



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

March 12 & 13
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

J. Birch, faithandworship.com

God of Love, God of Peace, this fractured word cries out in pain, burns deep into my soul, and challenges me to make a difference.

God of Love, God of Peace, God of this world, scarred by grief and tears, ignorance and fear, soften hearts of stone and begin with mine.

God of Love, God of Peace, create within me a heart for people, a desire for change, for new beginnings to start this day.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Concerto del Signor Meok III

Walther (1684-1749)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Come! Let us worship our saving LORD together.

† HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymnal# 35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us citizens of heaven, but we confess we have set our minds on earthly things. We let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

†GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

(Children 5th grade and younger may leave to attend Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-35

SERMON

“Chickens, Roosters, and Hens”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Chancel Bells

arr. Eithun

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **HYMN**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Hymnal #542

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**
(Sunday Worship)

“Shalom, chaverim”
See below

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Intonatio Quint: Toni

Scherer (1631-1712)

† *You are invited to stand, as you are able*

Shalom, chaverim

Hebrew Blessing

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 13** Saints & Siblings, Main Event, following 10 am worship
- March 13** Adult Mission Trip informational meeting, following 10 am worship
- March 23** PW Book Club, 9:30 am
- March 27** Youth Hangout, 4-6 pm
- April 2** Troop 631 Lawn Mower Tune Up, 9 am – 3 am

WELCOME TO ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are pleased to have you join us this morning. Your presence enriches both us and this experience of worship together. It is our prayer this will be a time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate in our life together here at St. Mark.

To Our Guests. We hope you enjoy your visit today. Whether this is your first visit, or you have been coming to St. Mark and are considering joining the church and you would like to know more about St. Mark, we would be happy to talk with you.

For more information, please contact the church office, 636-394-2233.

Please wear your NAMETAG at church. Don't have one? Stop by the church office where you will find a form to fill out in the "Name Badge" mailbox.

Listening devices are also available and may be picked up from the sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary.

January/February/March *These Days* devotional booklets are in the lobby at the Mark entrance.

Please be aware that, as St. Mark works to increase safety and security, all doors to the building are locked Sunday morning once worship has begun. Those who arrive late should approach the Mark door and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Michele Noark "In loving memory of my grandparents, Helen & Junior Cowles."

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to St. Mark, we have several convenient and easy ways to do this:

1. **In-person:** An offering plate is available in the Narthex after the worship service.
2. **Mail:** Please make check out to St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to:
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
601 Claymont Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011
3. **Online:** To donate, use the **QR Code** here to



be directed to our giving page on discoverstmark.org, **OR** go to:
www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/



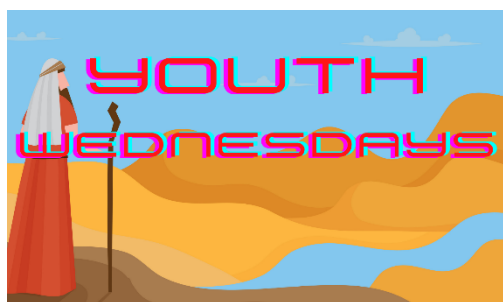
St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The lily is mentioned frequently throughout the bible and serves today as a beautiful reminder of the significance of the Easter season. Easter lilies grace homes and churches each spring as a symbol of purity, joy, hope and life. We encourage you to order one or more lilies to brighten your home. Consider ordering a plant to be delivered to a homebound member as a tangible reminder of their spiritual connection to St Mark. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel in the Narthex. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. The lilies are sourced from a locally owned greenhouse. A portion of this year's Easter lily cost will go to our mission partners. If you have any questions, contact Kay Merz.

PRAYER CIRCLE

The Prayer Circle is meeting in the church adult library on Monday mornings at 9:30. We're hoping more people will join us to pray for our members and their friends and families who need prayers. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Pat Marshall.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth meet weekly in person to have fun, fellowship, and faith experience. Did I forget to say SNACKS?!?! Snacks too! Join us Wednesdays from 6-7 pm in the youth room!



March 27th 4:00-6:00pm - SMPC Youth Room!
Join us for a movie, games, and of course food!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SAINTS AND SIBLINGS ARE GOING TO THE MAIN EVENT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13!

Immediately following worship service, elementary students and their families are invited to come enjoy time with family and church friends. Kids and parents pay only \$10 per person for a \$20 fun card and entree. To sign up go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4da4ad2faaf94-stmark3>. Contact Latisha at lgilliland@discoverstmark.com for more information.

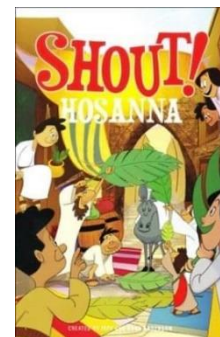
CHILDREN'S LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE



Beginning on Sunday, March 6, St. Mark children will be challenging the congregation to support the Lenten Water Challenge. There is a "well" in the Narthex for the children of the congregation to donate their coins which will be added to donations made by the church members.

SAVE THE DATE: CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Saturday, April 9, during 5pm worship service!



MISSION AT ST. MARK

ADULT MISSION TRIP JULY 10-16, SPIRIT LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA

Mission trip activities include light construction and summer day camp support. An informational meeting will be held on March 13 following worship service. Contact Joyce Blackwell if you are interested in participating.



LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE



Marion Medical Mission has played an active role in the fight against dirty water. Since 1990, they have built over 31,000 wells in Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia providing over four million people with a sustainable source of safe drinking water.

You are encouraged to drink only clean tap water for the 40 days of Lent. Giving up the morning trip to Starbucks or the evening glass of wine might be a tall task for some, but it will help us comprehend how much money we spend on beverages.

Moreover, we can use the money we save to support Marion Medical Mission in building more wells in Africa. We are blessed to have clean water in our community, and this challenge helps us to understand the needs of those who have less, and support groups who are working to provide living water for all God's children.

FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

During March, we are collecting the following items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58:

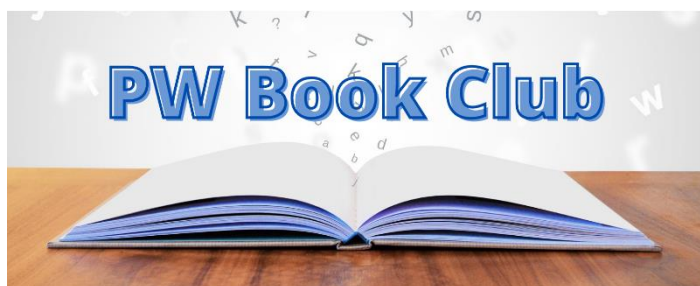


- *Boxed Cereal*
- *Peanut Butter*
- *Jelly / Jam*
- *Canned Chicken*
- *Canned Sardines*



Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. You may also write a check indicating the mission partner(s) on the memo line.

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club meets March 23 at 9:30AM, virtually and in Room 102. We are reading *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell. Lee Berger is presenting the true story of Virginia Hall, who almost singularly started the French Resistance in France during WWII. The story is true and the movie "A Call to Spy" is available on Showtime which also tells the story.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET PROJECT



In 2021, congregational gifts provided over 183,000 CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by natural disasters and other crises. You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors by making a donation. PW will be collecting donations through March. Please look for the CWS envelopes in the pews. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to feel God's love in their lives. You can support this mission with cash or checks payable to St. Mark with the notation CWS Blankets. Thank you for your continued support of the blanket project.



PW is collecting baby items for Newborns in Need during the month of **April**. Donations of new and gently used clothing items (sizes up to 6 months), blankets, wipes, and diapers are especially needed. Donated items may be placed in the Pac n Play in the Narthex in **April**. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks may be mailed to Newborns in Need c/o Judy Giovanoni, 461 Bluff Meadow Dr., Ellisville, MO 63021. Please contact Shirley Boeker or Louise Grothe for more information.



JOIN US FOR MOUND RIDGE'S ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, April 9th from 12 pm to 3 pm at Maison Du Lac - 2603 Wild Plum Valley Road, Catawissa, MO 63069. Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes lunch.

All proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards Mound Ridge's mission to provide a "discounted or cost free" camp experience to over 180 underserved children. Go to <https://moundridge.org/> to learn more.

TROOP 631



Get ready for spring and let Boy Scout Troop 631 tune up your lawnmower!

When: Saturday, April 2nd from 9AM—3PM

Where: Parking Lot of Rick's Ace Hardware—Ellisville, (15870 Clayton Road at the Intersection of Clayton and Clarkson)

Cost: FREE! (Donations Gladly Accepted)

Services Included: Oil change, spark plug service (cleaning, re-gapping; replacement if necessary), air filter service (cleaning, replacement if necessary), blade sharpening, mower deck cleaning. Walk behind mowers only (no riders or zero-turns). Mower must start at the time of check-in. All proceeds to offset the cost of summer camp.



Save the Date!

It's back! Circle of Concern's popular golf tournament returns in 2022!
Plan now to join us on
Monday, May 23 at
Aberdeen Golf Club in Eureka

16th Annual!

Hosted by St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Benefiting the programs of Circle of Concern
Contact Bob at 314.607.8260

Sponsorships are available now!
Contact Cyndi at 636.861.2623 x117

Watch for registration info!

CLAYMONT PRESCHOOL AT ST. MARK FALL 2022 REGISTRATION



It's time for parents and grandparents of St. Mark preschool aged children to start planning for Fall. St. Mark families are offered priority registration beginning Tuesday, January 18. Half-day classes are available for children who will be 2 years old before October 1, 2022, through pre-kindergarten. Classes meet 9:00 to 12:00 with extended day until 1:30 for older children. Currently, during COVID, there are 62 children attending Claymont Preschool. We expect this number to increase this fall. The Preschool enjoys a wonderful reputation for excellent caring teachers and superb kindergarten readiness, causing some classes to fill quickly, so we hope St. Mark members will take advantage of this early registration period.

Please call Lynne Dauve, call or email ldauve@discoverstmark.org for more information. Our registration form and other Missouri State required forms are available at DiscoverStMark.org. We have a very limited number of openings in our 3 year old classes currently, so if you have a new neighbor or know of someone looking for a fabulous preschool, please recommend us to them!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve



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Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley
Saturday Musician: Mark Reyneso
Sunday Choir Accompanist: Jee-Hye Lee
Sunday Liturgist: Tom Peters
Sunday Special Music: Chancel Bells