



December 27, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, all-glorious giver of grace, you are light, shining in darkness; you are life, the life of all people. Fill us with the light and life of Christ, through whom you made all things, so that we may be faithful disciples, bearing witness to your grace and truth; through Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

PRELUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountains

arr. Hayes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens. Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.

Surely, God is with us, Alleluia!

† HYMN

“What Child Is This”

Hymnal #145

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we do not live as your faithful children. We keep silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We are idle in the face of violence and injustice. We are not a light to the nations, and our lives do not reveal your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace. We pray this all in Jesus name. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-40

SERMON

“Old News”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

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

OFFERING

† THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Hymnal #136

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Peace On the Earth”

Sussex Carol

Peace On the Earth Sussex Carol



"Peace on the earth, Good Will to all, the
"Peace on the earth, Good Will to all," we
an - gels sang from Heav'n a - bove.
go to share - God's peace and Love.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Handel

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeVaughan
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve
Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley
Musician: Mark Reynoso



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2021 IS ALMOST HERE!



*All financial gifts need to be delivered to the church office or postmarked by December 31 to be credited to your 2020 giving statement for IRS purposes.

*Thank you to everyone who turned in their “Estimate of Giving” commitment cards. If you feel led to give but have not turned in a 2021 Financial Pledge, cards may be emailed to you, please send a request to smpoffice@discoverstmark.org. Your financial commitment helps the church Session to plan faithfully for the coming year.

WAYS TO GIVE

As we all adjust to this new normal the Finance Committee is making a request of everyone to maintain their level of giving to St. Mark. As a church we have agreed to continue paying all of our full-time staff. In addition, regular bills still arrive and need to be paid. We also want to support our mission partners. To that end it is important that we all commit to making our contributions. They can be mailed to the church or paid online. There will be a link provided at another time on how to set up online giving. Please note that mailed checks will take longer to process than usual. If you wish for your donation to go to a specific area please note that on the check memo line. With all of this said please know at this time we are keeping up with our obligations but we want to be able to continue with all of our efforts. We appreciate your ongoing support of the work of our church. <https://www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/>

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

St. Mark Men Bible Study is inviting all men to gather weekly by ZOOM every Tuesday at 7 am to discuss the Gospel of John. We are using N.T.Wright's Book- John, 26 Studies For Individuals and Groups. It is ok to just drop in each week and listen in. If you are interested please email Bruce Cranston .

TECHNOLOGY WANTS YOU

Are you looking for a fun and important way to volunteer at St. Mark during the pandemic and beyond? The Technology Committee is working overtime and could use your help. You can learn to be a videographer of the Sunday online Services. No experience is necessary. We will teach you everything you need to know. The Technology Committee is adhering to COVID guidelines of social distancing and mask wearing. Come for the fun, stay for the fellowship. For more information, contact the Technology Committee at technology@discoverstmark.org or Pastor Dave at dburgess@discoverstmark.org.

LITTLE DRESSES

Pick up a kit to make Little Dresses in the lobby Tuesday or Thursday between 10am – 2pm. No appointment is necessary if you are just picking up items or dropping a completed dress off. Contact Sherry Naylor for more information.

ABC SALE RESULTS FOR 2020

Drum roll please..... over \$13,000 was raised for our local mission partners!!! This year, the ABC sale moved from the physical church building to two “digital” platforms. ONE: St. Mark members generously donated to the Virtual ABC Sale. TWO: Jackie Morgan selflessly gave her time and talents all year long to sell small items donated by members of our congregation, netting over \$6,000 in online sales. Your giving has meant that we have been able to continue to meet the financial needs of our mission partners during a most challenging year – thank you! Mission partners supported include: BBJ, Isaiah 58, Lafayette Industries, Mound Ridge, Peace Meal, Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services, and UKirk.

THANK YOU! DECEMBER DROP-OFF. Christmas Alternatives – Our

20th Year! Thank you for your continued support of Christmas Alternatives! Donations are in the process of being tabulated and results will be shared in early 2021.

DONATION DRIVE DROP-OFFS

The St. Mark Mission Committee will continue to coordinate and host drive through donation drop-offs once a month in the St. Mark parking lot during 2021. Our mission partners are incredibly grateful for St. Mark's ongoing generosity and have been good stewards of your donations. In our effort to keep everyone safe, we will continue to practice COVID-19 safety protocols for these contactless events. Behind our masks we are smiling with the joy of being in service to others and our gloved hands are warmed by your generosity!

DONATION DRIVE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1-3PM

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS - Oh my, the harsh weather and economic struggles make it incredibly challenging for many to afford basic personal care products. Did you know that SNAP/EBT/WIC/Food stamps *cannot* be used for personal care products? During January we will collect deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, lotion, and laundry detergent.

Sunday, February 7, 1-3PM

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired movement working across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Mobilizing grassroots resources, The Souper Bowl of Caring has created over \$160 million worth of support that stays completely local. Once again, St. Mark Youth will be collecting food for our local mission partners, Circle of Concern, and Isaiah 58 Ministries. We look forward to seeing you before kickoff on Sunday, February 7th!