



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

February 11 & 12
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Good and generous God, you bless us with favor and count us as your people. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

With Honor and Glory

Donald F. Callender

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow.
Come! Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

“Here in This Place”

Hymnal #401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of favor, we are not true to you. You chose the poor in the world, but we dishonor them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We favor the rich and despise the poor. We dismiss the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. (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

“For Everyone Born”
Verses 1, 3, 5

Hymnal #769

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:24-30

SERMON

“On Your Mark: Table Scraps”

Dr. Rev. Dave Burgess

† 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

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

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Hymnal #318

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE
(Sunday Worship)

"He Came Down"

Hymnal #137

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Postlude

Charles Callahan

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

Please plan to stay for the St. Mark Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship service today.

UPCOMING EVENTS**February**

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| 11-12 | Souper Bowl of Caring | 19 | Equal Exchange/Fairly Traded available |
| 12 | Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship | 20 | Saints & Siblings Movie & Popcorn, 1 pm |
| 12 | Super Bowl Party, 5 – 9 pm | 21 | Presbyterian Women's Tea, 1 pm & 7 pm |
| 13 | Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 22 | Ashes on the Go, 9 am – 1 pm, St. Mark parking lot |
| 14 | Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 22 | PW Book Club, 9:30 am |
| 14 | Go Getters February Luncheon, 12 pm | 22 | Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm |
| 14 | Yoga, 6:30 pm | 25 | Supper Club, 6:30 pm |
| 15 | Potluck Dinner & Program, 5 pm | 26 | Discover Mission Sunday |
| 16 | Chair Exercise, 10 am | 26 | Youth Hangout, 4 – 6 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.

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: During Sunday 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 Seven: The disciples are not washing their hands before they eat. This creates quite an uproar among the religious leaders, and they question Jesus about this omission. This is one of those times when most of us would likely be on the side of the Pharisees. Cleanliness is next to godliness, after all. There's more to this story than meets the eye.

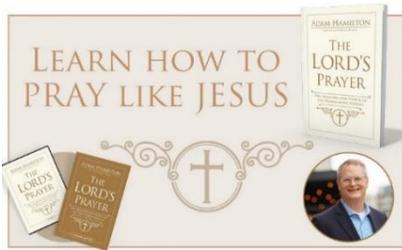
- This passage isn't really about washing our hands with soap and water. It's about keeping up with appearances. Jesus isn't having it, and calls out his opponents for their hypocrisy. What are ways we value how we look over how we are called to act?
- What do you think about Jesus' words, "There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile?" Is Jesus more concerned about our stomachs or our hearts?
- Jesus appears to insult the Syrophenician woman by calling her (and her kind) dogs. Does this bother you to hear? Why do you think he said this? What can we learn from her response?
- The chapter concludes with Jesus healing a deaf man with an impediment of speech. Jesus instructs the man to tell no one. It is reminiscent of Yusuf/Cat Steven's lyrics, "From the moment I could talk, I was ordered to listen." What are we supposed to take from this story?

ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

St Mark Men's 2023 Bible Study is **From Judgment To Hope, A study on the Prophets** by Walter Brueggemann. All men are welcome to join us in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are a friendly and welcoming group so come check us out!

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
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 HANGOUT
February 26,
4 – 6 pm
Families welcome

OR drop off your youth at Amp Up Action Park. The cost to each person is \$15.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A waiver must be completed for each participant.

<https://ampupactionpark.com/waiver/>

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.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR WEDNESDAYS!
UNDER GOD'S SEA IN 3D
PREK-5PM
ELEM-5:30-6:30

Children's choirs are practicing on Wednesdays for the musical "Under God's Sea in 3D" - PreK choir meet from 5 - 5:30 pm every Wednesday followed by Elementary choir

from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. We will present "Under God's Sea in 3D" on April 23rd at 4:00 pm.



VBS AT ST. MARK - SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 17 - 31



JOIN US FOR A MOVIE & POPCORN!

Children's Ministry is hosting a President's day Movie and Popcorn on February 20 from 1-3 pm

in Fellowship Hall. We are celebrating the new projector install as well as our new popcorn machine! Come join us or drop the kids off and have some time for yourself as we enjoy the holiday! Our movie will be revealed on February 19th and will be appropriate for all ages.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

WANTED
Winter Coats

WARM THANKS!

Over 200 coats were collected and distributed through local mission organizations.



DISCOVER MISSION SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26,

FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

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



- Ready to Heat Soups
- Jelly/Jam
- Kid-Friendly Cereal
- Dinner "Helpers"
- Mouthwash*
- Pull-Ups (sizes 4T, 5T)*



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 cannot be purchased with food stamps.

