

# Better Together



October 29 & 30, 2022  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

You are our hiding place, O God; you preserve us from trouble and deliver us from death. You teach us your wisdom and show us your grace by honoring the weak, forgiving the wicked, and reforming your church. All glory and praise be to you, for justice and mercy meet in you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

*Auf Meinen lieben Gott*

Johann Ludwig Krebs

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together today in search of reformation.

**We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.**

Help us to stand fearless at the edge of change.

**For God is in the midst of us and we will not be moved.**

Be still, and know that God is God.

**God is our rock and our redeemer.**

† HYMN

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

**Hymnal #275**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven.**

**Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm we do and the good we fail to do.**

**Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may**

**love and serve you well. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger may leave to attend Sunday School)

† HYMN

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

**Hymnal #643**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

**“Better Together”**

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Chancel Choir

George N. Allen  
arr. Thomas A. Dorsey

† **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**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

**Hymnal #726**

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**  
(Sunday Worship)

**“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**  
Verse 1

**Hymnal #542**

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

George William Warren

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 30** Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- November 1** Yoga, 6:30 pm
- November 3** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- November 4** Advent Bible Study begins, 9 am
- November 8 & 9** Presbyterian Women Christmas Boutique
- November 19** Surviving The Holidays, 10 am
- November 20** Youth Hangout at Tilles Park, 7:20 pm
- November 21** Stewardship “Celebrate Together” Sunday
- November 21** Giving Thanks Meal, immediately following worship

## 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** were donated anonymously "with gratitude for all those who serve in leadership roles at St. Mark."



## CELEBRATING MP'S 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 today, right after worship service!



## 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

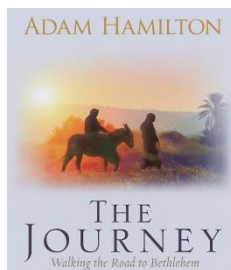
**Online:** To donate, use the **QR Code** here to be directed to our giving page on [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org), **OR** go to:



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

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### FRIDAY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



Friday mornings 9am - November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Join us Friday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am online or in person room 102 as we journey with Adam Hamilton through the Advent season.

In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

Contact Pastor MP to be added to the Friday morning Bible Study group email and to receive your Zoom link.  
[mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



If you are a 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org).



### YOUTH HANGOUT

November 20<sup>th</sup> 7:20pm

Tilles Park Winter Wonderland tickets (limited) are on sale now!

\$5 each See Pastor MP to get yours today!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



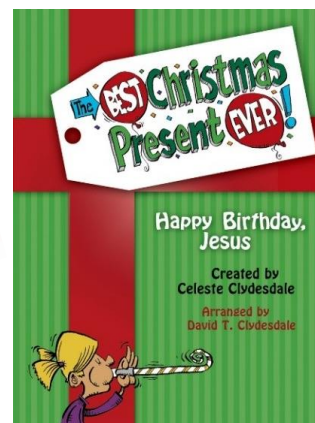
### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

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.



You're Invited to: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA! Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Gleason Hall (Gym) at St. Mark Presbyterian Church for a morning of fun! We will serve pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee! (Free will offering) Activities include Storybook Castle, crafty projects for children, and a visit with Santa! This year we are featuring original Christmas stories and illustrations from some of our youngest writers. Check out our display at the Children's and Youth table in the Narthex and submit your story by November 15. Also, don't forget to bring hats, gloves and scarves to give to the kiddos at PCHAS (Presbyterian Childrens' Home and Services). Our Presbyterian Women will be selling some of their boutique items and we will have a Book Fair with proceeds going to Lydia's House and other local missions. Follow Candy Cane Lane to the Storybook Castle for all the activities!



Join **Children's Ministries** and the **Fellowship**

**Committee** on December 4<sup>th</sup> with our kick-off of December including our Children's Musical "The Best Christmas Present Ever!" beginning at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. Immediately following the show please join us for the Jingle Mingle in the Narthex from 5 pm to 7pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and Fellowship will provide a festive punch to wash down all the yummy treats!



## 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.

**WANTED**

**Winter Coats**

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!



### GIVING THANKS SUPPER

Giving Thanks Supper for St. Mark friends and family is Sunday, November 20th. Please join us for a traditional feast that includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes,

gravy and more! There is no cost for the meal, but you can bring a dessert that serves 6-8 people to share with your church family.

We will also be collecting for Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern the "Super Seven": Salt Free Seasoning, Cooking Oil, Canned Fruit in Natural Juice, Canned Pasta Sauce, Dinner Helpers, Canned Chicken and Sardines, Hygiene products of all kinds.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### 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).

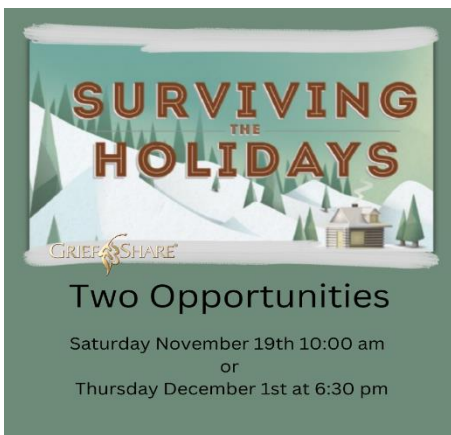
Presbyterian Women asks for your help. There are so many ways you can help...make chicken salad, bean soup, broccoli soup....bake specialty desserts...bake a pie, cake or brownies for the table of desserts....create a yummy treat for the bake sale....help set up Monday...work a shift on Tuesday and/or 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!

