



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

April 1 & 2
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of Salvation, our Lord entered into this world to raise us to life. In the holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Arr. Harold DeCou

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

† HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Hymnal #196

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphal Savior, we confess we are filled with sin. We try to deny it, but we continue to abandon and forsake you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause to you, ourselves, and the world you created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (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

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

† HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hymnal #197

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:1-9

SERMON

“On Your Mark: In Remembrance of Her”

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.

OFFERTORY

Hosanna
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

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** "Your Only Son" **Hymnal #518**

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION** "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" **Hymnal #750**
RESPONSE (Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship) *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Arr. Norman Johnson

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

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| 3 | Prayer Group, 9:30 am | 7 | Journey to the Cross, 11 am – 7 pm |
| 4 | Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 7 | Good Friday Service, 3 pm |
| 4 | Yoga, 6:30 pm | 8 | Bunny Breakfast, 10 am |
| 5 | Claymont Neighborhood mtg, 6:30 pm | 8 | Holy Saturday Service, 5 pm |
| 6 | Chair Exercise, 10 am | 9 | Easter Sunday Service, 10 am |
| 6 | Maundy Thursday Service, 7 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 Pat Marshall "In loving memory of Larry Marshall on his birthday, April 5th".

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.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Disaster Assistance

Disaster Assistance covers more than hurricanes and earthquakes, although there is a lot of work to be done there. Currently PDA is on the ground in areas of Syria/Turkey following the earthquakes. There is also involvement with refugees—housing and food—following the invasion of Ukraine. They work closely with local organizations to meet the needs of the local people.

PDA's specialty is long-term response, and its partner ministries in the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly are part of a broad, sustained response, as well as advocacy offices in Washington and at the United Nations and [Presbyterian World Mission](#).

PER CAPITA 2023

In 2023 each congregation's Per Capita fee, based on the membership reported as of December 31, 2021, is \$35.00. St. Mark's total commitment is \$17,360. Members are encouraged to assist with that via an extra donation and the balance comes from the General Fund. A designated envelope is in the April packet.

Holy Week at St. Mark

Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday & Jerusalem Festival
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 7	Journey To The Cross & Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 8	Bunny Breakfast & Holy Saturday Service
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday Service

Go to Discoverstmark.org and click on Events for more details



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10, in observance of Easter.



Weekly Questions and Thoughts

Chapter Fourteen:

Join us on Good Friday April 7th between the hours of 11 am and 7 pm for a spiritual self-guided journey through an ecumenical version of the stations of the cross.

Upon arrival you will be greeted by someone who will provide you with a map and instructions. This journey is a time for each one of us to connect with God in a special way as we contemplate the last hours of Jesus earthly life. We can then examine how those contemplations speak to our own spiritual life in Christ Jesus. For more information, contact Pastor MP.

MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION CLASSES

This is an exciting time in the life and ministry of St. Mark. We encourage all of our guests to learn more about the Christian faith, the Reformed Tradition, and our Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Dave will facilitate a three-week Member Exploration Class beginning on Sunday, April 23 from 8:50 to 9:45 in Room 102. The other classes are Sunday, April 29 and May 7.

We are thankful that you have discovered St. Mark, and we believe now is the time to explore the mission and ministry of our congregation.

Please contact the St. Mark office or Pastor Dave for more information.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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

Lent Study - *Witness at the Cross* – Amy-Jill Levine - March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7

- There is a pall hanging over this week's chapter as the text moves from allusions to Jesus' death to narrating his last moments before the cross. Is it more difficult to read this chapter than the others in Mark's gospel? Why or why not?
- The chapter begins with the well-known story of an unnamed woman anointing Jesus with costly perfume. Her extravagant actions show her love, devotion, and appreciation. Why do you think this story is included here? What can we learn about the woman, Jesus, and the negative reaction from others?
- Jesus has the Last Supper with his disciples. How does this account differ from the more familiar account we hear from John 13 on Maundy Thursday? It's worth noting that Jesus sat at table with the one who would betray him (and others who denied and abandoned him.) What does this say about Jesus and his mission?
- Jesus takes his disciples to Gethsemane to pray. He pleads with them to stay up with him, but they cannot stay awake. The interplay of light and darkness, alertness and sleeping, and good and evil is strong here. Jesus is already feeling alone, and this will only increase as Thursday evening slips into Friday morning. What does this section say to us as we enter Holy Week together?
- The night continues to devolve for Jesus as he is arrested, tried, and denied. There is false testimony presented, but it is not consistent. Jesus' enemies eventually condemn him with their words, their spit, and their fist. It is a horrible scene of injustice. What emotions are stirred in you as you read this part of the story?
- Jesus is condemned by the religious authorities, but he still has to appear before Pilate, the political figure representing the might of Rome. We'll talk more about chapter 15 on Good Friday.