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED (YUM!)

FEBRUARY 19 IN THE NARTHEX

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.

Contact Heather Neal for more information or if you would like to donate items for the silent auction.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



BOOK CLUB

PW Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 22 at 9:30 am both virtually and in person. Alice Crippen will present **The Ride of Her Life** by Elizabeth Letts.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Sunday, February 26th 2023, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org & enter: Saintmarkpres to schedule an appointment. Give in February for a \$10

gift card by email, thanks to Amazon.

FEBRUARY GO GETTERS LUNCHEON

Go Getters will meet at St. Mark on February 14 at 12 noon for lunch, fun and fellowship. We will have a sandwich lunch with other goodies, and then play Valentine Bingo. The fee for lunch will be \$10.00. Please invite a friend and join us. Let Judy Richardson or Jan Graves know of your plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



FLOWERS NEEDED

Donating flowers is a great way to celebrate or commemorate a person, milestone, event or to simply share some of God's gifts of beauty in the sanctuary. The flower chart is located in the lobby of the main entrance. If you are

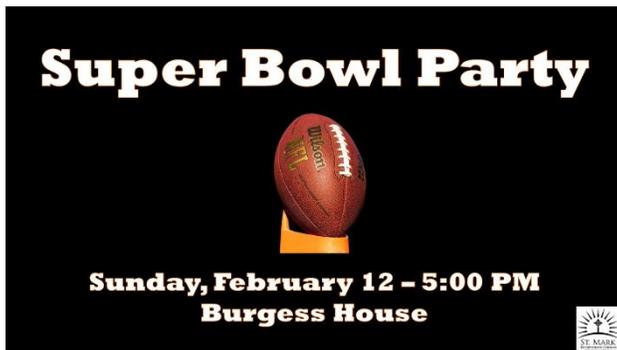
interested in providing flowers for our worship service, please sign the flower chart, complete the form provided and place the form along with a check in the drop box in the Pastors hallway. Your flowers can either be taken home or donated to be delivered to a homebound church member.



Grief is a journey we are never prepared to take. Have you lost a spouse, family member, or close friend? Are you finding it difficult to talk about your loss? Do you feel nobody understands? GriefShare is a place you can come with caring compassionate people to walk with you on your grief journey. Be with people who are experiencing similar feelings. Let us help you. GriefShare meets weekly for 13 weeks. It is very helpful, but not required to attend all the sessions. Our next session starts Tuesday February 28, 2023, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Book fee: \$15.00

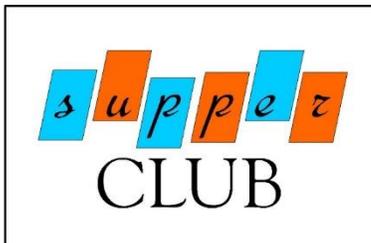
For information, contact Debbie Hames.



The Youth Group and their families are invited to enjoy Super Bowl LVII at the Burgess House on February 12 from 5 - 9 pm. Bring a friend, a favorite appetizer to share, and some football fever as we enjoy the game, the commercials, and this time together. Everyone is welcome to this annual event!



March 4, 4 – 8 pm. All you can eat! Spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, & dessert. Vegan & gluten free options. Dine in and carry out - \$10. Children age 5 and under are free. Contact your favorite T631 scout for tickets or buy them at the door.



SUPPER CLUB AT DOGWOOD SOCIAL HOUSE

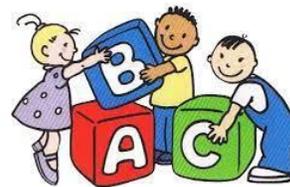
Saturday, February 25 at 6:30 pm

Parents of preschool

and elementary age kids (and anyone else who wants to join) - Join together in fellowship and fun on Saturday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided from 6 – 10 pm.

RSVP by February 18 to Shelley Lester.

NURSERY WORKER POSITION



We are looking for long-term energetic person(s) to love and care for our

Sunday mornings and possibly Wednesday evenings. children. We care for kids 2 months - 3 years of age. You will work with another employee to provide a safe and loving environment. Contact the church office for more information.



FEBRUARY POTLUCK THIS WEDNESDAY!

Bring your favorite dish and join us this Wednesday, February 15 at 5pm for a potluck meal followed a continued discussion of "Finding the Gospel in Unexpected Places" – this time in music.

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 Bells
Liturgist: Johnathan Neal