

Welcome
Prelude

Page 94-96 Confession and Forgiveness
Page 98 Greeting and Kyrie
Hymn 533 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121 (*Lector – odd verses; Congregation – even verses*)

Children's Message

W&P 41 Give Thanks

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
Glory to you, O Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!
Sermon

Hymn 770 Give Me Jesus
Apostles' Creed
Prayers

Pages 107-108 The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer (*we sing*)
Communion
Blessing, Prayer, Benediction

Hymn 547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Go in peace and prayer.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Today

- + 9:30am Pastor Appreciation breakfast
- + 9:30am CONNECT for all ages in the FLC,
Adult 1 in the conference room
- + 10:30am Worship (Livestreamed)
- + 11:45 Instrumental rehearsal
- + 3pm Beginning Bell rehearsal
- + 4pm Ukulele Choir



The altar flowers are given in Praise and Thanksgiving to God, in honor of Conifer Locklin born 10/13/2025 of Matt and Alissa Locklin and cherished by Great-grandmother Shirley, Grandmother Linda, and Great Aunt Lisa.

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world! Welcome to St. Mark's body of Christ (118 years old!). Welcome to those who "wrestle with God" as Jacob did in Genesis. Welcome to those who trust and pray that the Lord watch over you and "your going out and coming in" as the psalmist prayed. Welcome to generous givers and reluctant receivers. Welcome to widows and prayerful persistent people like Jesus speaks about today in Luke 18.

Shepherd of the Week: Debbie Rice

Prayer Concerns

St. Mark's Members: Curtis Barteau, Marilyn Boardman, Bob Anderson, Mike Carter, Linda Clark, Ruth Ann Swart, Lya Wills, Peter Cuocolo, Bill Swart, Mary Jo Pless, Barbara Beidler, Carissa Abraham, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

St. Mark's Friends & Family: Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), Cindy Munsey Hall (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Glen Bannister (Sharon Roy's brother-in-law), Betty Lowe, Jocelyn Bracken (leukemia), Sue Wilson (Michelle Corbett's mother), Bleier family, Kristi (friend of Nancy Tyree), Sandra Davis, Rick Barger (friend of Kathy Jo McLean), Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Ronnie & kids, Emma (15- Hodgkins Lymphoma), Keith LaPrelle (nephew of Karen Pettit), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), Corrie Marsh (friend of Cora Lee Pless), James Nicholson (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Steve Belton (brother of Malinda Little), Lisa Castinado (friend of Mark Relyea), Timmy Lopez (nephew of Mark & Annette Relyea), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Carl Smith (relative of Tyree family), Anne Monterosso (fiancé of Colin Davis), Marty Rink (friend of the Van Horns), Carol Masters (friend of Liz Whitlow), Pastor David Gerber (Diana Cosme Avery's stepfather), Margaret Hudson (friend of Cora Lee Pless), Clark "Tiger" LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin), Ian Russell
St Mark's Military Members: Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman, BK & Laura Barringer's great-grandson- Christopher Barringer.

Condolence: We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mary York at the death of her brother, John.

NEWS & EVENTS

Next Sunday, October 26

- +8:30am Worship
- +9:30am CONNECT groups for all ages in the FLC; Adult 1 in the conference room
- +10:30am Worship (Livestreamed)
- +11:45 Instrumental rehearsal
- +3pm Beginning Bell rehearsal
- +4pm Ukulele Choir

Sunday, November 2

- +7:30am LMM Breakfast
- +8:30am Worship
- +9:30am CONNECT for all ages in the FLC, Adult 1 in the conference room
- +9:45am SERVE in the FLC
- +10:30am Worship (Livestreamed)
- +11:45 Instrumental rehearsal
- +3pm Beginning Bell rehearsal
- +4pm Ukulele Choir

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday

12:30pm Hands On

Wednesday

10am Bible Study

5:30pm Dinner & Devotions

6pm Handbell rehearsal

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday

7pm Beer & Bible

Saturday

5pm Trunk or Treat

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GIVING
CODE

Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot on *Saturday, October 25, 5:00-7:00pm*. We need volunteers to participate with decorated trunks. Use the QR code to sign-up. Contact Ellen with any questions: 704-798-1844.



COUNT ME IN! with my energy skills and donations. A “Count Me In!” approach to stewardship means actively participating in the 2026 planning campaign now underway. This includes several important events and dates.

10/20: Proposed 2026 Budget shared with congregation

10/26: Intentional Giving commitment cards available to congregation

11/2: Budget Question/ Answers session at 9:45am in FLC

11/9: Commitment Sunday- turn in commitment cards during services

11/16: Annual Congregation Meeting- 9:45am in church nave

Reformation Sunday- October 26

Holy Land Christians Are Going to be Our Guests

Hear Their Story and See Their Beautiful Olivewood Crafts
www.hlcsc.org

Wednesday Dinner & Devotions 5:30pm supper, followed by devotions in the FLC. Bring a dish to share for potluck supper.

Christmas Pageant- All K-12 youth are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant on *December 7th at the 10:30am service*. Practices will happen on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm November 9th, 16th, and 23rd, and will start with dinner. Contact Caroline Tyree or Jessica Fitzgerald to sign up!

CHRISTMAS 2025- Hands On Help us fill 100 stockings for kids at Living Waters Lutheran Church and the local community! Donate small items for ages 2–8- yo-yos, slinkies, bubbles, small packs of underwear, stuffed animals, matchbox cars, stickers, or small books. Leave donations in the pew by Nov. 9.

God's Work Our Hands *Saturday, November 1st~ Serving Our Community*. Two opportunities:

The Christian Mission: 8:30-11:45. Children under 18 can volunteer with a parent. Sign up in the Narthex and use your phone to complete the volunteer waiver.

Habitat ReStore: 10:30-1:30 Must be 18 or older. Sign up in Narthex and use your phone to complete the volunteer waiver.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 28th @ 6:30pm at St. Mark's

Food for Days October item of the month: Large Chef Boyardee. Donations can be dropped in the bin near the office hall.

Beer & Bible *Thursday, October 23, 7pm at On Tap, 188 N Main St.* Biblical discussion and fellowship.

Ladies Lunch Bunch *November 12, 2025, at 11:30am at Lotus Chinese Restaurant. 163 E. Plaza Dr, Mooresville, NC 28115. RSVP by Monday, November 10, 2025 to susanaltierinc@gmail.com or call 704-929-5648.*