

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.

sunday small groups

Adults

Detailed information is on a sign at the GROW Connection Tables and online at the bottom of 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.

December mission focus

Local Food Pantries

Can you support HUNGER RELIEF?! This month St. Mark's is supporting food pantry ministries that are helping feed hungry people, right here in Hamilton County: Carmel United Methodist Food Pantry, Open Doors Food Pantry in Westfield, and Third Phase Food Pantry in Noblesville. The need and demand for food pantries has increased while the rising costs of food has diminished the supply! Your donations provide for families and individuals who qualify as needing assistance; low-income, homeless clients, and those who struggle with food insecurities. Financial contributions may be given using the mission offering envelope on Sunday morning or online at stmarkscarmel.org/give. You can help us stock their shelves during our December Food Drive! Visit stmarkscarmel.org/missions to see the current list of food pantry greatest needs.

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 for more information.

circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Phyllis Delp, Phyllis Gidley and Georgia Herzog.

the CURRENT

December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
Curt Taylor, Erica Seasor Taylor and Hallie Seasor

Reception of New Members
Peter Elliott

Almost Christmas: An Altogether Hope
Pastor Karla Elliott

notes

give

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

⇒ online at stmarkscarmel.org/give

⇒ 100% of what is designated as mission offering during December will be given to **Local Food Pantries**. 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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December 4, 2022

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

order of worship

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude *Ave Maria* Charles Gounod
arr. Stephen & Janis Yarborough
Karen Wiggins, handbells

Introit *There's a Song in the Air* by Karl P. Harrington
St. Mark's Chancel Choir

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

Leader: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

People: **A holy branch has grown out of his roots.**

Leader: The spirit of the Lord rests upon his shoulders—

People: **the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might.**

Leader: Righteousness is the belt around his waist.

People: **Faithfulness is the mantle upon his shoulders.**

Leader: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

People: **God's promised salvation is at hand.**

***Opening Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1-4)* Hymnal No. 211

***Opening Prayer** Pastor Karla Elliott

Let us pray:

**Prince of Peace,
the spirit of the Lord rests upon your shoulders:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel & might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

**We behold your glory in the heavens, for your reign endures like the
sun and the moon, throughout all generations.**

**Breathe your passion for justice into our hearts,
that we may defend the cause of the poor, offer deliverance
to the needy, and crush the power of the oppressor.**

**May your righteousness flourish and your peace abound,
that none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain. Amen.**

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

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Lynn Donnelson & Anna Flohr, 8:15
Chad, Jenny, Victoria & Conrad Miller, 11:00

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.)

Reception of New Members

(8:15) Scherry Delaplaine, Darrell Klutey
(11:00) Michele & Andrew Astry, Bruce & Carol Blackwell, Ken Davenport & Debra Green, Heather Fellabaum, Matthew & Carrie Groothoff, Sandra McCracken, Scott & Elizabeth Melvin, Lorie & Dave Ullmer

Congregational Response

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to St. Mark’s. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 OT 640
This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Anthem Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Jay Rouse
St. Mark’s Chancel Choir, Lori Honer—cello

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 Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Larry Sue
Karen Wiggins & Michelle Grant

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

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:1-12 NT 2
This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Almost Christmas: An Altogether Hope Pastor Brian K. White

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper Hymnal No. 15

*Hymn Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming Hymnal No. 216

*Benediction

*Response Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Hymnal No. 196
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

*Postlude Be Thou My Vision arr. Don Wyrztmer
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

TODAY | 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

TODAY | 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.

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 (required by 12/6).

Kidz Music & Praise Advent Musical

Sunday, December 11 | 2:00 p.m.
Join us in the sanctuary as the children of the church present Starry Night, Noisy Night, followed by a reception of Christmas goodies!

Dine to Donate for Preschool

Tuesday, December 6 | 4:00-8:00p.m.
St. Mark’s preschool will have a Dine to Donate at Chipotle at 2420 E. 146th St. in Carmel. The preschool will get 33% of the proceeds from every order brought in! Dine-in or carry-out. Order online for pick-up using code: YM373JH or show the flyer at the link below if ordering in person: stmarkscarmel.org/events.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, December 18 | 7:00 p.m.
This will be a time of prayer and reflection as we offer our fears and pain to God. If childcare is needed, please signup by December 16 at stmarkscarmel.org/kidz.

Grow

Confirmation is Coming in January!

Please register students (grade 7 or older) for this exploration of faith and membership at St. Mark’s. Fellow Travelers (adult mentors) are in important part of the journey—will you consider walking with our students during this special time? Sign-ups for both can be found at stmarkscarmel.org/confirmation. Parent meeting December 15 at 6:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Karla with questions at kelliott@stmarkscarmel.org.

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.

Serve

For more information, contact Stephanie Cohen at 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.

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 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.

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.

Sign up for these opportunities at stmarkscarmel.org/signups. Donations can be left inside Door #2, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

this week at st. mark’s

Sunday, December 4

- St. Mark’s Present Circle City Ringers (Sanctuary), 2:00 p.m.
Christmas Caroling (Gathering Area), 3:30 p.m.
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.

Monday, December 5

- Coffee N Cameras (Room B/C), 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship (Room B/C), 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

- UWF Board (Room G/H), 7:00 p.m.
Men’s Basketball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

- Men’s Bible Study (Room B/C & Zoom), 6:30 a.m.
Pastor’s Bible Study (Room B/C & Zoom), 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study (Room J/K), 9:30 a.m.
ROMEOS (LePeep), 11:00 a.m.
Al Anon (Hybrid), 11:30 a.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 6:00 p.m.
Handbells (Choir Room), 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

- MOPs (Cornerstone Commons), 9:00 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study (Room B/C & Zoom), 9:30 a.m.
AA (Room G/H), 12:00 p.m.
LIFT/Widows Group (Offsite), 1:30 p.m.
Current Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 7:00 p.m.
Pickleball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9

- Friday Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
Kidz Night Out (Wesley Hall), 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

- UMM Breakfast (Wesley Hall), 7:30 a.m.
Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 11

- Cantata (Sanctuary), 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Kidz Music & Praise Musical (Sanctuary), 2:00 p.m.
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

- 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
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/. If you have questions contact the church at 317-846-4912 or staff@stmarkscarmel.org.

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