

# welcome

## sunday worship

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. for *the current* and at 8:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. for the Traditional Service. You can either join us in person at St. Mark's or view from our website or Facebook page anytime (you **do not** need to have a Facebook account to view). Visit [stmarkscarmel.org/connected](http://stmarkscarmel.org/connected).

## sunday small groups

### Adults

Detailed information is on a sign at the GROW Connection Tables and online at the bottom of [stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups).

### Kidz Church:

#### Nursery & Toddler Care

Sundays, 8:15, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m.

Staffed by experienced, caring adults and teens, our nursery is here to care for our littlest members. Check-in children ages 6 weeks to 3 years in the education wing.

#### current kidz

Sundays 9:40 a.m.

This program opens with music and worship arts, followed by age-appropriate classes with bible stories, experiments, crafts and games! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

#### Club 56 for Middle Schoolers

Sundays, Lower Level Den, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 5-6 meet in the Lower Level Den. Club 56 weaves together Bible instruction, some theology, service projects and relationship building.

*Thank you for putting all electronic devices on silent mode during worship.*

## November mission focus

### Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission has been providing ministries in their rural, distressed region of the Appalachian Mountains, in southeastern Kentucky, since 1921. Today the need remains critical, where poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life, for the residents of this area. In recent years we have seen a decline in the support we are receiving. Red Bird's current financial crisis is threatening their continuation of their vital ministries: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement. Learn more at about Red Bird Mission at [stmarkscarmel.org/red-bird](http://stmarkscarmel.org/red-bird). Financial contributions may be given using the mission offering envelope on Sunday morning or online at [stmarkscarmel.org/give](http://stmarkscarmel.org/give).

### Kidz Learn & Grow

Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Bible stories come to life through music, crafts, games and video! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

### Kidz Music & Praise

Sundays 11:00 a.m. (hybrid)

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord" during this in-person and online high energy class incorporating music, drama, art and puppets. Seasonal musicals are also rehearsed.

### Youth:

#### Cornerstone AM Class

Sundays, Room M, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 7-12 meet in Room M where we read and discuss God's word & interactively apply it to everyday life.

#### Cornerstone Youth Fellowship

Sundays, Wesley Hall, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to meet together for games, fellowship, and a short message. Contact Don Broad at [dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org) for more information.

## circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Lora Jane Roberts, Jerry Weikel and Brenda Weikel.

## sunday flowers

Flowers this week are given by Roger & Linda Schenk in celebration of their upcoming 46th wedding anniversary.

# the CURRENT

November 20, 2022

Reign of Christ Sunday



Matthew 25:14-30 (CEB)

## notes

## give

We hope you'll give out of a desire to share what you've been given:

⇒ online at [stmarkscarmel.org/give](http://stmarkscarmel.org/give)

⇒ 100% of what is designated as mission offering during November will be given to **Red Bird Mission**. Gifts for the operating budget, along with all undesignated gifts, support St. Mark's daily operations.

Karla Elliott / Associate Pastor  
Eric DeForest / Worship Leader

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# EARN SAVE GIVE



November 20, 2022

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday

## order of worship

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* arr. Steve Rhodes  
St. Mark's Orchestra

\*Welcome and Call to Worship Pastor Brian K. White

Leader: Dawn has broken; light has come.  
**People: Christ shines upon our lives.**  
Leader: The darkness is fading; new life is emerging.  
**People: Christ calls us forward in faith.**  
Leader: Come, let us be made strong in the strength of Christ's glorious power.  
**People: Christ bestows the power of love, bringing justice for all.**  
Leader: Truly, I tell you, we are already with God when we live this truth.  
**People: Christ is present as we worship this day!**

\*Opening Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Hymnal No. 540

\*Opening Prayer Marcia Flora, 8:15 a.m.  
Todd Snow, 11:00 a.m.

Let us pray:  
**Christ of glory and power,  
we see the image of God's mercy and gentleness  
in the love you shine upon our lives.  
Guide us in your way of peace.  
Reign in our hearts,  
with your justice and righteousness.  
Shepherd us as your people,  
that we may display your glorious light  
for all the world to see.  
In the light of your powerful love, we pray. Amen.**

\*Passing God's Peace  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**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](http://stmarkscarmel.org/attend). Observe who is sitting near you and greet them after the service.)*

**Epistle Lesson** *Colossians 1:11-20* NT 200  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music** *It Is Well* arr. Camp Kirkland  
St. Mark's Orchestra

**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 *Beautiful Savior* arr. David Winkler

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 23:33-43* NT 89  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Give* Pastor Brian K. White

**\*Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* Hymnal No. 159

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response** *Seek Ye First (Stanza 1)* Hymnal No. 405

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,**  
**and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

**\*Postlude** *Orgelstücke in G* by Adolph Hesse  
Casey Hayes



# Community

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

## St. Mark's Presents: Circle City Ringers

**Sunday, December 4 | 2:00 p.m.**  
Please join us for a free concert to ring in the Christmas season. Indianapolis' premiere handbell choir will be presenting their holiday concert in the sanctuary.

## Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, December 4 | 3:30 p.m.**  
Join us in spreading some Christmas cheer to our neighbors who need it most! Immediately following the Circle City Ringers concert, we will gather and divide into groups to go caroling at Senior Living communities here in Carmel. Please sign up so that we know you are joining us: [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups).

