



September 17 & 18, 2022
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Praise to God the Father

Franklin Ritter

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name sake.
We come to worship our saving Lord together!

† HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have sought you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins for your name sake. (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)

† HYMN

“As the Deer”

Hymnal #626

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

“The House Always Wins”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

The Beatitudes
Chancel Choir

Eugene Butler

† 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

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Hymnal #700

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION

(Sunday Worship)

"Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you. Everywhere. You may go.

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Our Hope, Our Life

Martin E. Leckebusch

† You are invited to stand, as you are able

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 18** New Member Class begins, 8:50 am
- Sept. 18** Equal Exchange/Fairly Traded Items available
- Sept. 18** Saints & Siblings at Swing Around Fun Town, 12 – 2 pm
- Sept. 24** Youth Lock-In, 4 pm - midnight
- Sept. 25** Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
- Sept. 28** PW Book Club, 9:30 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.

October/November/December 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 Keith & Marci Monteith "In memory of Mabel Monteith".

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:

In-person: An offering plate is available in the Narthex after the worship service.

Mail: Please make check out to St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to:

St. Mark Presbyterian Church
601 Claymont Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011

Online: To donate, use the **QR Code** here to be



directed to our giving page on discoverstmark.org, **OR** go to:

[Donate – St. Mark
Presbyterian Church
\(discoverstmark.org\)](#)

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS FUNDS IN INDIANAPOLIS

Recently in Indianapolis, a young man made this tearful confession. "I was living in a community that was so violent, it was forcing me to do things I didn't want to do but felt like I had to do," he said.

Indy TenPoint gave him hope and showed him that there were loving and caring people to help him become what God designed for him to be in life.

The Indy TenPoint Coalition — with its "boots-on-the-ground" approach to reducing violence, increasing employment and enhancing educational achievement — caught the attention of Leslie Olsen, chair of the mission team at Faith Presbyterian Church. Leslie immediately connected her church's annual participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering with the local initiative's work.

"Our supporting them wasn't a difficult decision to make," Leslie said. This is just one example of how a congregation has used the funds they retain from the Peace and Global Witness Offering to work within their community.

SEPTEMBER 25 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 25 following the 10:00 am service. A slate of nominees to serve as deacons and elders will be presented for election and some changes to the Bylaws need congregation approval. Plan to stay after the worship service to participate in these important votes. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate virtually

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



If you are a 6th – 12th grader, you are invited to join us for fun, faith, fellowship and FOOD on Wednesdays at 6 pm! If you have any questions, contact Pastor MP at mpanco@discoverstmark.org.



ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS are invited to join us for an 8-hour lock from 4pm - midnight on Saturday September 24th. We will have dinner, snacks, and beverages and play lots of games. If you have a favorite snack, drink, or game, feel free to bring it with you! Friends are encouraged so ask someone to come along. A 2022-2023 permission slip is required for each person attending and can be found on the church website. RSVP to Pastor MP at mpanco@discoverstmark.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

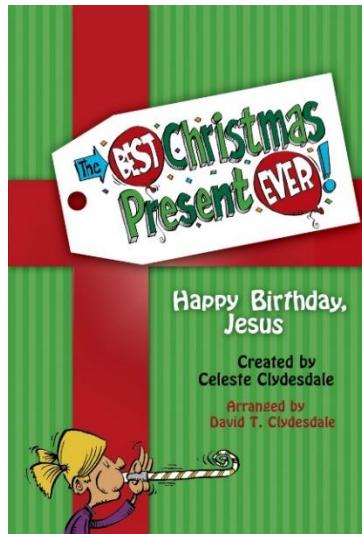
Use this QR code to sign in for Sunday School. Scan the code to access the attendance form and enter the required information. Forget your phone? There is a tablet on the welcome center that you can use. We ask that you have your student registered before Time With Children so that we can contact you via text in the event that you are needed.



SAINTS & SIBLINGS

Immediately following worship service on September 18 - elementary student families, come for some time with family and church friends. \$10 per kid for 2 hours of unlimited access to go karts, bumper boats, batting cages, kiddie karts, miniature golf, bumper cars, and indoor playground.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



Practice for the Children's musical for K-5 and PreK choir is on Wednesdays 5-6 pm. Sign-ups continue through the month of September. The musical will take place December 4th!!! Contact Latisha Gilliland for more information



SANTA BRUNCH STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS STORIES!

Calling all children and youth! Now is your chance to have an original story published for Christmas! No story is too short or too long as long as it is original and it's YOURS! Each author will receive a copy of the book of original stories at the Santa Breakfast, December 10. Information about the story format can be found on the Children & Youth table in the Narthex. Turn in your completed stories by November 15th in the box on the Children & Youth table. For more information contact Lynn Laux. HAVE FUN WRITING!

