



# ORDER OF SERVICE



## OPENING SONG

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

#202 AAHH

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: At Christmas, we celebrate the coming of God to earth in human form.

**P: The shepherds listen to the songs of angels,**

L: And the sages follow the stars,

**P: But the glory of God shines in a manger.**

L: "Go, tell it on the mountain,

**P: Over the hills and everywhere,**

L: Go, tell it on the mountain

**P: That Jesus Christ is born!" AMEN.**

## INVOCATION

## MUSICAL WITNESS

## NEWS OF THE PARISH

## READING OF SCRIPTURE

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-14

## MUSICAL WITNESS

## SERMON

Pastor P. Devon Brown

"Someday at Christmas"

## \*INVITATIONAL PRAYER

## OFFERING

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CLOSING SONG

"Joy to the World"

#197 AAHH

Please stand, if able, for (\*).  
Please be seated for the closing song (\*\*).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS OF THE PARISH

## WELCOME GUESTS

We welcome our guests. Our prayer is for the Lord to bless you abundantly through this worship experience. If you would, please fill out a visitor's card and indicate what prompted you to join us in worship this morning. Again, welcome and may the love of Jesus enfold you.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ON THE ALTAR

Our altar is beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Thanks to all of you that purchased poinsettias in memory and celebration of someone or as a donation to St. Mark Manor. The plants are all tagged so please see me today, December 25<sup>th</sup>, before removing the poinsettias from the altar. Carole Hobson

**St. Mark's Holiday Schedule**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022**  
CHRISTMAS EVE VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
7:00 PM  
(ST. MARK WILL BE CLOSED)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022**  
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:00 AM  
(IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022**  
NEW YEAR'S EVE VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
7:00 PM  
(ST. MARK WILL BE CLOSED)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**  
NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:00 AM  
(IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

## ST. MARK CREDIT UNION HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The St. Mark Credit Union will be closed on Sunday, December 25, 2022 and Sunday, January 1, 2023. The Credit Union will re-open for business on Sundays beginning January 8, 2023 between 11:00AM and 12:00PM.

## ST. MARK CREDIT UNION OFFERING CHRISTMAS LOANS

The St. Mark Credit Union is offering special holidays loans at a reduced rate. For further information, please stop in on Sundays or Wednesdays.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on January 11, 2023. See the Zoom Meeting flyer for sign-in details.

## COLD WEATHER DONATIONS

As we enter into the colder months, please consider donating gloves, hats, socks, scarves, hand warmers, toiletries, etc. for the less fortunate. The Soup Wagon will have a box near the office in December for donations.

## ST. MARK CHAIR YOGA

Join us for Chair Yoga session every Saturday January 14-February 11, 2023 from 9:00am -10:00am. Cost is \$40 for 5 sessions in advance, or \$10 per drop-in session. See Nelsie Anderson or Vera Carr to sign up. Cash or checks made payable to St. Mark UMC with "chair yoga" written in the memo section.



# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

2022

## IN MEMORY OF

Loved One	Donor	Relationship
Mary Gardner	James Gardner	Mother
Margaret McCombs	James Gardner	Mother
Florida Bullock	James Gardner	Mother-in-law
Myra McCombs	James Gardner	Sister
Charlene McCombs	James Gardner	Sister
Lois Best	Dina Best-Williams	Mother
Julie Smith	Nelsie Anderson	Sister
Harrington Harris	Loretta Rias	Friend
Michael Lightfoot	Saundra Lightfoot	Husband
Ruth Goodwin	Sharon-Kidd-Fryer	Aunt
Dolores Brooks	Sharon Kidd-Fryer	Mother
Charlie Mae Ball	Regeta Slaughter	Sister
William Ball	Kathleen Ball	Father
Charlie Mae Ball	Kathleen Ball	Mother
Mamie Hollis	Betty Lewis	Friend
Louis E. Hobson	Louis C. Hobson	Father
David Pitts	Linda Pitts	Father
Margaret Pitts	Linda Pitts	Mother
Ronald Draper	Jason & Brandon Draper	Father
Mary Eugene	Mary E. Eugene	Mother
Lawrence Eugene	Mary E. Eugene	Father
Angela Eugene	Mary E. Eugene	Sister
Dewey Young	Mary E. Eugene	Family
Alice Pirtle	Pamela Pirtle	Mother
JW Pirtle	Pamela Pirtle	Father

