



November 26 & 27, 2022
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now, in spirit and truth. Take us up into your presence, and make us ready for your reign of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Creator of the Stars of Night

David N. Johnson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

As we light our first advent candle, we pray for hope of God.

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved,"

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

Come now O child of Mary.

Come now O Prince of hope

† HYMN

"People Look East"

Hymnal #105

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and overindulgence, forgive us, O God. For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. Renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to you. 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

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

Hymnal #92

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON

"Finding Hope"

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

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles, arr. Alan Lohr

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #609

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**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal #82

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

(Sunday Worship)

"Peace On the Earth"

See back page of bulletin

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

The People Who Walked in Darkness

Sally Ann Morris

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 29

Yoga, 6:30 pm

December 1

Surviving The Holidays, 6:30 pm

December 2

Advent Bible Studay, 9 am

December 4

Children's Christmas Musical, 4pm

December 4

Jingle Mingle, 5-7pm

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 Martin Gabbert "In memory of his wife".



JOIN US ON
CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM
FAMILY WORSHIP



7:00 PM
CANDLELIGHT

The poster features a decorative border of green pine branches with red berries and silver ornaments at the bottom.

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)



**SURVIVING
THE
HOLIDAYS**

GRIEF SHARE

Two Opportunities

Saturday November 19th 10:00 am
or
Thursday December 1st at 6:30 pm

The poster features a winter scene with snow-covered trees and a small house.

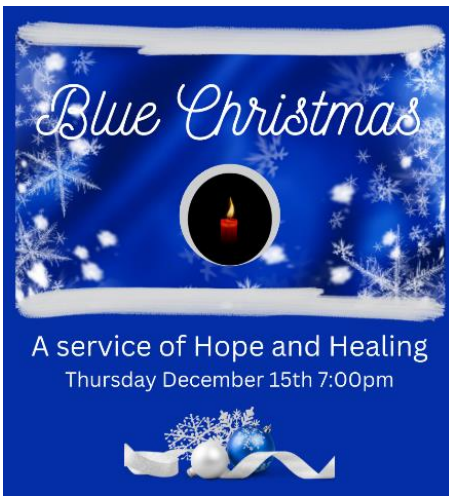
The Holidays are fast approaching and the hustle and bustle of this happy season will soon begin. For some people, however, this time of year is anything but happy. The holidays have a

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.



stephen
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



CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN HOUSE

The Burgess Family invites you to join us for an informal open house on Christmas Eve. We will open our doors (419 Claymont Dr.) at 6:00 pm, and everyone is invited to come by for a time of light refreshment after the Family Service or before the Candlelight Service.

Do we have the announcements in the bulletin for the two Christmas Eve Services? We'll also need to include something about the Christmas Joy Offering (if it's not already there.)



About the cantata:

From the earliest Christian time, the rose has been a symbol of divine love. It gently reaches across the ages in ancient illuminations and freely spills from the pens and brushes of countless poets and artists. Echoing through our sanctuaries in the melodies and texts of many beloved carols, it brings to life the beautiful visions of biblical prophets and the hope of early Christian pilgrims.

Today, the rose remains a vital expression of love and peace both inside the Church and the outside world. Her appearance in the garden is a treasured harbinger of the coming spring's abundance. As a gift, the rose's delicate beauty is usually reserved for the most meaningful expressions of the heart. No flower holds our dreams of love more beautifully than she.

It is in that same spirit that the present work was conceived and written. It is our sincerest prayer that as Christ, the Rose of Sharon, opens before you this Christmas, your spirit will be encouraged by the beauty of God's greatest gift. Let the words and music of this cantata remind you that even in the deepest winter, we are people of joy and life... children of the garden.

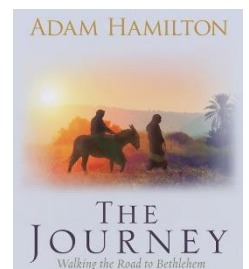
~Joseph and Pamela Martin

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.



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



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.

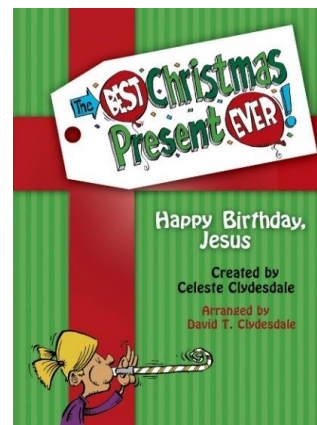


Sunday, December 18, 4-6 pm. Wear your favorite Christmas get-up! Bring a "White Elephant" gift. Be ready to play games and have fun!

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.



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.



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. Also, don't forget to bring hats, gloves and scarves to give to the kiddos at PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's 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!

MISSION AT ST. MARK

CHRISTMAS ALTERNATIVES 2022

A Twenty Two Year Tradition

Are you struggling to find just the right gifts for family members and friends? Look no further than the St. Mark Christmas Alternatives shopping list!

Purchasing a gift through Christmas Alternatives honors the recipient and helps those who have so little, but need so much.

Please visit our displays in the narthex December 4th, 11th and 18th. We look forward to helping you select the perfect gift! Of course, you are also welcome to drop your completed shopping list and check (Christmas Alternatives on the memo line) in a collection plate, the church office or via mail. You will find the Christmas Alternatives Shopping List on the back of the bulletin.

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.



GO GETTER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Please mark your calendars now to attend the St. Mark Go Getters Christmas luncheon to be held at the church at 12:00 noon on December 13, 2022. In typical fashion, we will cater our lunch so it is very important to get your reservation in soon. Please let me know if you have any specific dietary needs. We will have our usual Christmas White Elephant gift exchange (\$10.00), and a surprise guest will entertain us.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

**UGLY CHRISTMAS
SWEATER PARTY**

DEC. 16 @ BURGESS HOUSE

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY

Parents of preschool and elementary age kids (and anyone else who wants to join) - Join us Friday, December 16, at 6:30 pm for a holiday potluck and Ugly Sweater Contest. Bring your favorite side dish! Childcare will be provided at St. Mark from 6-10 pm. RSVP by December 11 to Shelley Lester, shelley.lester@gmail.com.

DOXOLOGY

Peace On the Earth Sussex Carol



"Peace on the earth, Good Will to all, the
"Peace on the earth, Good Will to all," we
an - gels sang from Heav'n a - bove.
go to share God's peace and Love.

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
Advent Liturgists: Mary Beth Powell &
Debbie Hames

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