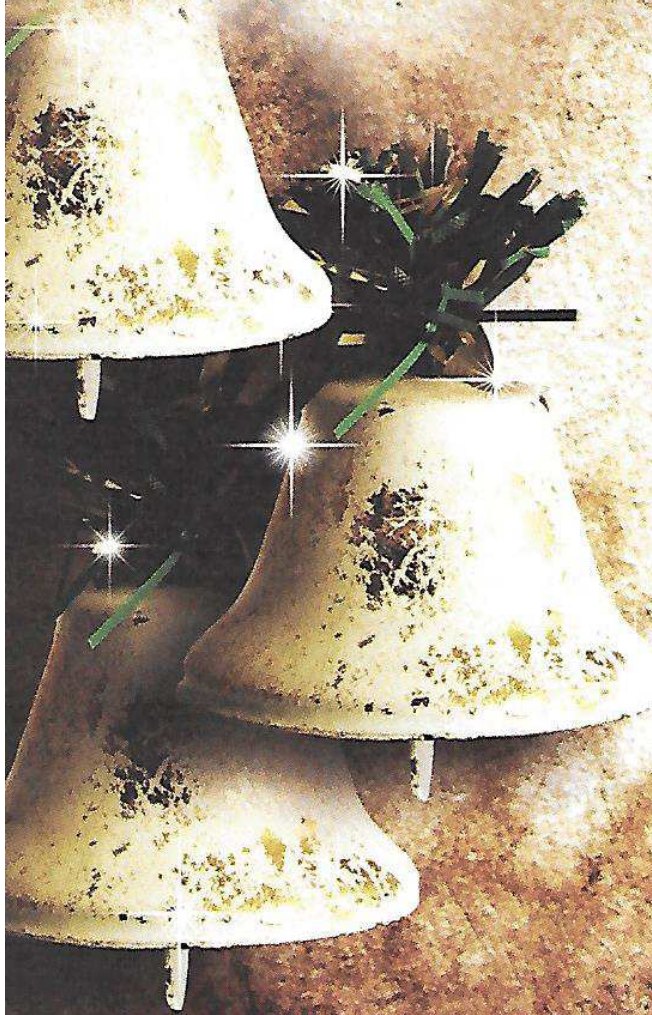


Love

GOD
SO LOVED
THE WORLD

John 3:16



Fourth Week of Advent

LOVE

*The Vision of St. Mark's United Methodist church
is to inspire people of all ages, through acts of love
and service, to know Jesus Christ.*

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4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017... ..10:30 AM Worship Service

WELCOME

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Dr. Bill Wharton*
“Once in Royal David’s City” *arr. Lachenauer*

GREETING

Sing, people of God, sing of God’s steadfast love forever!

With our mouths we will proclaim the Lord’s faithfulness to all generations.

Declare the steadfast love is forever established.

God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

For a covenant has been made with the chosen one, and God has sworn it.

We will sing of God’s steadfast love forever.

▲ HYMN / LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

“Away in a Manger”page 217

▲ THE OPENING PRAYER

▲ THE GLORIApage 238

“Angels We Have Heard on High” refrain

Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o! Glo-ri-a, in excelsis De-o!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Bill, Leanne, Kaitlyn and Carson Allen

SPECIAL MUSIC *Chancel Choir*

“Deliver Us, Lord!” *Purifoy*

PRAYER CONCERNS /THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.** Let us pray.

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verse 1 & refrain) page 234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer & Offertory Music Dr. Wharton

“From Heaven on High I Come to You”Scheideman

▲ DOXOLOGY page 221

“In the Bleak Midwinter” verse 4

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

▲ THE READINGS FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 1:18-25page 835

*This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.. **THANKS BE TO GOD!***

MESSAGE “Love Came Down” Rev. Missy Rekitzke

▲ HYMN / EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“The First Noel (verses 1-4)” page 245

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Dr. Wharton

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” arr. Rutz

▲ Indicates to Please Stand As Able

“Have a Blessed Week & Say a Good Word for God!”

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S! Before the service begins, you are invited to register your attendance (please print) in the attendance pad in the pew.

THE FLOWERS on the altar this morning are presented to the *Glory of God*, in loving memory of Laura, Raymond & Clara Harrison, Alice & James Sewell, by Raymond Harrison, Jr., Raymond Harrison III, James & Paul Harrison & families.

THE NURSERY is located in Room 212 & is available for parents to attend to their child's needs. Volunteers are needed. Please see Dana Callahan, Nursery Coordinator. The nursery is located in Room 212.

-Those Who Serve -

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS: The Allen Family.

LAYREADER: Marion Jackson.

USHERS: Head Usher: Raymond Harrison; Ray & Barbara Kraeer, Ann Yingling & Pat Jones.

GREETERS: Bill & Gwenn Curry, Ann Yingling, Pat Jones & Phil Rekitzke.

SOUND TECH: Shea Springer.

COFFEE HOUR:

ALTAR GUILD: Claudia Knox, Jim & Sheila Scott.

CHURCH OPENING: Don Swann. **CLOSING:** Wade Dudrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pairs & Spares meet in Conference Rm of Staff wing. The Koinonia Class meets in Meeting Rm. 155.

PANERA BREAD PICK-UPS A new chart to sign up for picking up the left over Panera Bread on Saturday evenings starting with January 27th is now in the gathering area. Thanks for your help with this outreach project of our church.

