

Celebrating Together



Christ the King Sunday
November 19 & 20, 2022
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and in this place. Just as you spoke to your people through prophets and poets, we pray we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you spoke to your people through mighty deeds and wondrous miracles, we pray we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you call your people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Now Thank We All Our God

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;
honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;
Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;
to Christ belongs the power and the glory of the Almighty.
Let us worship our King together!

† HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymnal #263

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we neglect to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We are quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We are bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more like Christ in word, in deed, and in spirit.
(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

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

Hymnal #305

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:68-79

SERMON

“Celebrating 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 & PRESENTATION
OF FINANCIAL PLEDGES FOR 2023

Thanks Be To Thee
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel
arr. Graças Rendei

† **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**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymnal #268

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**
(Sunday Worship)

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"
Verse 1

Hymnal #542

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Ronald A. Nelson

We will continue CELEBRATING TOGETHER at our Giving Thanks Dinner in Gleason Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special meal and time together.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 19 | Surviving The Holidays, 10 am |
| November 20 | Stewardship "Celebrate Together" Sunday |
| November 20 | Giving Thanks Meal, immediately following worship |
| November 20 | Youth Hangout at Tilles Park, 7:20 pm |
| November 22 | Yoga, 6:30 pm |
| December 1 | Surviving The Holidays, 6:30 pm |

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 anonymously, in celebration of the contributions of all those who volunteer their time, talents and treasures in service to others..." being the church".

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

Better Together



Thank you for your faithful commitment to Christ's church over this past year. St. Mark continues to be a blessing to our neighbors both near and far, and your financial support makes this possible. We will dedicate our stewardship pledges for 2023 during our worship service today. We are better and stronger when we give and celebrate God's love together. Additional pledge cards are available on the welcome table in the narthex. You can drop off completed cards in the offering plates after today's service.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT ST. MARK

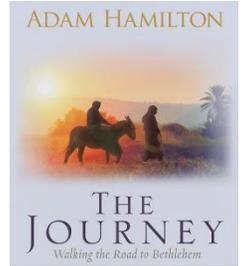
St. Mark will be closed
November 24 & 25 in
observance of Thanksgiving.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

FRIDAY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

December 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

**NO MEETING
NOVEMBER 23.
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**



Christmas Party!

December 18th

YOUTH HANGOUT

Sunday, December 18, 4-6 pm. Wear your favorite Christmas get-up! Bring a "White Elephant" gift. Be ready to play games and have fun!



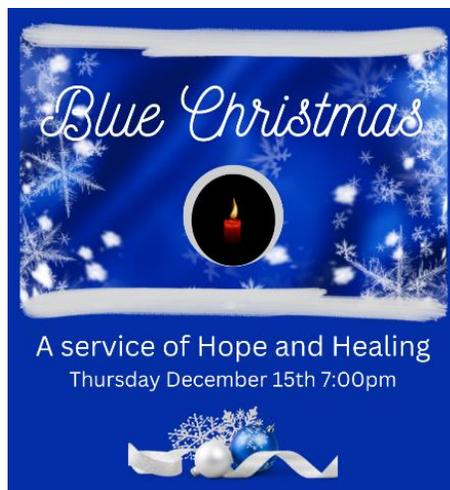
The Holidays are fast approaching and the hustle and bustle of this happy season will soon begin. For some people, however, this time of year is anything but happy. The holidays have a

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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MINISTRY.

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.

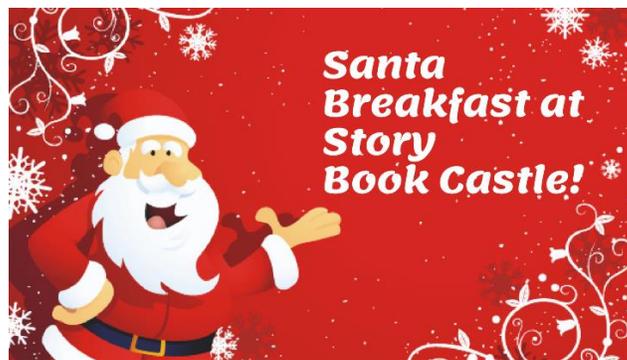
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor MP mpanco@discoverstmark.org.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

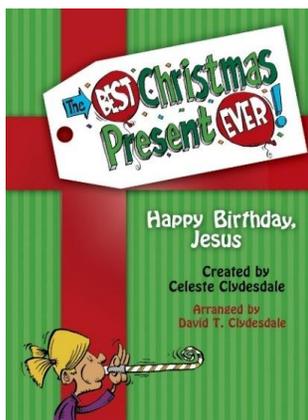
SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

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 am to 11:30 am in 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!

Jingle Mingle



Join **Children's Ministries** and the **Fellowship Committee** on December 4th 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! There will be adult-supervised activities for children in Fellowship Hall during the Jingle Mingle.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

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



- *canned meat*
- *meal helpers*
- *coffee, hot chocolate*
- *jelly*
- *bar soap**
- *razors**



Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. *Non-food products such as bar soap and razors 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!

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 27th. The cost is \$7 per plant. Plants are sourced from a locally owned greenhouse. If you have questions, please contact Kay Merz.



NEWBORNS IN NEED

The September **Newborns In Need (NIN)** fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to all who supported this PW mission by donating 415 new and gently used baby items at an estimated value of over \$1,920.00. We collected the following items: 6 knitted & crocheted blankets, 20 knitted & crocheted hats, 50 fleece blankets, 8 baby quilts, 70 receiving blankets, 10 large boxes of diapers, 11 baby wipes packages, 100 girl cotton & fleece sleepers & onesies, 93 boy cotton & fleece sleepers & onesies, 22 pairs of socks, 8 bath tub towels and \$45.00 cash. St. Louis mothers will be so happy to receive these wonderful baby items. Our next collection will be April, 2023. Thank you from Shirley Boeker & Louise Groethe.

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



Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
Saturday Musician: Mark Reynoso
Sunday Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Sunday Liturgist: Amelia Burgess

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