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!



Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. for the first stop in this crazy Reverse Fast –Food Frenzy! We will join the congregation in an ice cream social (dessert) and then move on out to other stops for our meal courses in reverse order! Please RSVP to Pastor MP so we can ensure enough drivers are available. Bring \$5.00 and we will get the rest. If you have any questions contact pastor MP at mpanco@discoverstmark.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

<p>Children's Musical 4:00pm</p> 	<p>Ice Cream Social 5:00pm</p> 
<h1>APRIL 23RD</h1>	

The PreK choir practices from 5 – 5:30 pm and the Elementary choir practices from 5:30 – 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

April 8, 10 am – 12 pm **Outside Event!**

Bunny Breakfast

Egg Hunts
Activities
Donut & Drink
Crafts



We're glad you hopped in!

Egg Hunt Times

Ages 3 & Under	10:30
Preschool to Kindergarten	10:50
1 st & 2 nd Graders	11:10
All Ages	11:30



April 8th

Outside event
10 am - 12 pm



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VBS AT ST. MARK - JULY 17-21



Join us for a **full week** of VBS fun as we are all called together to serve God at Hero Hotline! Online Registration is now open for VBS! Go to discoverstmark.org or use this QR code to register your family today!!



VBS LEADER AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Training will take place on the following dates in Room 102 immediately following worship: March 26, April 30, May 28, and June 25.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

APRIL FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal, especially kid-friendly
- Snacks (containing multiple individual serving packs)
- "Dinner" Helpers



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!)

At the Jerusalem Festival, April 2nd, and

in the Narthex

on April 16th

WHO GROWS
YOUR FOOD?

Your purchase of this organic, cold-pressed, extra



virgin olive oil helps small-scale West Bank Palestinian farmers who are challenged with a range of issues such as long-term drought due to climate change and limited markets for selling products.

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



LENT WATER CHALLENGE - CLEAN WATER IS VITAL TO HEALTH

- \$450 builds a well in a rural Sub-Saharan Africa village
 - each well provides a safe, sustainable source of clean drinking water for about 125 men, women, and children
 - every \$1 invested in basic drinking water, an average of nearly \$7 is returned in saved medical costs and increased
- 50% of hospital admissions in Sub-Saharan Africa are because of water-borne disease
 - Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest under-age 5 mortality rate in the world, 15 times higher than in high income countries

Pastor Dave has encouraged his congregations for the past 15 years to drink only clean tap water for the 40 days of Lent and donate the money not spent on other beverages to support the building of clean water wells in Africa. Giving up the morning trip to our favorite coffee spot, or the beverage with our drive through meal, or the evening adult beverage, will help us comprehend how much money we spend on beverages.

We are blessed to have clean water in our community, and this challenge helps us to understand the needs of those who have less, and support groups who are working to provide living water for all God's children.



You are invited to join a Meal Packaging Experience with St. Mark Presbyterian Church in the movement to end hunger on Saturday, June 24, from 10 am – 12 pm. Come join us as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to pack 10,000 meals that will be sent to feed people around the world. The event is for all ages and abilities. Go to discoverstmark.org to register to participate and/or to donate to this event.

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Circle of Concern Golf Tournament

Save the Date - Monday, May 22 at
Aberdeen Golf Club in Eureka

17th Annual!

Hosted by St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Benefiting the programs of Circle of Concern

Call Bob Stewart for info

Volunteers Needed!
You don't have to be a golfer. Join us on the course for a half day or whole day.

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. Thank you to those who have signed up to donate. We still have open dates available for April, May and June. 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 Pastor's Hallway. Your flowers can either be taken home or donated to be delivered to a homebound church member.



PW is Collecting Baby Items For Newborns In Need During The Month Of April.

Newborns In Need is a charity that specializes in the needs of babies facing health or economic crisis In St. Louis. It is a local and national nonprofit organization.

New and gently used baby items (clothing sizes up to 12 months) are appreciated. Donations of sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers are especially needed and may be placed in the Pac n Play in the Narthex.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Make checks out to Newborns In Need and ask for a tax receipt. Mail to: Newborns In Need c/o Judy Giovanoni, 310 Oxford Ridge Ct, Ellisville, MO 63021.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW meets April 26 at 9:30 am virtually and in Room 102. Mary Beth Powell will present Horse by Geraldine Brooks. Please contact Judy Richardson if you need a Zoom invitation.

MARCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday In Person	Sunday Online	Total Attendance
March 4 & 5	20	158	159	337
March 11 & 12	15	108	162	285
March 18 & 19	15	106	128	249
March 25 & 26	10	138	87	235

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: Victoria Sherman