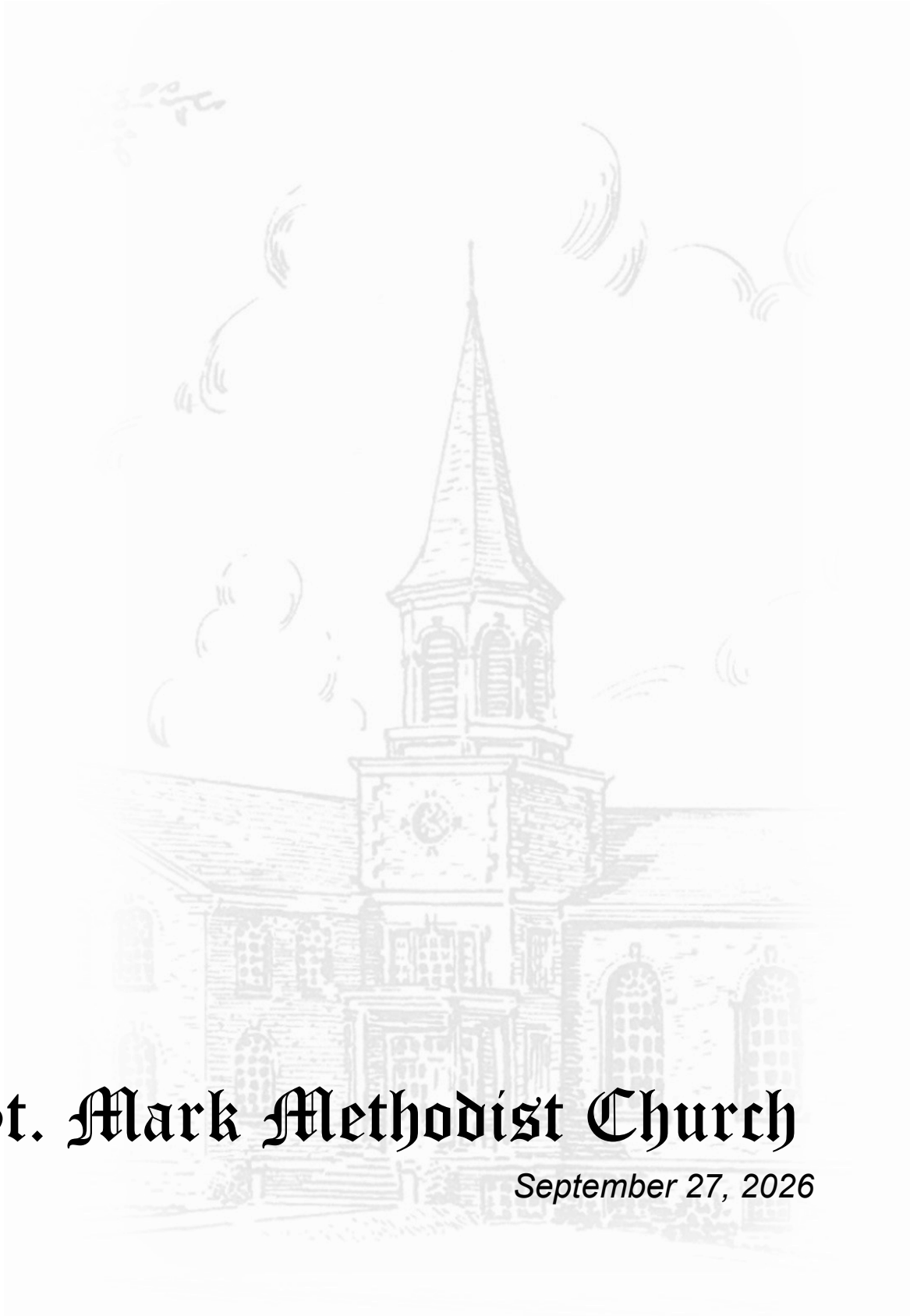

St. Mark Methodist Church

September 27, 2026

Founded 1949

A Global Methodist Community

The Rev. Thurman Norville, Pastor

St. Mark Methodist Church

September 27, 2026 **11:00 AM**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please be respectful of Worship and silence your cell phone.
Also, refrain from texting and surfing during Worship as this is distracting to others who come to worship.

