



ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SONG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**P: To those who dwell in gloom and despair,
God's glorious presence has appeared.**

L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

**P: We will follow, unafraid,
where God and Jesus lead us.**

L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

**ALL: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our
salvation. AMEN.**

INVOCATION

MUSICAL WITNESS

NEWS OF THE PARISH

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson 2 Chronicles 20:1-7

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-8

*Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8

MUSICAL WITNESS

SERMON

Pastor P. Devon Brown

"The Power of Worship – Part 3"

*INVITATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

Please stand, if able, for (*).

Please be seated for the postlude (**).

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.

ST. MARK BIRTHDAY CALENDARS

The St. Mark Birthday Calendars are here. If you have ordered the 2023 Birthday Calendars, they may be picked up after each service every Sunday during the month of January. Thank you for your support. Patricia E Phillips, Coordinator

REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A State of Illinois Deputy Voter Registrar will be in McFarland Parlor after service on Sunday, January 22nd, to serve you. Citizens may register to vote who were born before February 28, 2005 and can show two (2) forms of ID. At least one (1) ID must list your current address.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2023

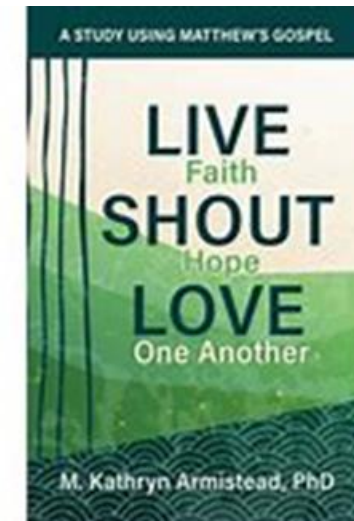
Young people between the ages of 12 - 14 are invited to become full church members by attending Confirmation classes. If you would like to be confirmed, please contact Pastor Brown or the church office by January 29, 2023.



NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION / INQUIRY CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Mark, or if you simply want to know more about our ministry, please attend the New Members Orientation/Inquiry class on Saturday February 4, 2023 at 10:30am. You may attend the session in person, at the church, or via Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9944920341>. If you have questions, please forward them to office@stmarkumcchicago.org.

LENT STUDY FOR 2023



The church-wide Bible Study for Lent 2023 will be, "Live Faith. Shout Hope. Love One Another" by Kathryn Armistead. You can sign up by contacting the office or at the Tuesday night or Wednesday Bible studies. Books will be ordered the week of January 30 and will be available by February 12 at the office for pick up. Book pricing is \$18.95 at Cokesbury and Amazon. We ask that you indicate when signing up whether you will buy your book from the church, **Yes or No**. Should

you need assistance with purchasing your book, please contact the office, Rev. Brown or Gwen Hudson (312) 965-0476.

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/88606969555
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

LOG IN AND JOIN US!

VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In order to provide clear video viewing without technical difficulties, we will no longer offer Zoom as an option for Sunday worship services. Zoom will still be available for all other meetings. To tune in to Sunday services online, you must view via YouTube or Facebook. For your convenience, the links are:

[St. Mark United Methodist Church YouTube Page](#)

[St. Mark United Methodist Church Facebook Page](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kisho Rogers	Norma Brandon
Kelly McCord	AlexAndrea Love-Fields
Betty Lewis	Eliot White
Raven Moore	Lisa Hardaway
Jeremy Royce Hall	

CONDOLENCES

Ms. Jewel Jackson on the loss of her brother, Dr. Felix Jay Kirkpatrick, who made his transition in Willingboro, New Jersey. Services are pending. Please keep the Jackson and Kirkpatrick in your prayers.

Mrs. Mable Bryant made her transition on January 18, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois. A viewing/reflection service will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at A.A. Raynor and Sons located at 318 E. 71st Street, Chicago, IL. Her service will be held in Alabama.

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

HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS

PAID INTERNSHIPS

Seeking a paid internship? Apply for the 2023 HBCUvc Fellowship Program at HBCU.VC by January 29, 2023. Benefits include: Venture Capital and Entrepreneurship training, \$10k-\$14k Internship at a top VC firm, build relationships with VC investors and entrepreneurs.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

The Justice Ministry would like to remind you of the importance of your vote. Your vote determines the policies and laws affecting our communities. Learn who is running in your ward and research their agenda. Important information and dates:

- *January 26, 2023* - First day of early voting at the two Chicago Board of Elections Supersites located at 191 N. Clark (Jan. 26- Feb. 28) and 69 W. Washington, 6th floor (Jan. 26- Feb. 27).
- *February 13, 2023* - Early voting opens in all 50 wards in Chicago: weekdays 9:00am-6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm, and Sunday 10:00am- 4:00pm. Election day.
- *February 28* - General election, go to polls and all mail-in ballots must be postmark by this date.

NOTE: Even on Election Day, unregistered citizens can register and vote at their home precinct. Registration requirements are two pieces of ID, one with current address. For more information, visit www.chicagoelections.gov.

THE BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will start a new book on January 29, 2023, *Blanche Passes Go* by Barbara Neely. The main character Blanche White, an African-American, middle-aged, queen-sized, amateur sleuth, returns to her hometown of Farleigh, NC for the summer to help a friend with her catering business. In just a few days, Blanche is accused of murder and is forced to solve the murder single-handedly. Join us on Sundays at 12:30 pm via Zoom. Check the bulletin for details.

ST. MARK CHAIR YOGA

Join us for Chair Yoga session every Saturday through February 11, 2023 from 9:00am - 10:00am. Cost is \$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.

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 January for donations.



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

January 22, 2023

Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Psalms 27:1, 4-9	Matthew 4:12-23

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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

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United Methodist Church



January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

Worship Service ~ 10:00am
Sunday School ~ 9:45am

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