## CELEBRATION

Bernice McKinney	Carolyn McBride	Friend
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## CELEBRATION AND DONATION

Marlene Brundidge	Sharon Kidd-Fryer
Constance Burkes	Orvin Kennedy
Earline Cain	Martin Sims

**ZOOM MEETINGS**  
St. Mark U.M. Church

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday - Friday 9:00am  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85265804624>

**EVENING DEVOTIONAL/ DISCIPLE STUDY** Monday - Friday 7:00pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88666549555>

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday 11:00am  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/604340501>

**SUNDAY BOOK CLUB** Sunday 12:00pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/132615486>

**GRIEF MINISTRY** Third Saturday 10:00am  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346664979>

**TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL** First, Third & Fifth Sunday 11:00am  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83800673916>

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** Sunday 10:00am  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/732926959>

**LOG IN AND JOIN US!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Mildred V. Porter	Carole Hobson
Sherald Leonard	Mac Williams
Maurice Robinson	Constance Turner Burkes
Kathleen Maskell	Taylor E. Mason
Louis C. Hobson	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
Mr. Ralph & Mr. Betty Cross	

### CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Ms. Thomasina Tate on the loss of her daughter, Ms. Melody Allen, who made her transition on December 9, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois. Her services will be held at St. Mark UMC on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. ~ visitation at 12:00pm and memorial service at 1:00pm. Please keep the Allen and Tate family in your prayers.

Condolences to Ms. Anna Maclin on the loss of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Johnson, who made her transition on December 12, 2022 in St. Louis, Missouri. Services were held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> in St. Louis.

**Please keep our hospitalized, sick and shut-in, and bereaved in your prayers.**



**CHICAGO BMCR**  
PRESENTS

## KWANZAA HOLIDAY JAZZ VESPER

**FEATURING: LARRY BROWN, JR. & FRIENDS**  
JAZZ, R&B, SOUL, SPOKEN WORD,  
& MODERN DANCE

**DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022**  
**TIME: 7:00PM**

**ARTISTS: MILAS ARMOUR | LARRY BROWN, JR.**  
CALEB BUNTON | ALFRED GOLDEN  
MIS UNDERSTOOD | PAMELA PIRTLE  
TENA SANDERS | ANGELA WALTON | MYRCALE SUBER

**MORGAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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### PRAYER CORNER

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."* Matthew 18:20  
~Meditate on His word day and night ~ St. Mark Prayer Ministry

### MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

Dear St. Mark Members, please keep our hospitalized, sick and shut-in and bereaved in your prayers. Whenever you receive information (e.g., illness, hospitalization, transition) regarding a member or former member, please inform the church office. Thank You.

### LECTIONARY READINGS

December 25, 2022

Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-4
Psalms 98	John 1:1-14

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YouTube: [St. Mark UMC Chicago - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

ZOOM: Dial in 312-626-6799, Meeting ID 732-926-959

### ST. MARK UMC CLERGY

Rev. P. Devon Brown, Senior Pastor

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Rev. Pamela Pirtle, Executive Administrative Pastor

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### AFFILIATED CLERGY

Rev. Atty. Francine Taylor-Thirus

Retired United Methodist Church Pastor

[Frant516@yahoo.com](mailto:Frant516@yahoo.com)

Rev. Dr. Michelle Taylor Sanders

Retired United Methodist Church Pastor

### ST. MARK GIVING OPTIONS

For your convenience, the following website link is provided for online giving: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM9F>. Other options available for you to give are:

- Vanco Mobile App
- Text to Give: 833-454-0208
- ACH Account Debit
- U.S. Mail delivery
- Drop-off in person during weekday office hours - (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday)
- Drop-off in the mailbox outside the St. Mark office entrance

### ST. MARK HOURS

	Building	Office 773.846.2992	Credit Union 773.846.4433
Sunday	9:00am – 1:00pm	Closed	11:00am – 12:00pm
Monday	5:00pm – 9:00pm	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	9:00am – 9:00pm	9:00am – 6:00pm	Closed
Wednesday	9:00am – 6:00pm	9:00am – 6:00pm	10:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday	9:00am – 6:00pm	9:00am – 6:00pm	Closed
Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm	Closed	Closed

# ST. MARK

## United Methodist Church



# CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2022

Worship Service ~ 10:00am

Sunday School ~ 9:45am

## St. Mark United Methodist Church

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