

Announcements

For information on announcements, email info@umcstmarks.org.

New Worship Series Starting on January 4th for 6 weeks

This January we will go *From Manger to Mountain* where we meet Jesus as he teaches his followers. Each week we will ponder a portion of the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 as Jesus shows us what life in God's kingdom looks like. Join us!

St. Mark's Youth Group

A space for middle and high school students to grow, learn, and be themselves, whoever that may be! You are invited to join us weekly on Sundays for Sunday school from 10-11 am and Youth Group (usually 4-6 pm). We hope to see you there!

Children's Ministry We're excited to welcome all children to our Sunday services and weekly activities! Join us each week for fun, faith-filled lessons, games, and crafts that help our kids grow closer to God. Whether it's Sunday School or the Nursery, we have something for everyone. Bring your little ones and be a part of our growing Children's Ministry family here at St. Mark's!

Adult Discipleship St. Marks offers a variety of Adult Discipleship and Education opportunities. Classes are offered on Sunday mornings as well as throughout the week.

Our next seasonal study will be our Lenten offering - *The God We Can Know, the "I am" sayings of Jesus*. This study will be offered as a part of our Lenten Midweek held on Wednesday evenings starting on February 18.

To visit our website and see all our classes and studies please visit <https://www.umcstmarks.org/classes/>
If you have questions or want more information contact Pastor Deborah Christine, deborah@umcstmarks.org

Adult Fellowship Groups in the New Year

- The **Marksmen** are a group of friendly retired and semi-retired men. They generally meet the *1st and 3rd Wednesdays* in the Fellowship Hall for a program, breakfast, and fellowship. Contact them at marksmen@umcstmarks.org for more information.

- The **Mark-a-Ritas** are a group of women who believe it's important to have girlfriends at church, too! The Mark-a-Ritas meet monthly and take turns planning the activities. Whether an event is strictly social or includes a study or service project, you can count on plenty of conversation and laughter! Contact markaritas.tucson@gmail.com

Market on the Move Starts on Jan. 3 from 8:00 am to 10:00am. We offer 60 lbs of fresh produce for \$10. We are in the parking lot on the first Saturday of each month through April.



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Sanctuary Campus
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St. Mark's UMC
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT *Gloria* Combined Choirs

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* v1-3,6 UMH#234

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

OPENING PRAYER Liturgist

INVITATION TO OFFERING Liturgist

Our Christmas Eve offering is given to the work of the church through our partnership with Nash Elementary School. Monies in the plain offering envelopes will be given to our usual work of the church through our annual budget.

OFFERTORY *O Holy Night with Away in the Manger*
arr. Jeff Bennett & Cindy Berry Jane Anderson & Devin Gardner

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

MESSAGE Rev. Lynn Bartlow

SPECIAL MUSIC *Little One, Holy One* Combined Choirs

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

***CLOSING HYMN** *Silent Night* UMH#239

***SENDING HYMN** *Joy to The World* v.1-2,4 UMH#246

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *The Hallelujah Chorus*
Jane Anderson & Devin Gardner

Liturgist: Kathy Howard

Worship Leaders: Rev. Lynn Bartlow, Rev. Sharon Ragland

Candlelighters: Fish Family

Musicians:

Combined Choirs of St. Mark's

Jane Anderson, Conductor/Organist; Abe Gibson, Choir Director;

Devin Gardner, Pianist

Handbell Ringers: Sherry Heatherly, Liza Carsten, Sandy Barker,

Kathy Deason, Suzanne Vaughn, Cindy Flannery

String Quartet: Athina Padilla, Kai Kawamura,

Willow Qian-Yu Yong, Caroline Bell

**Designates when to stand in body or in spirit Hearing assistive devices are available at the sound booth or ask an usher.*

Special thanks to all who contributed poinsettias for our altar in honor or in memory of loved ones. A list of those are available in the entryway.

We love having your children in worship! We love to see their wiggles and hear their voices. If you are more comfortable or need a space to take care of your little one's needs, there is a Meditation Room near the organ available for your use. There is also childcare available tonight in Room 15. Ask an usher for assistance.

Christmas Offering

This year our Christmas Offering will support **Nash Neighbors**, our long-standing partnership with Nash Elementary. Through this ministry, more than 50 families — including over 100 children — receive monthly food support and teachers begin the school year with needed supplies. Your gift helps provide food, classroom materials, and volunteer support that allow our neighbors to thrive. Let's make room for hope and love this Christmas —together.