MISSION AT ST. MARK

FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

We are collecting the following items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58:



- cereal and oatmeal
- pasta sauce in cans preferred (no glass please)
- canned chicken and sardines (no tuna please)
- Shampoo*
- laundry detergent*

Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. *Non-food products such as shampoo and laundry detergent cannot be purchased with food stamps.

ST. MARK WELCOMES CHENOA STOCK, SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

Chenoa, a PCUSA mission co-worker in Peru, will join us for worship and Sunday school. Chenoa serves in Peru as part of the Joining Hands Network. Through this program, she works with PC (USA) delegations to foster partnerships with our Peruvian covenant partners, the Evangelical Church of Peru (IEP), and the Joining Hands Peru Network.



Chenoa organizes, accompanies, and interprets for visiting delegations, helping to ensure that these visits reflect the mutual mission priorities of the partners.

St. Mark supports several PCUSA mission co-workers in Peru through Christmas Alternatives. (Jed Koball, Jenny Koball, and Chenoa Stock).



ISAIAH 58 MININSTRIES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Isaiah 58 Ministries is celebrating 50 years of nourishing the community as a food pantry in St. Louis City. Join in the festivities on Tuesday October 11th, 6-9 pm at the a.casa event venue. Contact Joyce Blackwell for more information.



New or gently used clean winter coats and clothing are needed for men, women, and kids, all sizes, and styles.

Many people in our region lack enough warm clothing to stay protected throughout winter.

If you are cleaning out your closets, have treated yourself to a new coat for the winter, or your kids have outgrown their coats, please drop off the old ones (and/or some new ones).

Our mission partners will ensure someone in need receives your gift of warmth!



Presbyterian Children's Homes and ServicesSM

The Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services annual fundraising luncheon is Tuesday, October 4th at Algonquin Country Club in Webster Groves. Please contact Sharon Cardwell if you would like to join other St. Mark members at the event for this longstanding mission partner.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

The 2022 adult mission team that traveled to Spirit Lake, North Dakota will be collecting items to fill shoeboxes for the Dakota children at Spirit Lake. A list of items is on the table next to Children's table in the Narthex. The deadline for collecting items is Oct 31. Won't you help us provide Christmas gifts for these children ages 2-13+. Donations to help with shipping costs would be appreciated.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club meets September 28 at 9:30AM virtually and in Room 102. We will be voting on the books we will read next year.

Please forward your nominations to Judy Richardson.



PW is collecting baby items for Newborns in Need during the month of September. Newborns in Need is a charity that specializes in the needs of babies local and national nonprofit organization.

New and gently used baby items such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onsies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts (clothing sizes up to 12 months) are appreciated. Donations of Sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes, and diapers are especially needed and maybe placed in the Pack n Play in the Narthex.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Make checks out to Newborns in Need and ask for a tax receipt. Mail to: Newborns in Need c/o Judy Giovanoni, 461 Bluff Meadow Dr., Ellisville, MO 63021

Contact Shirley Boeker or Louise Grothe for more information.



MENS' TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

St Mark Men and guests are welcome to join our Tuesday Morning Bible study at 7:30 am, beginning September 13. Coffee is always on and discussion is lively and welcomed. Fellowship with Christian men has been the reason these men have been gathering for over 2 decades. Come join us and see!

Contact Bruce Cranston or Glen Corlett for additional information.

GO GETTERS OCTOBER LUNCHEON

On October 11, Go Getters will meet at Il Bel Lago from the Hill Restaurant (11631 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis) at 12 pm.

Please mark your calendars and let Judy Richardson or Jan Graves know of your plans to participate. Bring a friend and join us for awesome food, fun and fellowship. Should you need a ride please let Judy or Jan know and we will assist you with transportation.



FLOWERS NEEDED

Donating flowers is a great way to celebrate or commemorate a person, milestone, event or to simply share some of God's gifts of beauty in the sanctuary. The flower chart is located in the lobby of the main entrance. If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship service, please sign the flower chart, complete the form provided and place the form along with a check in the "Flower Committee" mailbox in the church office. Your flowers can either be taken home or donated to be delivered to a homebound church member.

NURSERY WORKER POSITION

We are looking for long-term energetic person(s) to love and care for our Sunday morning (and possibly Wednesday choir) children. We care for kids 2 months - 3 years of age. You will work with another employee to provide a safe and loving environment during the Sunday morning church service and Wednesday evenings choir practices. Sunday's clock in is from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. Wednesday evenings are from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Pay is \$15/hour (minimum of 2 hours). Our nursery (room 301-302) is located between the main Annex and the Pre-school building. A complete list of responsibilities is available through the church office.

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



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Saturday Musician: Mark Reynoso
Sunday Choir Accompanist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Sunday Liturgist: Sam Burgess