



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

October 15 & 16, 2022
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O God who writes on our hearts, you never abandon us. In amazing and persistent grace, you keep your covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Voluntary in e

John Stanley

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart;

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people and grant them justice.

† HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

Hymnal #175

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn from your demanding truth and wander to easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you and for losing hope. Turn our hearts back to you. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We continue to pray in Jesus' name.

(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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Hymnal #452

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

“Pressure and Time”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Westminster Confession of Faith,
Shorter Catechism Question One**

Q. What is our chief end?

A. Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.

OFFERING

A Gaelic Blessing
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

† **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**

"In My Life"

Hymnal #468

† **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)

*Keep on the Sunny Side
Good Turn Daily*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 18** Yoga, 6:30 pm
- October 20** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- October 23** Blood Drive, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm
- October 23** Youth Hangout at Eckert's, 12 – 4 pm
- October 26** PW Book Club, 9:30 am
- November**
- 8 & 9** Presbyterian Women Christmas Boutique

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 Phyl Preuss "In loving memory of Richard H. Preuss".



Starting Wednesday, October 12, the invitation is extended to join the choir in preparing for this year's Christmas Cantata. The choir will rehearse Cantata music Wednesdays at 7pm. The first section of rehearsal will be dedicated to Cantata music, before moving on to weekly anthem music. The Cantata will take place Sunday, December 11.

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 \(discoverstmark.org\)](https://discoverstmark.org)

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.



YOUTH HANGOUT AT ECKERT'S

October 23, Noon – 4pm

We will stay after church for lunch (provided) and then our drivers will load up and head for Eckert's. Our plan is to return to St. mark by 4pm but will stay in touch as the afternoon progresses.

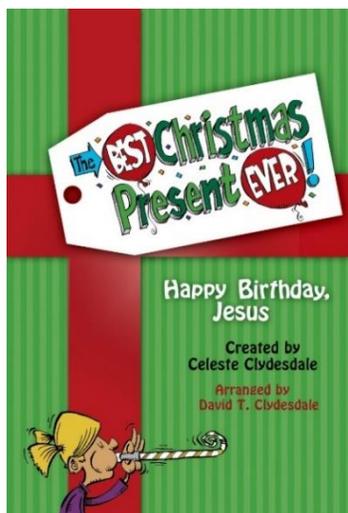
RSVP to Pastor MP to ensure that we will have enough drivers.

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. Forgot 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.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Children's musical practice for K-5 and PreK choir takes place on Wednesdays 5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign-up through the month of September. The musical will take place December 4th!!! Contact Latisha Gilliland for more information.



SANTA BREAKFAST STORYBOOK CASTLE 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:



- beef stew
- canned spinach
- canned pasta sauce (no glass please)
- toilet paper*
- 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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED IN THE NARTHEX - NEW PRODUCTS!!! OCTOBER 16

Most teas—even those that are certified as fair trade—come from large plantations where workers have no voice or power. The small farmers who grow our tea control their own land and livelihoods. Join us in building a farmer led future for the tea industry. St. Mark supports this mission to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sustainable, and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers and consumers (that's us!). *Credit and Debit cards accepted.*



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

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.



YOGA CONTINUES AT ST. MARK

A second 8-week session of yoga has begun and will run through December 6, skipping November 8 due to the PW Christmas Boutique. The classes are from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Narthex. The 8-week session will be \$64.00, \$8.00 per class, or there is a "drop in" rate of \$10.00 per class. Payment of either check or cash can be made to the instructors - Diane Lane, or Melanie Riley.



CELEBRATING MP'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY AT ST. MARK

MP is celebrating 3 years at St. Mark!!! Let's raise a cup of coffee and a slice of homemade pie to mark this occasion on Sunday, October 30th right after the 10 am service! If you would like to bake a pie for MP's anniversary please sign up at the coffee bar or email Nina Collier. Please drop off pies by 9 am in the kitchen on the 30th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club meets Wednesday, October 26 at 9:30AM virtually and in Room 102. Judy Richardson will lead the discussion of the book, The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

CALLING ALL ANGELS – PW CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE IS BACK!!

Calling all



It's that time again! The Boutique and Angel Street Café are right around the corner (11/8-9).

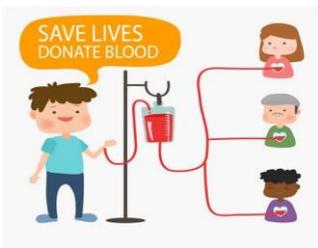
Presbyterian Women asks for your help. There are so many ways you can help...make chicken salad, bean soup, broccoli soup...bake specialty desserts...bake a pie, cake or brownies for the table of desserts...create a yummy treat for the bake sale...help set up Monday...work a shift on Tuesday and/or Wednesday...help take down Wednesday afternoon...shop 'til you drop...bring your friends to lunch...come back for supper! Sign up sheets are now on the PW Table in the Narthex. How much we appreciate your willingness to be an angel!



BAKE SALE BAKERS & CANDY MAKERS

The Christmas Boutique's Bake Sale is a great fundraiser! People attending the Christmas Boutique look forward to picking up your home made goodies (cakes, pies, cookies, candy, breads, etc). We appreciate all your help and look forward to this year's contributions from all of you. **We can't do it without you!** Here are some tips that will help this year:

- DO make lots of your wonderful treats, and wrap them in clear plastic or put them in clear bags.
- DO Label what you brought and make a note if nuts are included.
- DO bring your goodies to the office annex the day before the Boutique or early Tuesday so we can price and get them ready for sale.
- Please... Do Not package your items in aluminum foil, colored plastic wrap or holiday themed gift bags that are hard to see through.
- Please sign up at the PW table to volunteer to work and to bake. For questions, call Shirley Boeker or Linda Smith.**



BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, October 23,
8:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Blood donation is a selfless way to communicate love to friends, family & community who may not

survive without it. Just one blood donation can help save up to three (3) lives! For years St. Mark has participated in this very valuable community service. For donors who regularly give blood, please add this date and time to your schedule by signing up today. For members & community residents who have been thinking about giving for the first time, let this October 23rd be the beginning of a new habit in your life. Sign up at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/Donate/Blood> and enter Stmarkpres.



GIVING THANKS MEAL

We hope everyone is looking forward to Giving Thanks supper on Sunday, November 20th! Please save the date and come hungry! There is no cost/fee

for this meal, please bring (if you are able) a few Super Seven items to donate to Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58:

- salt free seasoning
- cooking oil
- fruit in natural juices
- pasta sauce in can
- dinner helpers
- canned chicken and sardines
- hygiene products of all kinds

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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Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
Saturday Musician: Mark Reynoso
Sunday Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir & Good Turn Daily
Sunday Liturgist: Emmersen Douglas