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" *Arr.* Larson

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

Moses listened to the guidance of the Lord
rather than the quarreling of the people.
We will set aside our grumbling and quarrels,
that we may hear the voice of God more clearly.
The poetry of the psalmist invites us to "give ear"
to Divine teaching.
We will incline our ears, and listen for ways
to share the presence of God.
In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he encourages them and us to have the same mind as Christ,
and to empty ourselves, that we might be filled.
We will humble ourselves as Christ was humble,
opening our very lives to the ongoing call of God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" CH. 340

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

***OPENING HYMN** "O For A Thousand Tongues" CH. 21

OPENING PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17: 1-7 Ellen Hill

PSALTER READING Psalm 78

[1] O my people, listen to my instructions.
Open your ears to what I am saying,
[2] **I will speak to you in a parable.**
I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—
[3] stories we have heard and known,
stories our ancestors handed down to us.
[4] **We will not hide these truths from our children;**
we will tell the next generation
about the glorious deeds of the LORD,
about his power and his mighty wonders.
[11] They forgot what he had done—
the great wonders he had shown them,
[12] **the miracles he did for their ancestors**
on the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.
[13] For he divided the sea and led them through,
making the water stand up like walls!
[14] **In the daytime he led them by a cloud,**
and all night by a pillar of fire.
[15] He split open the rocks in the wilderness
to give them water, as from a gushing spring.
[16] **He made streams pour from the rock,**
making the waters flow down like a river!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Apostle's Creed**

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen".

**church universal

Gloria Patri

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:1-13 Terri Jackson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:23 - 32

***HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" CH. 139

MESSAGE

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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,
The power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERING

ANTHEM "More Like You"

St. Mark Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

***CLOSING HYMN** "God Will Take Care Of You" CH. 692

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH

Opportunities For The Week

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am— Children Choir Practice
9:45 am—Sunday School
10:30 am —Chancel Choir Practice
11:00 am—Worship Service

Wednesday, September 30

10:00 am—Adult Bible Study
11:30 am— Handbell Practice
5:30 pm— Fellowship Supper

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am— Children's Choir Practice
9:45 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Chancel Choir Practice
11:00 am—Worship Service

Music Notes…

9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, our Children's Choir is meeting, singing and I even saw some bells, and other instruments on a table! I know Mrs. Tricia Bowen has special plans and music to make this time of singing and learning about music exciting and meaningful. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors children and others for this time of learning God's word through music. See ya'll Sunday morning, early!

Handbell Choir is now ringing and having the joy of fellowship through music. 11:30 until 12:30 pm on Wednesday mornings give us the time and opportunity to learn to make great music with our handbells. All you need to bring is the "want to" and both your arms and hands. Plan to enjoy some fun as we make ringing music. Put this on your calendar, show up, and be ready to enjoy the music and fellowship.

What are you doing to purposefully grow and intentionally stretch in every area of your life? Your children must grow and intentionally stretch in order to accomplish learning the needed skills to function in our world. You must either grow and stretch you skills in your career path or suffer the consequences. In relationships, we all need to grow and stretch our servant leadership skills. John O'Leary who espouses this goal in life has had to overcome being burned over 90% of his body and then learn to grow through perceptions of his physical characteristics and his mental misconceptions. He now plays the piano with no fingers on either hand and is a sought after motivational speaker for business and social groups. Let John's goal of purposefully growing and intentionally stretching become an exciting ambition for us Christians, especially, and then letting the hope and joy we have become a way to influence others daily.

Would you miss our Chancel/Adult Choir if it didn't exist? While I hope that doesn't ever happen, we do need folks to add to our choir so we can grow and be better worship leaders. Our current choir is learning new skills and showing improvement each week. St. Mark Chancel Choir can use YOU, NOW!

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

St. Mark GMC

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

TIME 5:30 PM

Sept 30th BBQ, Collards, Baked beans, bread

Oct 7 Fried chicken, green beans, mac & cheese, roll, dessert

Oct 14 Roasted Pork Loin, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn casserole, rolls, dessert

Oct 21 Company Chicken, rice, asparagus, green salad, rolls, dessert

Oct 28 Hot dogs, Hamburgers, French fries, butter beans, slaw, dessert

Nov 1st Women of St. Mark Luncheon

(Be on the look out for more details)

Nominations Committee Meeting

Monday Sept 28th at 6 pm in the Library