MUSIC LOVERS NEEDED: Do you sing or play an instrument? The 9:30 Praise Band needs you!! Rehearsals are Thursdays 5:30-6:30 & Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the sanctuary. Contact Elaine Tama 410-200-2194 for more information or see David Cherry after the service.

THE WESLEY-YATER SUNDAY SCHOOL has ended their lessons for the Christmas Season & will restart on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Please come. Bring your spouse, or a friend, or many friends, all are welcome! May we wish all a very blessed Merry Christmas & a warm and Happy New Year!" Bob Lawrence & Marion Jackson

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN is 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday!

UNITED METHODIST MEN If you are a man of faith and want to help us in our mission of serving Christ & others, we would love to have you join us. Send me an email to earecksonr@yahoo.com & I will put you on our United Methodist Men (UMM) email list. You don't have to attend our meetings to be involved. We are active & alive for Christ. Come & be a part of our group.

THE THRIFT SHOP 410-820-7106 The shop hours are Monday- 10:00am- 12:30 pm, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm. 410-820-7106. Thank you! Lee Royer 410-829-8189.

FOR MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM monetary gifts please send to Karen Reed's attention. Please do not put in offering plate unless they are in regular envelope, marked with Karen's name. Letters are written to the family so they can be acknowledged.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING the Box Tops for Education.

MR. FIX IT If you have nagging little things around the house that need fixing, why not call Mr. Fix-It who would be delighted to address your problem(s). Call the Church Office to arrange for this free service.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. please feel free to join us as we pray for various needs for the church, members & the local community. Please use the pew cards to submit requests for prayers.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY The Prayer Chain Ministry provides prayer support in crisis or emergencies for church members, loved ones & people in the community. Please call the church office 410/822-0001 & or Contact Sara Lou Casson 410/822-4872 or Betty Fleming 410/822-2216.

-This Week at St. Mark's-

Sunday, December 24, 2017

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Sanctuary. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Children's Pageant practice in Fellowship Hall!

4:00 p.m. - Family Service with Children's Pageant. Sanctuary.

7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Candlelight/Communion Service. Sanctuary.

10:00 p.m. - Traditional Candlelight/Communion Service. Sanctuary.

Monday, December 25, 2017

Merry Christmas from all of the staff!!

December 26th-29th Church office hours 8:30 am to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 31, 2017

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Sanctuary.

Monday, January 1, 2018 & Tuesday, January 2, 2018 Church office closed.

-Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

Praise God for the gift of Jesus!

While we all know that being admitted into the hospital can be a stressful time, please

contact the church office so that you can be visited. You are our family & are important to us! We would like your permission for your name to be listed if you are in the hospital!



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St. Mark's Mission is:
To share the love of Jesus
with & through the people of Talbot County & beyond.

<u>Our Worship:</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>12/17</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	61	
9:30 A.M. Worship	100	231
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>93</u>	<u>149</u>
Total Worship Attendance	254	380
Sunday School Attendance		

Our Tithes & Offerings (December 17, 2017)

Amount Received Last Week	\$ 21,358.00
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$ 44,570.00
Building Maint. Fund...(YTD) *	\$ 34,593.00

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

“Christmas through a child’s eyes”

We want to make this year’s Children’s Christmas Pageant the best ever! So, we need your help! We need readers, angels, wise men (or women!), animals, shepherds, Mary and Joseph and singers. If you would like for your child or children to participate, please sign up TODAY in the Gathering Space. During the Christmas Eve morning service, (from 10:30-11:30 a.m.) the kids will practice in the Fellowship Hall to get ready for the 4 p.m. service. Christmas is always a little more special when seen through a child’s eyes.

In a couple of months we will be doing a church directory. If you have recently moved or perhaps disconnected your home phone and are just using a cell number, please contact the church office with that information. A company will be doing pre - directory work for us and we want to make sure you are included in our new directory! If you have any questions, please contact Karen in the church office 410-822-0001.



Do you shop online? Do you shop Amazon.com? Did you know that if you purchase items from Amazon they will donate 0.5% of the price to St. Mark’s?

All you have to do is go to smile.amazon.com and choose St. Mark’s United Methodist Church as your charity to donate to and Amazon sends St. Mark’s the money earned from your purchase which goes directly to pay down the debt of the building!

We all need items from time to time so why not support the church when you make your purchase thru Amazon? It’s a win-win!

In a move to support your generosity, we're implementing a new way to give. We are really excited to announce that our app is now available for downloading in the app store! Using your smart phone text **stmarkseaston app** to **77977**. You will be sent a link which will direct you to our very own custom app. So no matter where you are you can give anytime!
Thank you for your support as we continue to grow & impact our community together!

**WELCOME
HOME**

Text "**STMARKSEASTON APP**" to **77977**
to download our app





Dec. 24th – Join us for Christmas Eve services
One morning service at 10:30 am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Children's Christmas Pageant Practice in Fellowship Hall
during the 10:30 a.m. service

4 pm service - Family service w/ Children's Pageant

7 pm service - Contemporary Candlelight/Communion Service

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Dec. 25th – Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed!

Dec. 26th – **Dec 29th** Church office open 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dec. 31st – 1 service at 10:30 am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan. 1, 2018 – **Jan. 2, 2018** Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed