



January 1, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Creator God, as I begin this day, open my eyes, my ears, all my senses to the beauty around me. Help me to see how mountains and trees rise up in praise of you. Help me to hear how the birds of the air, the whales in the deep, and the wild animals on the ground sing your praises. Help me to join another, or many others, in praise of your glory not only today, but even forever. Amen!

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Flute Song

Steven Scott

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God!

With the angels and hosts, we praise!

With the sun and moon, we praise!

With the fire and hail, we praise!

With the frost and snow, we praise!

With the mountains and the valleys, we praise!

With the skies and the seas, we praise!

Praise God!

† HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymnal #14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, you became our savior in all our distress. In all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others, in all the ways we feel neglected, and all the ways we neglect others, in all the ways we cry out and in all the ways we cause others to cry, you are with us comforting and holding us to account. In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations.

(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)

† HYMN

“God of the Sparrow”

Hymnal #22

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1

SERMON

“On Your Mark”

Rev. MP Panco

† 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.

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread &
Cup Prayer After
Communion

† **HYMN**

“**Standing on the Promises**”

Hymnal #838

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION & Response**
(Sunday Worship)

“**He Came Down**”

Hymnal #137

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Postlude in F

Charles Callahan

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 1** On Your Mark begins
- January 10** Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm
- January 10** Yoga resumes, 6:30 pm
- January 11** Youth Wednesdays resume, 6 pm
- January 11** Children’s Activities resume, 5 pm
- January 18** Wednesday Potluck & Program, 5 pm
- January 25** PW Tea, 1 pm
- January 29** Chili Cook Off, 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.

To All: Listening devices are also available and may be picked up from the sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary.

Devotional Booklets, *These Days* are available 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.

To Members: 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.

WAYS TO GIVE

There are several convenient and easy ways to contribute to St. Mark:

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,



On Your Mark Weekly Questions and Thoughts

1. Chapter One: As we begin this journey through the Gospel of Mark together, we encourage everyone to read through a chapter a week. Please set aside a special day and time to do this each week as that will help to keep you on track. It might also be helpful to read each chapter multiple times and **possibly take notes on** what stands out to you. Prayer is always a good way to start any endeavor, and inviting the Holy Spirit to be with you in this journey will open your eyes to many new and wonderful things. We will also provide a list of thoughts and questions every week for you to ponder.
 - Mark's gospel doesn't have Luke's shepherds, Matthew's magi, or any mention of the birth in Bethlehem. Why do you think the author chose to omit this? Does it impact your reading not to have any birth narrative?
 - The gospel begins with the words, "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1, NRSV.) It immediately moves to talking about John the Baptist. Why do you think this is? What is Mark trying to convey by doing this?
 - The first chapter covers a lot of ground in Jesus' ministry with his baptism, temptation, and the calling of the first disciples. It also covers many healing miracles and makes mention of his preaching ministry. Why are these stories so relatively short (especially when compared to the Matthew and Luke's accounts?)
 - What surprised you in the text this week? What would you like to explore more moving forward?

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth Wednesdays will resume on January 4! 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

Use this QR code to sign in your children 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 Ministry in January!
Sunday School resumes
January 8th at 10 am
Musical Kick-off Party! - Wednesday,
January 11 at 5 pm
January Saints & Siblings - TBD

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.



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!

**GO GETTERS
JANUARY LUNCHEON**

On January 10, the Go Getter luncheon will be held at church. Our guest speaker will be discussing Aging In Place. Lunch will be served at noon.

Please mark your 2023 calendar to include Go Getters the second Tuesday of the month through May.

Please let Judy Ricardson or Jan Graves know of your plans to attend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S TEA JANUARY 25, 1:00 PM

St. Mark Women's 26th Annual Retreat
February 10-11, 2023

Woman of God

Wonderfully Made

Reverend MP Panco
Retreat Leader



Please reserve your place at the
Retreat by January 29, 2023.

Registration forms will be available at the
PW Table in the Narthex January 1.

Discover a time of sabbath.

Reflect on and study the Word of God.

Vespers and worship with Communion.

Enjoy good food and snacks.

Breathe deeply of the beauty of nature
around the Retreat Center.

Relax with fellowship and fun.

Smile!

Please reserve your place at the
Retreat by January 29, 2023.

Registration forms will be available at the
PW Table in the Narthex January 1.

St. Mark Presbyterian Women invites you to join us for a time of learning about and tasting the foods of the ***Feasts of the Bible*** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 1:00 p.m.

Throughout the Old Testament, God commanded the children of Israel to observe his holy days to remember the mighty things he had done in the lives of Israel's forefathers. These were the celebrations during the times in which Jesus lived. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Jewish roots of Christianity.

FotB, Rose

Reservations may be made at the PW Table in the Narthex. This event is **NOT** for women only.

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ST. MARK'S CHILI COOK OFF IS BACK!

We will be cooking and sampling chili on Sunday, January 29th immediately after the 10 am church service. If you are interested in competing in the Cook Off:

1. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or send an email to Nina Collier.
2. Prepare a crock pot of your famous chili for others to sample!
3. On the 29th, be at your table to give out sample sizes to the tasters and possibly win the "prized" trophy that has been handed down for several years.

If you would like to be a taster, just show up with a hankering for some chili! We will have lots of chili to sample, hot dogs, cookies and drinks for everyone! We will be voting with our dollar bills, so bring a few ones to cast your vote with. The chef with the most \$\$\$ in their container after the voting concludes will be the winner!

Hope to see you for this fun event!



YOGA AT ST. MARK WILL RESUME

An 8-week session will begin Tuesday, January 10th and be

held in the Narthex.

This yoga program is open to all, whether experienced, somewhat familiar with yoga, or with no experience at all. This class welcomes everyone to experience one hour of poses that build strength, flexibility and balance while bringing one to a place of self-acceptance and self-love. The goal is to enable everyone to experience a space where they can meet themselves right where they are in life, in a warm environment where there is no judgement, no expectations and no criticism.

Come join this program to discover how there can be power in silence and strength in stillness.

An 8-week session will be \$64.00, \$8.00 per class. Payment should be made at the start of the session, either with cash or check. A drop-in rate, for those looking to see what we offer, will be \$10.00. Payment will be made to the instructors - Diane Lane, or Melanie Riley.

Please wear loose, comfortable clothing, and come on a somewhat empty stomach. You will need to provide your own mat. Other necessary props will be provided.

Dain and Melanie look forward to guiding you in your Yoga journey.

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



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Special Music: Ethan Forte & Jee-Hye Lee
Liturgists: Cay Noble