## Kids' Night Out (Parents' Night Off)

**Friday, December 9 | 6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Parents, enjoy some quiet time! Drop off your kids (ages 4-10) in Wesley Hall for a night of games, activities, videos, and snacks with our fun student counselors (adult directors on-site). Contributions of \$15/child (\$30/family) will serve as a fundraiser for Cornerstone student accounts. Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/kidzfellowship](http://stmarkscarmel.org/kidzfellowship) (required by 12/6).

## Advent Candle Lighting

Each Sunday in advent, families/couples are needed to light the candles on the Advent wreath and lead a reading. Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/advent](http://stmarkscarmel.org/advent).

## 5PM Christmas Eve Family Service

Children ages 4—grade 6 will lead this entire service! (Dress rehearsal will be 12/18 at noon). Sign up your kids to take part at [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups).

# Grow

## Upcoming Advent Studies

- Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups) or email Jennifer with questions at [grow@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:grow@stmarkscarmel.org).
- The Women of Christmas*, Fridays, 11/18, 12/2-12/16, 9:30 a.m.
  - Almost Christmas*, Sundays, 11/27-12/18, 6:00 p.m.
  - Underdogs & Outsiders*, Wednesdays, 11/30-12/14, 9:30 a.m.

# Serve

For more information, contact Stephanie Cohen at [scohen@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:scohen@stmarkscarmel.org).

## Soup's On at Roberts Park

**Sunday, December 18**  
Can you help us offer a hot meal for homeless in Indy? Join St. Mark's at Roberts Park UMC's Soup's On ministry by providing food or handing out the meals. Learn more and sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups).

## Fletcher Place Christmas Program

Through November 21, we are collecting NEW and UNWRAPPED toys, clothing and food for Fletcher Place Community Center's Christmas Program; a shopping service for parents living in poverty, who have been qualified as needing assistance. Visit [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups) for the link to select specific items needed.

## Adopt a Family for Christmas

For the 4th year in a row, St. Mark's is partnering with James Russel Lowell (IPS school district) to "Adopt a Family". Sponsors provide children's toys and clothing gifts, as well as non-perishable food for the family in need, then deliver the gifts to the family the week of December 5. Contact Stephanie Cohen if interested at 317-846-4912 or at [scohen@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:scohen@stmarkscarmel.org).

## Tree of Lights

Honor someone special with a mission offering gift to St. Mark's annual Tree of Lights campaign. Honorees will receive a Christmas card acknowledging your gift. All money collected goes directly to our December mission focus, Local Food Pantries. Visit [stmarkscarmel.org/lights](http://stmarkscarmel.org/lights) to complete the online form with a minimum donation of \$5.00 per card.

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Join St. Mark's this holiday season, for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign, and ring a bell at Needler's Fresh Market. Great for families! Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups).

## Angel Tree

Select an angel from the tree in the narthex to provide a Christmas gift for a child at E. 10th UM Children & Youth Center. Wrapped gifts need to be placed under the Angel tree no later than Dec. 11. For more information on this and all ways to serve during advent, visit [stmarkscarmel.org/advent](http://stmarkscarmel.org/advent).

# this week at st. mark's

## Sunday, November 20

- Thanksgiving Dinner (Wesley Hall), 5:00 p.m.
- Earn Save Give Study (Room G/H & Zoom), 6:30 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

## Monday, November 21

- Coffee N Cameras (Room B/C), 9:00 a.m.

## Tuesday, November 22

- Trustees (Room B/C & Zoom), 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 23

- Al Anon (Hybrid), 11:30 a.m.
- Encouragement Group (Conference Room), 6:00 p.m.
- Handbells (Choir Room), 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir (Sanctuary), 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday, November 24

- AA (Room G/H), 12:00 p.m.

## Friday, November 25

- No scheduled activities

## Saturday, November 26

- No scheduled activities

## Sunday, November 27

- Cornerstone Youth (Cornerstone Commons), 5:00 p.m.
- Advent Study (Room B/C), 6:00 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

# ways to serve

- Light the Advent candles and lead a reading on a Sunday morning during Advent
- Water poinsettias in the sanctuary during the weeks of Advent
- Volunteer in the A/V Booth
- Help on Sunday Welcome Team as Usher  
\_\_8:15am \_\_9:40am \_\_11:00am
- Help on Sunday Welcome Team as Greeter  
\_\_8:15am \_\_9:40am \_\_11:00am
- 2023 4th of July Parade Float Co-Chair — works with Kidz Music & Praise staff
- Volunteer at Roberts Park for Soup's On, December 18
- Adopt a family for Christmas
- Volunteer at Brightwood Comm. Center Food Pantry (2nd week of each month)  
\_\_Tues., 11:00-2:00 p.m., packing food boxes  
\_\_Wed., 1:30-2:00 p.m., set up  
\_\_Wed., 3:00-4:30 p.m., food distribution
- Deliver donations to various missions served by St. Mark's
- Cook & serve breakfast at Fletcher Place the 3rd Friday of the month

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your area(s) of interest and place in the offering baskets or church office, or complete online at [stmarkscarmel.org/ways-to-serve/](http://stmarkscarmel.org/ways-to-serve/). If you have questions contact the church at **317-846-4912** or [staff@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:staff@stmarkscarmel.org).

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