



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

January 14 & 15
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of Sunday and Sabbath, we praise you for your work of creation and give thanks for your gift of rest. By the power of your Word and Spirit, let there be a new creation here among us – a place where all may enjoy your good gifts of life and freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Jesus, Priceless, Treasure

Johann Crüger

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call upon God's Holy name.

We come with praise and with prayer, knowing God to be good and gracious

Let us listen for God's whisper upon the waves.

Hearing our name called and our sins forgiven.

Let us look and seek the love and justice of God in one another, and in our world, and

as we worship and work, as we help and are helped,

as we grow in faith with one another.

† HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Hymnal #339

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God we confess to you our faults and our faltering, forgive our slowness of heart and our silence of speech when injustice stands all around us. Forgive our deaf ears and our blind eyes when the stranger and the neighbor are in need. Renew your spirit within us, restore your hope to our hearts and with the energy of your grace might we become disciples and friends amongst all people. (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

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

Hymnal #824

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8, Mark 3:1-6, 13-19

SERMON

“On Your Mark: Picky Rules or Graceful Possibilities”

Rev. Edward Thompson

LITANY

(Amanda Gorman: Every Day We Are Learning)

Every day we are learning

How to live with essence, not ease.

How to move with haste, never hate.

How to leave this pain that is beyond us

Behind us

Just like a skill or any art,

We cannot possess hope without practicing it.

It is the most fundamental craft we demand of ourselves.

† **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.

OFFERTORY

God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Chancel Choir

William G. Toner
Arr. Fred Bock

† **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**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Hymnal #761

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION & RESPONSE**

“He Came Down”

Hymnal #137

(Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

God of Grace and God of Glory

John Hughes

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

Meet Our Guest Pastor, Reverend Edward Thompson: Edward was Ordained by the Presbytery of Edinburgh and served in the Church of Scotland before moving to Kansas City to serve at Second Presbyterian Church for 13 years. After 10 years serving with the Board of Pensions Edward recently retired in September and moved to Manchester to be close to family and grandchildren. Golf, books, bikes and walking boots fill his days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16

The church office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

January 17

Yoga, 6:30 pm

January 18

Wednesday Potluck & Program, 5 pm

January 19

Chair Exercise, 10 am

January 20

Youth Lock-in, 4-11 pm

January 25

PW Tea, 1 pm & 7 pm

January 25

Youth Fast Food Frenzy, 6-7:45 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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Mark & Stacey Caplinger in memory of Stacey's father, Harold Weimholt, on his birthday.

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,



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Weekly Questions and Thoughts

Chapter Three: Jesus' opponents increase the resistance against him in the third chapter of Mark. Jesus is walking into many of these situations to heal, to teach, and to challenge the status quo. It is interesting that while Jesus is criticized by some, he is followed by many more. His ministry is clearly touching hearts, but his message is touching nerves. Here are some questions to consider as you read through chapter three this week.

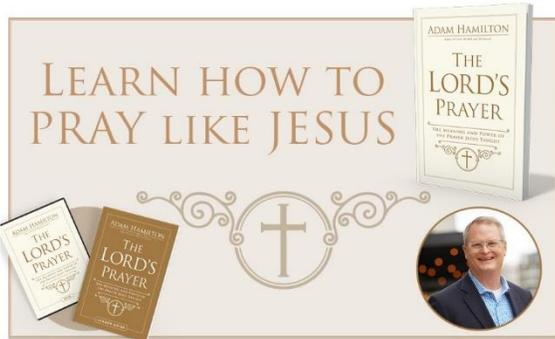
- Jesus is dumbfounded when no one will answer his question, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" (Mark 3:4, NRSV.) The next verse says he was angry and grieved at their hardness of heart. Do you understand the emotions Jesus is feeling? Have you ever felt something similar? Do you think there are moments where our silence grieves God? When might these be?
- Jesus calls the 12 disciples in this week's reading. What are the requirements to follow Jesus? What makes us hesitant to leave everything and follow him?
- His opponents argue Jesus has a demon, but he points out a house divided cannot stand. He then makes the point that every sin will be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Have you ever heard this verse before? Does it trouble you? How can we ensure we don't commit this sin?
- Jesus' family comes to see him at the end of the chapter, but, looking at those around him, he says, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:34-35, NRSV.) In saying this, Jesus reimagines the nature of family. Do you find this message encouraging? What are the implications it places on your life this week?

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 AM

Contact Pastor MP to be added to the Friday morning Bible Study group email and to receive your Zoom link.
mpanco@discoverstmark.org

A Study on the Lord's Prayer Learn How to Pray Like Jesus - Adam Hamilton

January 6, 13, 20, and February 3, 10, 17



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth Wednesdays resumes on January 11! If you are a 6th – 12th grader, you are invited to join us for fun, faith, fellowship and FOOD on Wednesdays at 6 pm!



