



**Sunday, November 26, 2023, Memorial Sunday  
St. James/St. Mark's United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
Ann Rodewald, Organist  
Jacob Grunwald, Reader

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, (Job 19:25-26)

Meditative Music  
Bells Ring  
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

*Majesty, Worship Majesty*

### **Call to Worship:**

**L:** We have gathered here to celebrate the presence of God Almighty in our midst;  
And to celebrate the lives of those who have served faithfully through the years,  
now share the triumph of Christ.

**P:** **We affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of our Lord.**

**L:** Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life, among those who  
mourn as with those who now see Christ face to face.

**P:** **In the midst of our grief we sing with joy, for God's love is over all that has  
been made. Blessed be God's glorious name for ever.**

### **Prayer:**

**Tender and compassionate God, we seek to know you through the hearing of  
your Word and pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying, even as those  
faithful servants who have gone before us.**

**They are precious in your eyes, worthy of your special attention and ours,  
for they served well in the task that you gave them. Grant that we may feel  
your presence as did the followers who knew Jesus in the breaking of the  
bread, and may we experience the fire within that sent them out to share  
good news. *Amen***

**[Please Be Seated]**



**Young at Heart:**

**St. James Choral Anthem:**

*Lead Me Home*

**St. Mark's Choral Anthem:**

*The Everlasting Arms*

### **Prayer for the Saints and Faithful Departed:**

O God of both the living and the dead, we praise your holy name for all your  
servants who have faithfully lived and died. We thank you for the sacred ties that  
bind us to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses. We pray that,  
encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be  
diligent followers and that nothing will be able to separate us from your love in  
Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## Reading of the Names and Lighting of the Candles:

St. James  
Ronald Henschel

St. Mark's  
Kenneth Dirks  
Wayne Grunwald  
Dorothy Schnell  
Mary Ellen Schnelle  
Keith Sixel

### Hymn:

St. James: (#282); St. Mark's: (#530)

*Faith of Our Fathers*

### Scripture Reading:

1st Chronicles 29:10b-13 ESV  
*Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

### Message:

*Yours, O Lord, is...*

### Offering:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

### Offertory Music:

*~ The offering is brought to the altar ~*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

### Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Heavenly Father, thank you that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we give for the growth of your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts. May we be filled with all the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *Amen.*

**People's Prayer ~ Lord's Prayer:**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

**Hymn:**

*Blessed Assurance*

St. James: (#5 - Binder); St. Mark's: (#426)

**Benediction:**

I pray that God, the source of all hope and all things good, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. May the Holy Spirit guide you, fill you, encourage and embolden you now and always. *Amen.*

**Postlude:**

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

**COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!**

**St. James UCC**

*1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.*

*2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.*

*~Sunday School meets 9-10am at both churches~*

**St. Mark's UCC**

*1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.*

*2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.*



## Our Church Celebrations!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**


*November 26 – Amy Christianson, Marlene Kammann  
27 - Maverick Beck  
28 – Tiffany Schnelle, Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz  
29 – Barb Reimer  
30 – Donna Wippermann*

### **ANNIVERSARIES :**

*December 2 – William & Dorothy Mueller*



Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:  
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: [www.stmstjucc.org](http://www.stmstjucc.org)

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)



**POINSETTIA ORDERS** –Due TODAY, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's  
Due next week Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. James

**ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE-** meets tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 27th, at 6:30pm

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TOMORROW, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>.**  
Email them the Karen at [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)

**CHOIR REHEARSALS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> –**  
St. James, 6:30pm  
St. Mark's, 7:00pm

**NEXT WEEK SUNDAY IS BUILDING FUND SUNDAY AT BOTH CHURCHES.**

**ST. MARK'S ADOPTED GIVING TREE FAMILY** – Either sign up online with Signup Genius: <http://bit.ly/sharegifts2023> or take an ornament off the tree in St. Mark's church entryway. Wrapped, labeled (with recipient & contents) gifts due at church Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SIGN UP FOR USHERING AT ST. MARK'S** – either in the church entryway or online at: <https://bit.ly/usher2024>

## ST. MARK'S COOKIE EXCHANGE

If you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, sign up on the sheet in the church entry. Package your cookies in groups of 6 in bags, boxes, or plates. Signups are due by Saturday, December 9. I will let you know by Sunday, December 10 how many half-dozens to bring. Have your cookies at St. Mark's by 9:00 am on Sunday, December 17. After the church service, you will have a beautiful assortment of cookies to take home. A maximum of 12 people may participate. \*If you would like to bring extras for Pastor to take along on his home visits, that would be welcomed as well.



-Contact Lori Roelse with questions.

A festive holiday-themed flyer for a car wash promotion. The background is light pink with various Christmas decorations like a red Santa hat, holly leaves, candy canes, and a red stocking. The text is in bold, colorful fonts. At the top, it says 'SUPPORT THE MISSION TEAM To Elliot County, Kentucky'. Below that, a yellow banner reads 'KWIK TRIP CAR WASH CARDS'. Underneath, it says '\$36 FOR 5 ULTIMATE CAR WASHES (VALUED AT \$50)'. The main body of text says 'It's that time of year! Time to gather those last-minute gifts and stocking stuffers for family, friends, teachers, co-workers, you name it. It's the perfect gift for any driver; salt and cars don't mix!'. At the bottom left, a blue banner says 'Available NOW through Dec. 22nd!'. At the bottom right, a yellow box contains the contact information: 'CONTACT: ANNA MARIE BRAMSTEDT (920)698-7656 OR ANY OTHER MEMBER'.

If you're interested in joining the Mission Trip July 14-19 when they travel to KY, contact Anna Marie Bramstedt asap and she'll find out if there's room for you to come along.

## **WELCOME!**

### ***To the parents of young children:***

***Relax!*** *God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*

- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
- ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
- ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
- ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*