade 2, Lower Level
(Children in grades 3 and up are encouraged to remain in worship).

All ages combine for an exciting rotational style class downstairs. Each week includes a variety of fun activity stations like music, drama, Bible stories, science and more.

Kidz Church: 10:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 4, Lower Level

This program opens with worship arts, followed by grade-specific classes that include Bible stories, games, and engaging activities.

Club 56: 10:00 a.m.

Grades 5-6, Lower Level Den

Club 56 is a class that celebrates the evolving young minds of tweens by weaving together biblical exploration, some theology, and relationship building through activities, games, and lively discussions.

Kidz Music & Praise: 11:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 4, Upper Level

This high energy program is an immersive experience that offers children the opportunity to explore the weekly bible story through singing, movement, instruments, drama, puppets, and more! This class also rehearses for seasonal musicals and shares their talents in worship services, programs, and special events.

Children's Worship Activities

Worship activities for children are available and located behind the sanctuary! There are shelves with items for children 3+ and Worship Bags for 6+. Please return all materials at the end of the service so they are available for others.

Youth:

Grades 7-12, 10:00 a.m.

Join Scott Melvin & Jenny Miller in Cornerstone Commons for a quick get together, then at 10:15 breakout for Bible study.

circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Myrneath Anderson, Doris Carlow, Phyllis Delp, and Mary Ellen Juratic.

sunday flowers

Flowers this week are given by Scott & Ann Baker in memory of their parents.

THE Current

March 9, 2025

11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

THE Current

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Welcome

Pastor Karla Elliott

Worship in Song

Lion and the Lamb

by Brown, Johnson, & Mooring

Opening Prayer

Scott Melvin

Kidz Chat

Announcements

Passing the Peace

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Worship in Song

All the Poor and Powerless

by Jordan & Leonard

Message

Sunday - From Hosanna to Rejected

Pastor Karla Elliott

Prayers & Offerings

For The One

by Johnson & McClure

God, open doors to reveal new hopes and dreams for St. Mark's and in our own lives. God give us the courage to follow where You lead. Amen.

(Tithes and offerings may be placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary or given online using the QR code inside the bulletin or at www.stmarkscarmel.org/give. May God add God's blessings to our gifts today and always.)

Sending

Chain Breaker

by Smith, Fieldes, & Williams

Blessing

Rev. Karla J. Elliott / Executive Pastor
Scott Melvin / Worship Leader

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ST. MARK'S IS A COMMUNITY OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST THAT STRIVES TO **WELCOME** ALL PEOPLE, **GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND GRACE,** AND **SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS,** LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

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order of worship

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude

Morning Praise

arr. David Winkler
St. Mark's Orchestra

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Pastor Brian White

Leader: Welcome home, beloved children of God!

People: Gathered in God's arms, we come to worship.

Leader: Sheltered in God's love, we come to grow in love.

People: Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

Leader: Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

People: we trust that God is with us, guiding and protecting our days.

*Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymnal No. 269

*Opening Prayer

David Adams

Let us pray:

Merciful God, your ways lead to life;

your light shines in our darkness.

The promises you made to our ancestors continue to this day.

We too share the bounty of your blessings,

and the grace of eternal life in your name.

May we be worthy of our calling

and help others find their way. Amen.

*Passing God's Peace

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Kidz Chat

Reflecting Our Mission, Hospitality and Generosity

(Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of the pew or register your attendance at stmarkscarmel.org/attend. Observe who is sitting near you and greet them after the service.)

Epistle Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

NT 160

This is the Word of the God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* arr. David Winkler
St. Mark's Orchestra
Tom Ewigleben, trombone

Breakthrough Prayer
God, open doors to reveal new hopes and dreams for St. Mark's and in our own lives. Give us the courage to follow where You lead. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings *(Offering envelopes may be found in sign-in folder.)*

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory *10,000 Reasons* arr. David Winkler

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Gospel Lesson** *Luke 4:1-13* NT 61
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Entering the Danger Zone* Pastor Brian White

***Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* Hymnal No. 292

***Benediction**

***Response** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (stanza 5)* Hymnal No. 584
**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work is ministry.**

***Postlude** *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Steve Dunn

Community

To learn about other ways we connect and grow in community at St. Mark's, visit our website at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/events>.

