

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Elder

Eric Beilstein
Bob James
Lisa Lyles
Harlan Mangum
Dinah McDougall

Deacon

Dottie Dunham
Julie McCarty
Andy Phillips
Betty Robertson

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

A Morning Song
arr. Parks

***Doxology**

***Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

***Closing Hymn**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

#69

***Benediction**

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Krug

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Bill Brant, Liturgist

Angela Grover, Time with Young Disciples
Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director
Andy Phillips, Pianist

Tech Team, Angel Candelaria, AV Tech Lead

Today's flowers are given by DeWitt and Karen Ragsdale to the glory of God and in honor of Julie McCarty with deep appreciation for her many years of service as Clerk of Session and her continued service for our Church family.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be on Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. (following worship) in the sanctuary. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will include 2025 highlights, financial reports, receiving nominations from the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) and a nomination from the Session for a Trustee, and a vote on changes to the terms of call for the pastor. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will include a report from the Trustees.



St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Christmas
January 11, 2026

Prelude *Here I Am, Lord* Andy Phillips
arr. Carter

Welcome Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Introit Chancel Choir

Jubilate, Sing Praise!
Diane Hannibal

***Call to Worship** Bill Brant

One: Come to the fountain of life.

All: Come to the streams of mercy.

One: Come, dip in the reservoir of forgiveness,

All: Let us immerse ourselves in the waters of healing.

One: Come, be renewed by the eternal springs,

All: Be filled with overflowing blessings.

One: Come, walk beside still waters,

All: Be empowered by the rivers of justice.

One: Come people, yearning for meaning,

hoping for truth, thirsting for God.

All: Here we find living water that quenches our thirst.

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475

Confession

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God: Today we remember the sacrament of baptism and reaffirm the working of your cleansing grace and adoption into your family. But we are also painfully conscious of the distance between your holiness and our humanity. We fail to love even our loved ones consistently and constructively. We disclaim responsibility for the misery of stricken strangers, unwanted children, the homeless, the abused, the elderly poor.

Remind us again of the power of this sacrament of acceptance and welcome. Help us become more accepting and welcoming toward others. We pray in the name of the One whose invitation to the waters of baptism and renewal of spirit includes all your children, even Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord.

Forgive us as we silently confess our sins and short-comings to you...

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Silent Confession

Sung Petition #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Assurance of Pardon

***Response #581** *Gloria Patri*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples Angela Grover

Special Music *Wade in the Water* Ann Tucker
Anonymous

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Grace Before the Journey

***Hymn** *Baptized in Water* #482

*Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

One: Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and will you be his faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

All: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the Church the Body of Christ!

One: Relying on the mercy and forgiveness of God, will you celebrate God's grace and be an instrument of God's grace with others?

All: We affirm our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and are thankful for the life-giving grace of God, and promise to celebrate and share that grace in our daily living.

One: Will you seek to grow and deepen your faith as you seek to share the good news with others?

All: We seek to glorify God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit provide opportunities for all people to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.