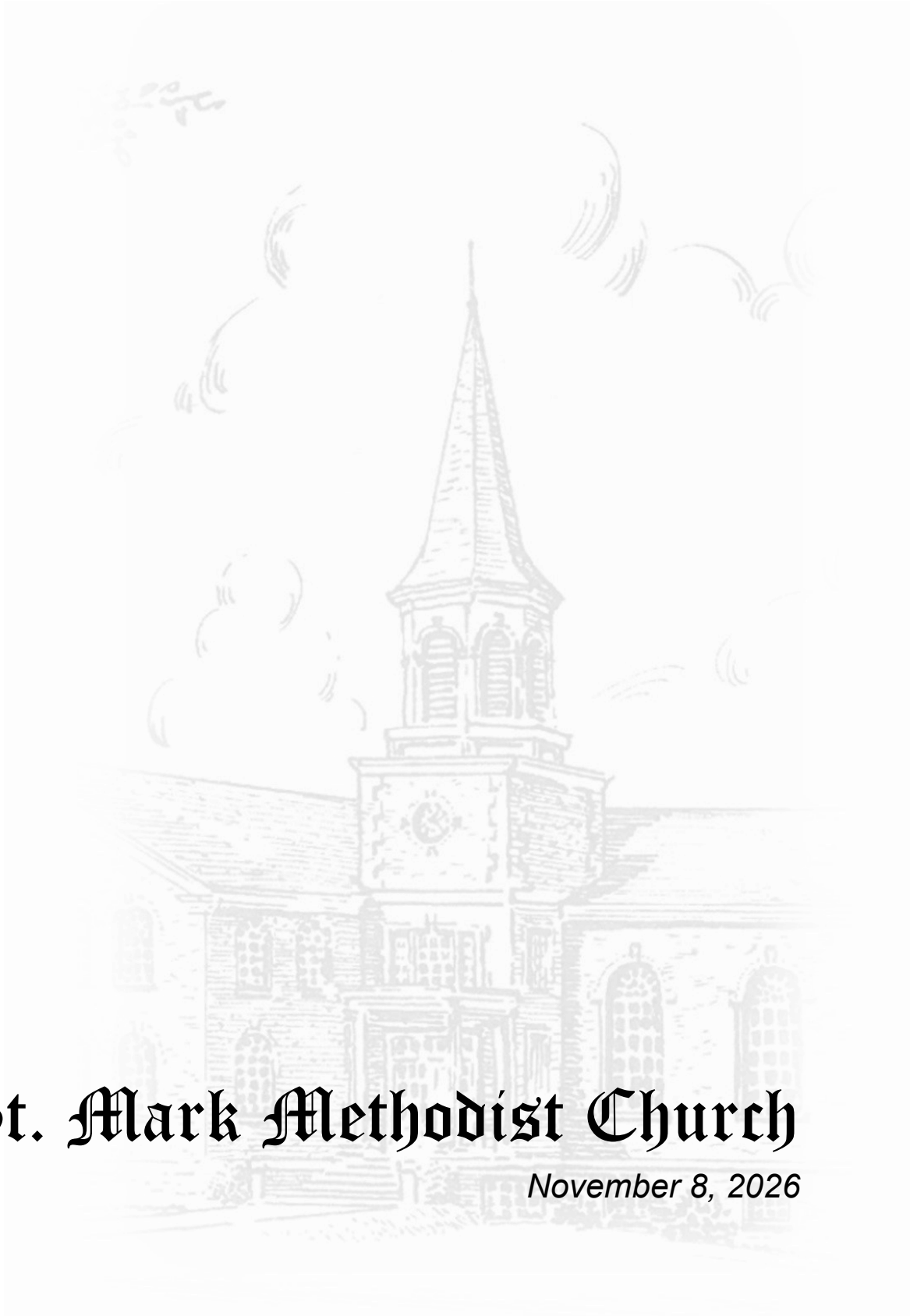

St. Mark Methodist Church

November 8, 2026

Founded 1949

A Global Methodist Community

The Rev. Thurman Norville, Pastor

St. Mark Methodist Church

November 8, 2026 **11:00 AM**

Twenty– Fourth 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 *"For The Beauty of the Earth"* *Kocher/ Page*

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

The God of our ancestors has called us here.
We are witnesses
The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
We are witnesses
The choice to follow God has called us here.
We are witnesses
The Lord of life has called us here.
We are witnesses

***CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG** "We Have Come To Join In" CH. 207

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

***OPENING HYMN** "Soon And Very Soon" CH. 757

OPENING PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24 : 1-3, 14-28 Gene McGinty

PSALTER READING

Psalm 78: 1-7 Gene McGinty

1 O my people, listen to my instructions.
Open your ears to what I am saying,
2 for I 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
5 For he issued his laws to Jacob;
he gave his instructions to Israel.
He commanded our ancestors
to teach them to their children,
6 so the next generation might know them-
even the children not yet born-
and they in turn will teach their own children.
7 So each generation should set its hope anew on God
not forgetting his glorious miracles
and obeying his commands.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

Gene McGinty

"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".

Gloria Patri

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Beverly King

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13

***HYMN** "Wonderful Words Of Life" CH. 406

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 "Thanksgiving Medley of Hymns"

St. Mark Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

***CLOSING HYMN** "I Want To Be Like Jesus" CH. 550

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH

Music Notes…

November will be a month of very special music from our music ministry groups. You'll want to read about the special events in worship below and invite others to come with you. Our music ministry participants are always working to improve and bless our worship so you'll want to reward them by inviting others each week.

November 15th will have our extended prelude being presented by our handbell choir. I am very proud of the progress we have made and are continuing to make. Sometime when you are short on resources (people), we tend to half-heartedly participate and ring for worship. Not our handbell ringers! The last few weeks we have had sickness, vacations and various happenings that have left us "short" handed! Needless to say, we haven't missed practice and are making progress as we prepare for November and December. You would really enjoy this "can do" attitude by being in our handbell choir.

November 22, 2026 we will be blessed from our Children's Choir singing for worship. Tricia Bowen has nurtured our children as they learn God's word through song. She even has them enjoying musical instruments and learning music basics. Each of us can contribute to this choir by inviting parents, grandparents and others to bring their children and grandchildren to receive a blessing of FREE music instruction each week at 9:30 a.m. in our Music Suite area downstairs.

"The best until last" might be an understatement. St. Mark Men's Choir will lift their voices and enthusiasm on November 29,2026. The energy levels will be high after all the delicious food and desserts from Thanksgiving. Invite others, especially men, to come enjoy, sing and become a part of the music ministry at St. Mark Methodist Church.

November will be an exciting way to begin our Advent and Christmas holiday seasons.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

NOV 11 :

Mexican Casserole, Queso & Chips,

NOV 18:

Turkey, Dressing, Sweet Potatoes,
Broccoli Casserole, Glazed Carrots,
Cream Corn, Rolls, Dessert

NOV 11
VETERANS DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16TH AT 6:30

Opportunities For The Week

Sunday, November 8th

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

Wednesday, November 11th

10:00 am—Adult Bible Study
11:30 am—Handbell Practice
5:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
6:30 pm—Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, November 15th

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

Church Staff

Rev. Thurman Norville	Pastor
Floyd Montgomery	Music Director
Tricia Bowen	Accompanist
Debbie Richards	Nursery Attendant
Kim Barber	Church Administrator
Josh Brown	Custodian