



Worship Guide
Oct. 10 - Nov. 21

"Come and See"

In John 1:39, Jesus invites the disciples to come and see for themselves what he is doing. Later, the disciples invite their own friends to come and see.

Our Stewardship Campaign this year focuses on this invitation to come, be a part of what is happening here at St. Mark's and see how God will change the world through us. Come and see how the practices of faith you bring to the church can change the world. Come and see what God will do.

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Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021
"Presence"

1 John 4:7-10, 19; John 15:1-8

Jesus commands the disciples to "remain in me." Other translations use the word abide. How are you remaining, abiding, resting, in God? How are you connected to the church and to Jesus Christ? How are you doing at the task of just being? Spend some time this week with the second part of our membership vows: being present.

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Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

"Prayers"

Philippians 1:1-11; Mark 1:35-39

How is your prayer life? Prayer is often tossed about as something we offer when we don't know what to do, but it's actually a powerful tool for the faithful. While we can wonder how prayer changes God, we can know for certain that prayer changes *us*. What can you do to enhance your prayer life? What prayer practice can you add to your daily habits? Who do you need to pray for?

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021

"Gifts"

Matthew 25:14-30; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Our gifts are important to the work of the church. This can be the spiritual gifts that you have received from God, or it could be the financial gifts that you have received from generational wealth or from your own hard work. How do you share your gifts with others? How do you share your gifts with the church? Consider this week how you might give more – you decide what area of your life you need to be more generous in sharing!

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Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021

“Service”

Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus sent his disciples out into the surrounding communities, and then he empowered the disciples to do the same. The harvest is plentiful, he said. Around us, the harvest remains plentiful. How are you at going out, at leaving the comfort of your home and church buildings and going into the community? The pandemic has invited us to re-imagine what it means to be the church. We can certainly worship anywhere. How can we take advantage of that gift while going out of the building? How can we serve others in the world?

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Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021

“Witness”

Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 12:6-11

This is the day we celebrate All Saints Day and remember those who have passed away in the past year, or even longer. Think back over your life. Who was a witness of faith for you? Who were the ones who shared Christ with you, that you might come to know Christ? How have those who have died shaped you? What kind of witness did they share with their lives? Give thanks and be a witness to someone else.

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Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021

“Commitment”

Matthew 6:25-33; Psalm 126

On this day, we celebrate the financial and time commitments that you have made to the church for the coming year. We celebrate new members who will join on this day. We invite one another to “Just a closer walk with thee.” What commitment can you make to the kingdom work that we are about? How can you do your part to change the world for Christ by caring for all people? What can you do, that doesn’t require writing it on a commitment card?

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Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021

“Thanksgiving”

John 18:33-37; Joel 2:21-27

We give thanks today! To God be the glory! Now thank we all our God! We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessings! Can you make a thanksgiving journal? Start and end each day with a thankful heart by writing down five things you are thankful for. Write a note, send an email, text someone your thanks for their presence in your life. Dance around your home with praise music thanking God. Draw a thankful picture. How can you express your thanks to someone and to God this week?

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