



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

Transfiguration Sunday  
February 18 & 19  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful, and so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals, we use our words to build up and not to destroy. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

*In Church*

Gerald Peterson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One is our sovereign.

**Let us praise God's great and awesome name!**

Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

**you have established fairness among us.**

† HYMN

**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

**Hymnal #12**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray.** (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

**"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"**

**Hymnal #274**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:1-10

SERMON

**"On Your Mark: How Can One?"**

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.**

OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water  
Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

† 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

“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”

Hymnal #192

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“He Came Down”

Hymnal #137

(Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

*Recessional*

Gerald Peterson

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February**

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| <b>19</b> | Fairly Traded & Equal Exchange Market   | <b>22</b> | Ashes on the Go, 9 am – 1 pm, St. Mark parking lot |
| <b>19</b> | VBS Kickoff Meeting, following worship  | <b>22</b> | PW Book Club, 9:30 am                              |
| <b>20</b> | Saints & Siblings Movie & Popcorn, 1 pm | <b>22</b> | Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm                        |
| <b>21</b> | Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am              | <b>23</b> | Chair Exercise, 10 am                              |
| <b>21</b> | Yoga, 6:30 pm                           | <b>25</b> | Supper Club, 6:30 pm                               |
| <b>21</b> | Presbyterian Women’s Tea, 1 pm & 7 pm   | <b>26</b> | Blood Drive, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm                     |
|           |   | <b>26</b> | Discover Mission Sunday                            |
|           |   | <b>26</b> | 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.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are donated by Martin Gabbert "in memory of his wife".

**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](https://discoverstmark.org).



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



### Weekly Questions and Thoughts

Chapter Eight: This chapter covers a lot of ground, and it would be easy to miss the nuance contained within. Take a little while to sit with every story and consider what each means to you today. Here are a few questions to consider.

- The chapter begins with Jesus performing another feeding miracle. How is this one different than the one in chapter six? What is the significance of the different locations for each of these accounts? Pay attention to the baskets of leftover in both stories. The one for the Jewish audience had 12 baskets remaining, and the one for the Gentile audience had seven. What does this say to you?
- Why did the Pharisees demand a sign from Jesus? Why do we? Does this demonstrate a lack of faith, putting God to the test, or something else? What signs of God's love and power are around you right here and right now?
- It seems to take Jesus two attempts to completely heal the blind man at Bethsaida. Does this symbolize a lack of power or something else? Have you ever experienced a seemingly incomplete miracle? What did you do with it? What in this story gives you hope?
- Chapter Eight contains Peter's famous confession of faith in Christ. The world will always have different opinions of Jesus. Some consider him a prophet, a teacher, or a wise man. Who is Jesus to you?
- Finally, after the confession of faith, Peter challenges Jesus about the need to be rejected, to suffer, and to die. Is the message of the cross still offensive to us? Why or why not?

### 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!

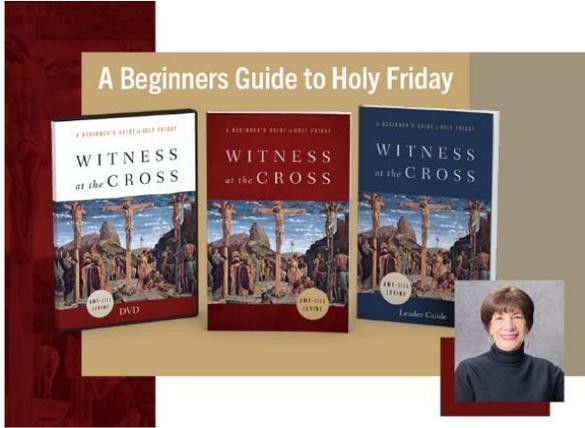
## FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 AM

Contact Pastor MP to be added to the Friday morning Bible Study group email and to receive your Zoom link. [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org)

## Lent Study

### Witness at the Cross – Amy-Jill Levine

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



If you are a 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grader, you are invited to join us for fun, faith, fellowship and FOOD on Wednesdays at 6 pm!



VBS AT ST. MARK - SAVE THE DATE! JULY 17 - 21

### SAY YES TO VBS!

Come join us for 15 minutes immediately following worship on Sunday, February 19, in room 201 to find out what this year's VBS is all about! We also have a special treat for all of the teachers that sign up early and "Say Yes to VBS!"



### 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/>



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> and will be appropriate for all ages.

## MISSION AT ST. MARK



**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.*

### DISASTER RELIEF

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding to the Syria-Turkey earthquake. To assist in this effort, you can contribute to Disaster Relief-International Disasters and Emergencies at [presbyterianmission.org](https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR999999/) or copy and paste <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR999999/> into your web browser.



### 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



PW Event Rescheduled!

Feasts  
of the  
Bible

Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
1 p.m. and 7 p.m.



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 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.**  
Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) & enter: Saintmarkpres to schedule an appointment.  
Give in February for a \$10

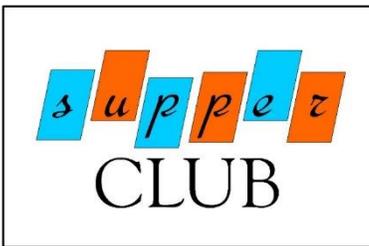
gift card by email, thanks to Amazon.



### 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.



**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.



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 in the Youth Lounge.

Book fee: \$15.00

For information, contact Debbie Hames.

## spaghetti Supper

# TROOP 631

**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.

*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*  
*Liturgist: Loren Polak*