Youth Lock-In Friday January 20, 4 - 11 pm

Meet at St. Mark at 4 pm
We will visit Shaare Emeth and attend Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm We'll return to church after for food, fun, faith, and fellowship! Feel free to invite a friend! RSVP to Ellen Hynes – ehynes@sbcglobal.net



Youth Wednesdays – Fast Food Frenzy, January 25, 6 - 7:45 pm

Fast Food Frenzy with Pastor Dave!
Bring \$5. Friends encouraged.
Join us for this exciting youth tradition!
RSVP your attendance to Pastor Dave ASAP.

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.



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 CHOIR WEDNESDAYS!



PREK-5PM
ELEM-5:30-6:30

Children's choirs' resume this coming Wednesday with a kick-off party to the New Year and to our new musical "Under God's Sea in 3D" - PreK choir (3–4-year-olds) will meet from 5-5:30 p. every Wednesday followed by Elementary choir (SMP choir/K-5th) from 5:30-6:30 pm. We will be presenting "Under God's Sea in 3D" on April 23rd at 4:00 pm.



Saints and Siblings invites you to join us for pizza on Sunday, January 22 following the worship service. Joyce Blackwell will be talking to us about local missions. Then we will have a "hands-on" opportunity to fulfill a shopping list together as a group and donate it to a local mission. We will also have a chance to put together homeless kits for your car! This group is for families with young children & teens - we also welcome anyone involved with St. Mark missions to join us!

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
- cereal
- coffee
- lotion*
- baby wipes*



All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries. Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. *Non-food products such as lotion and baby wipes cannot be purchased with food stamps.



COAT COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE THROUGH END OF JANUARY

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!



EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED JANUARY 15 IN THE NARTHEX

Through fair trade, small-scale farmers are better

able to support their families and stay on their land with better income and support from their co-operatives. 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.



ST. MARK TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK!

Grab 7 of your closest trivia-loving friends and head to St. Mark on Saturday, March 11! The cost is \$160 per table – that's just \$20 per person!

Doors open at 6 pm and trivia starts at 7 pm. There will also be a silent auction, games, and prizes. Participants may bring their own beverage of choice – water and soda will be provided.

Look for the registration forms on the Youth Table in the Narthex and on the St. Mark website.

Registration deadline is February 26. All proceeds benefit the 2023 St. Mark Youth Group Summer Mission Trip to Puerto Rico.

CLAYMONT PRESCHOOL AT ST. MARK

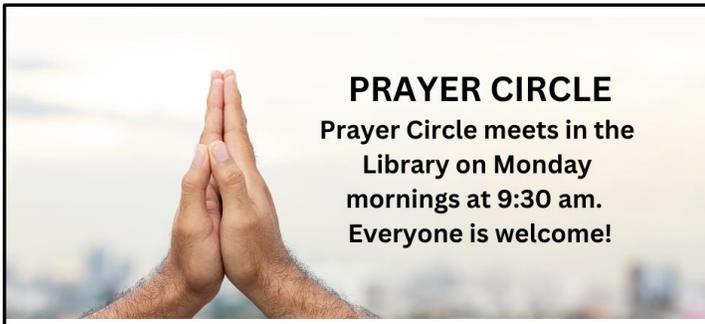
FALL 2023 REGISTRATION

It's preschool registration time! Parents and grandparents of St. Mark preschool aged children are offered priority registration from Wednesday, January 18 to January 22.

Claymont Preschool enjoys a wonderful reputation for excellent, caring teachers and superb Kindergarten readiness. Our reputation does cause some classes to fill quickly. We hope St. Mark members will take advantage of this early registration period that will guarantee them a spot in our school.

Our preschool here at St. Mark has classrooms for 3 different age groups: 2-year olds, 3-year olds, and Pre-Kindergarten children. Our school hours are 9:00 to 12:00 with an extended day option until 1:30 for the older children.

Please call or email Susan Talley at 636-386-5437 or STalley@DiscoverStMark.org for more information. Our registration form and other Missouri State required forms are available at DiscoverStMark.org. Community registration will begin Monday, January 30. If you have a neighbor with a preschool aged child, we hope you will pass our name along to them!