Hoosier Brass Band Concert

Sunday, March 16 | 4:00 p.m.
St. Mark's will host the Hoosier Brass Band in a free concert open to the public. The Hoosier Brass Band uses the same instrumentation as the British bands. This would include Soprano Cornet, Bb Cornets, Flugelhorn, Tenor Horns, Baritones, Euphoniums, Tenor Trombones, Bass Trombone, Eb Tubas, Bb Tubas and Percussion. The music will be a mixture of styles and will introduce the audience to some of the unique sounds you get with this type of group.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 | 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Bring the whole family for an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 19th! The afternoon will start in Wesley Hall, with the egg hunt beginning at approximately 3 PM (with separate areas for each age group). After the eggs are collected, children will receive a treat bag and listen to a reading of the Easter story. It promises to be wonderful fun and all are welcome, so invite your friends and neighbors! Sign up today at stmarkscarmel.org/easteregg hunt.

Grow

Children's Lenten Musical

Sunday, March 23 | 1:30 p.m.
Be sure not to miss this year's Lenten Musical, Light It Up, presented by Kidz Music & Praise! This short presentation will wrap up in time for families to join the Food Pack in Wesley Hall at 2 PM.

Student Ministries

"Any Number" Fundraiser

How would you like to make a difference? We're thrilled to announce the launch of our Student Ministries Any Number Fundraiser! This is an exciting opportunity to support the incredible young people in our church as they grow in faith through retreats, summer camps, and other programming. Donating is easy! Just pick an envelope with a dollar amount that you are comfortable giving. Place the amount in the envelope. Return the envelope to the front office or place it in the offering plate. Together we can empower the next generation of Christian leaders and change-makers!

The Social Principles

Mondays, March 10-31 | 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Sign up on the Connection Tables for this 4-week evening study of the UMC Social Principles with Pastor Brian.

Home Budgeting Discussion in "The Living Room"

Sunday, March 16 | 10:00 a.m.
Based on input from the Parent Connection Brunch, we'll be offering occasional guided discussions in "The Living Room" centered on topics requested by you! On March 16, please join Financial Planner Ed Rowell as he leads a discussion on home budgeting.

Serve

Housing Injustice Summit

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.
JCC Indy, 6701 Hoover Road
Join the JCC Indianapolis and the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) for the Housing Injustice Summit, an evening of education and advocacy. Explore the history of redlining in Indianapolis through the FHCCI's Unwelcomed exhibition and presentation, followed by a panel discussion with local housing justice advocates. This free program is open to all, including renters and homeowners, with light food provided. Learn about your rights and how to help create positive changes in Indianapolis.

Rice Meal Food Pack

Sunday, March 23 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.
St. Mark's will partner again with Midwest Mission Distribution Center for a Rice Meal Food Pack. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 23rd from 2-4 PM in Wesley Hall! Safety guidelines will be followed as we share a fun and family-friendly opportunity for anyone age 5 and older. Childcare is available with 72-hour advance notice. Sign up NOW at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

Wings of Hope: Lenten Offering & Easter Card Campaign

Honor someone special this Lenten season with a gift through St. Mark's Wings of Hope Campaign. Your Lenten offerings this year will benefit the Society of St. Andrew, a gleaning organization that partners with farmers and growers across the state to rescue excess produce left to rot after harvest, then deliver it directly to food banks and agencies to feed hungry Hoosiers. Make a gift In Honor, In Memory, or In Appreciation of a special person or group (\$5 minimum donation, please). Honorees will receive an Easter card from St. Mark's acknowledging your gift and celebration the Resurrection of Christ. Visit stmarkscarmel.org/wingsofhope to complete the form online or fill out a form the table in the Gathering Area.

this week at st. mark's

Sunday, March 9

- "The Living Room" Informal Gatherings (Cornerstone Commons), 10:00 a.m.
- Youth Group (Cornerstone Commons), 5:30 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 10

- UM Social Principles Class (Room B/C), 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11

- UWF Gathering (Gathering Area), 9:00 a.m.
- Men's Basketball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 12

- Men's Bible Study (Room B/C), 6:30 a.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
- Wed AM Bible Study (Cornerstone Commons), 9:30 a.m.
- ROMEOs (LePeep), 11:00 a.m.
- AI Anon (Room G/H), 11:30 a.m.
- Wed PM Lenten Study (Room B/C), 6:00 p.m.
- Bells Rehearsal (Music Room), 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 7:30 p.m.
- Youth Council (Room G/H), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

- Marksmen (Starbucks), 6:30 a.m.
- Thurs AM Study (Room B/C), 10:00 a.m.
- AA (Room G/H), 12:00 p.m.
- Current Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 6:00 p.m.
- Encouragement Group (Senior High Room), 6:30 p.m.
- Pickleball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 14

- Fri AM Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 15

- No scheduled activities

Sunday, March 16

- "The Living Room" Informal Gatherings (Cornerstone Commons), 10:00 a.m.
- Sun PM Parents Grow Group (Room G/H), 5:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

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Donations can be left inside Door #2, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.