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



St Mark will continue our tradition of beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. Please consider ordering one or more to bring home after the Christmas Service or to be delivered to a homebound

member. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel. Please place your order form in the "Flowers" mailbox in the church office and your check in the deposit box in the hall outside the office. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$7 per plant. Plants are sourced from a locally owned greenhouse. If you have questions, please contact Kay Merz.

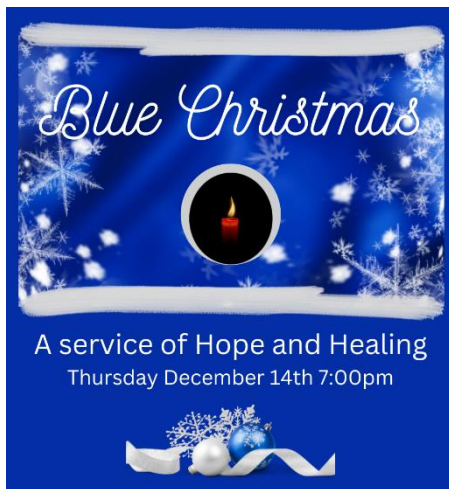


The Holidays are fast approaching and the hustle and bustle of this happy season will soon begin. For some people, however, this time of year is anything but happy. The holidays have a completely different feeling

when you have lost a loved one. Going out to parties, being with people is not what you want to do. Join us for Surviving the Holidays. It is a one-time two-hour session that will try to help you find the tools to get through the holidays.



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Blue Christmas service provides a quiet and contemplative worship space as an alternative to the more traditional Christmas gatherings. This service is in honor of those who are experiencing grief and struggling with

loss and is a holiday tradition in the U.S. dating back to 1990.

Join us here at St. Mark Presbyterian Church for a service of hope and healing where you will have an opportunity to honor your loved one as you are invited to light a candle in their name. As you depart, you will be handed a small keepsake in remembrance of the service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor MP [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org).

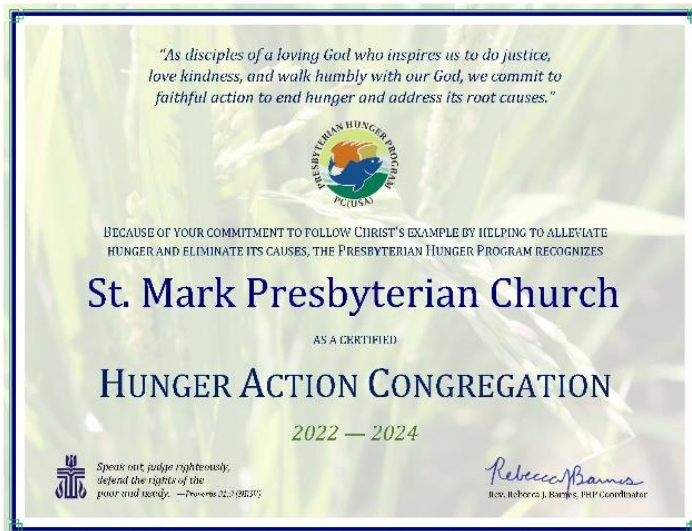
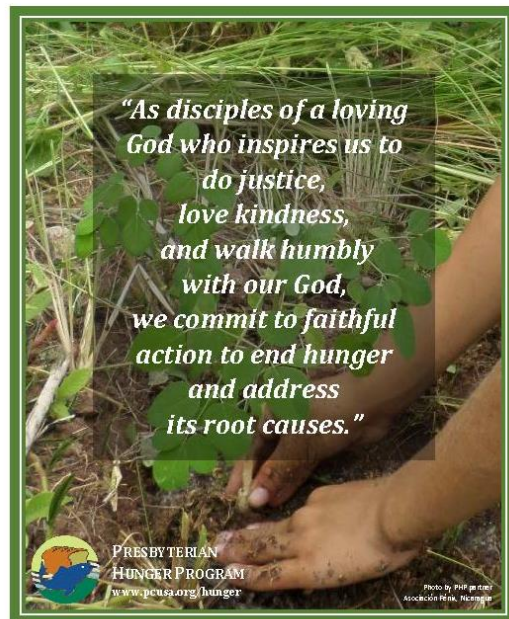
The service will be led by Pastor MP and is sponsored by the St. Mark Stephen's Ministry Team

## ST. MARK CERTIFIED AS A HUNGER ACTION CONGREGATION

In 2019 the St. Mark Mission Committee with the approval of the St. Mark Session applied to PCUSA to be certified as a Hunger Action

Congregation. There are six areas of hunger response where participation is needed to qualify for this certification. This was a three-year certification with renewal in 2022. St. Mark recently completed the process for recertification and continues to retain the covenant as a Hunger Action Congregation.

Our church's covenant as a  
**Hunger Action Congregation**



*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  
*Sunday Liturgist:* Linda Smith