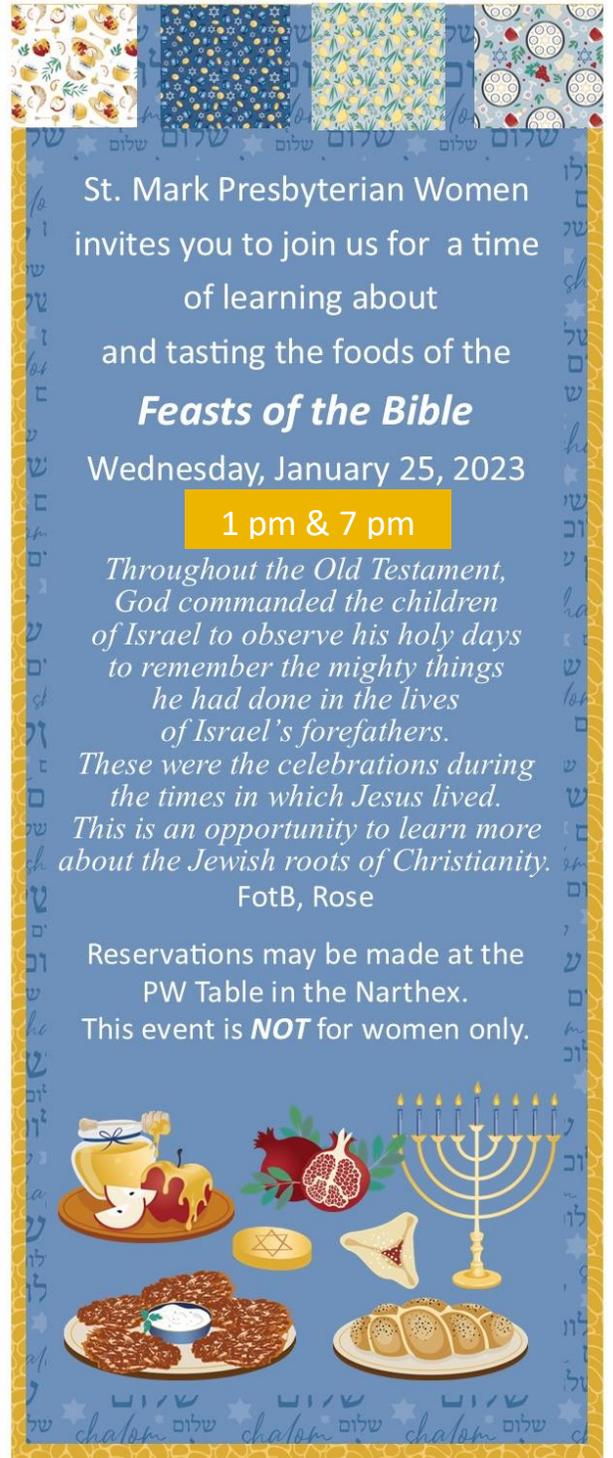
PRAYER CIRCLE

Prayer Circle meets in the
Library on Monday
mornings at 9:30 am.
Everyone is welcome!

Memorial Service for Jack Martin

Jack Martin's memorial service will be at St. Mark Presbyterian Church on January 21. The visitation will begin at 10 am, with the memorial service following at 11 am.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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 pm & 7 pm

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.



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!

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Retreat by January 29, 2023.

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



MONTHLY CHURCH POTLUCK RETURNS JANUARY 18, 5:15 PM

The well-loved monthly church potluck returns on Wednesday, January 18. Bring a favorite dish to share, and we'll enjoy warm fellowship on a cold winter evening. Following the meal, Pastor Dave will lead a discussion on "Finding the Gospel in Unexpected Places." January's focus will be the surprising treasures we discover in children's books. Upcoming discussions will look at music, movies, television shows, etc.



BIRTHDAYS AT ST. MARK

Starting this month, there will be a mailbox in the church office labeled **Birthdays**.

Copies of a list of member birthdays for the month

(excluding years) will be available in this mailbox. If you are interested, please feel free to come by during office hours to pick one up.



ST. MARK 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!

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 possibly on Wednesday evenings during choir time. Sunday hours are 9:15 am until 11:15 am and Wednesday hours are 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A complete list of responsibilities is available through the church office.

UPCOMING 2023 BLOOD DRIVES



St. Mark & the American Red Cross are pleased to announce the 2023 Blood Drive schedule as follows:

- February 26
- April 23
- August 20
- October 22

These Blood Drives are held in Gleason Hall on Sundays from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

For years St. Mark has participated in this very valuable community service. For donors who regularly give blood, please add this schedule to your 2023 calendar. For members & community residents who have been thinking about giving for the first time, let year 2023 be the beginning of a new habit in your life.

A member of your community may be the one who receives your blood because of cancer, transplant surgery, other life-saving surgeries, genetic blood disorders, various illnesses & a multitude of various accidents. **BE THE ONE WHO BRINGS HOPE & HEALING TO THOSE PATIENTS IN NEED.**

The Deacon's Health & Wellness Committee looks forward to seeing our past donors & renewing old friendships & hopefully meeting new donors & making new friendships in this coming new year.

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
Liturgists: Clay Douglas