



*“Proclaiming Christ to the generations...
Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

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“We come together at St. Mark’s to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world.”

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*District Superintendent
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

Welcome, as we gather here to worship!

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



 *Breast Cancer Awareness Month* 
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Annual Homecoming

Order of Service

Sister Charlotte Thomas, Worship Leader

Prelude Brother Fernando G. Allen, Sr.

Lighting of the Candles Usher

Gathering Song..... St. Mark's Choir/Congregation

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Tuesday, October 12th (7:00 p.m.) — Men's Bible Study.

Session 2: Survey of the Books of History.

Zoom information/call in: [Click Here To Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Copy and paste into your browser if the link above does not work:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84876087048?pwd=K201NEwzWmplMFZMenVqTnJlL0d0QT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7608 7048

Passcode: 803201

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Wednesday Night Experience (7:00 p.m.) — This is our weekly Bible Study, based on the Wednesday reading in Upper Room.

Call in #267.807.9611; Access Code: 331960

Thursday, October 14th (7:00 p.m.) — **Choir Rehearsal**

Sunday, October 17th (10:00 a.m.) — **131st Church Anniversary**

— **"God of the Past, God of the Present, and God of the Future"**. Morning Preacher: **Rev. Sarah Schlieckert**, District Superintendent for the Southern Annapolis Region. Members who are able please make a sacrificial donation of \$1 for each year or what your heart leads you to give.

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Sunday, October 24th (10:00 a.m.) — **Laity Sunday**. Our Laity will be conducting the service. Our morning speaker with **Min. Nena Hughes**.

Sunday, October 31st (10:00 a.m.) — **Youth, Young Adults, Sweatshirts and Jersey Sunday**. Service will be led by the youth. Our morning messenger will be **Min. Brian Bailey**, Kettering Baptist Church Legacy Center.

Note from Finance: First, let us give a big thank you to all that have been giving. This is a reminder that there are several ways to get your offering to the church:

1. You can drop it off at the church and place it in church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD 20707)
3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks — <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarksmd>)

Again, thank you. Just remember, even during the pandemic, the church building still has obligations that need to be met.

The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father” (Hymnal, #71)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Hymn of Preparation..... St. Mark’s Choir

Inspirational Message..... Rev. Eugene W. Matthews

“Isolated and Unwell”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

**Invitation / Altar Call
Invitation Selection**

Announcements

Benediction

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Pastor’s Hrs. — Tuesday and Thursday (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)
Millicent Hrs. — Tuesday and Thursday (10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

Pray Daily at Noon

Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



“A FRESH START (NOW)” —We desire to have many members as possible active in all the various areas of Ministry.

Monday, October 11th (6:00 p.m.) — Annual Church Conference. Information for meeting:

<https://bwcumc.zoom.us/j/98293115246?pwd=M0RIdFN3RGIEYXo2UXczekVoNHJiUT09>

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Greeting/Call to Worship.....Sister Charlotte Thomas

Leader: We give you thanks for the gift of this day.

People: **For you alone are good.**

Leader: We praise you for your love for all people.

People: **For you are lone are good.**

Leader: We rejoice in your presence.

People: **For you are good. Guide us to rely on you all our days. Lord You Are Good and Your Mercies Endure Forever.**

**Hymn of Praise.....St. Mark’s Choir/Congregation
“Lord You Are Good”**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (Unison)

God of our salvation, we often seek salvation in places where it cannot be found. We fall into the illusion that possessions, the stuff we own or the stuff we desire, can give us fulfillment and lasting joy. We are deluded into believing that we are self-made individuals, and that if we work hard enough, we can find happiness and success through our own efforts. Help us to recognize both your love for us and our dependence upon you for full satisfaction in this life. Give us courage and confidence to follow you. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

**The Invocation.....Sister Charlotte Thomas
Song of Meditation..... St. Mark’s Choir**

The Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading #1Sister Charlotte Thomas
(Job 23:1–9, 16–17, Common English Bible)**

23 Job answered:

² Today my complaint is again bitter;
my strength is weighed down because of my groaning.

³ Oh, that I could know how to find him—
come to his dwelling place;
⁴ I would lay out my case before him,
fill my mouth with arguments,
⁵ know the words with which he would answer,
understand what he would say to me.
⁶ Would he contend with me through brute force?
No, he would surely listen to me.
⁷ There those who do the right thing can argue with him;
I could escape from my judge forever.
⁸ Look, I go east; he's not there,
west, and don't discover him;
⁹ north in his activity, and I don't grasp him;
he turns south, and I don't see.
¹⁶ God has weakened my mind;
the Almighty has frightened me.
¹⁷ Still I'm not annihilated by darkness;
he has hidden deep darkness from me.

Scripture Reading #2**Sister Charlotte Thomas**
(*Hebrews 4:12–16, Common English Bible*)

¹² because God's word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and intentions. ¹³ No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer.

¹⁴ Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son;
¹⁵ because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.

¹⁶ Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

Selection **St. Mark's Choir**

Blessing of the Offering**Sister Charlotte Thomas**
Offertory

Scripture Reading #3**Sister Charlotte Thomas**
(*Mark 10:17–31, Common English Bible*)

¹⁷ As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

¹⁸ Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*"

²⁰ "Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." ²² But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

²³ Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" ²⁴ His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! ²⁵ It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

²⁶ They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God."

²⁸ Peter said to him, "Look, we've left everything and followed you."

²⁹ Jesus said, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news ³⁰ will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first."