



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

March 11 & 12
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.... Restore me to liberty, and enable me to live now that I may answer before you and before all. Lord, whatever this day may bring, your name be praised. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
Come! Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymnal #37

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you dwell among us, but we do not notice. You enter into the world, but we do not sing. You are working every day, but we do not join. We do not display the fruits of the Spirit, and when you look for our good works, we are as barren as a tree in the cold of winter. Do not cut us off from your love or remove us from your presence, O God. Forgive us, prune us, and restore us to a right relationship with you, with one another, and with your creation. We pray this in Jesus’ name. (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

“In My Life”

Hymnal #468

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:12-14, 20-25

SERMON

“On Your Mark: Cursing Trees”

Dr. Rev. Dave Burgess

† **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

The Lord of the Dance
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

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**

"Just as I am, without One Plea"

Hymnal #442

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

Hymnal #750

RESPONSE (Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

St. Magnus

Lynn L. Petersen

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 13** Prayer Group, 9:30 am
- 14** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 14** Go Getters, 12 pm
- 14** Yoga, 6:30 pm
- 16** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 17** Friday Bible Study, 9 am
- 19** Equal Exchange/Fairly Traded available
- 19** SimpleChurch Training, 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 in the Sanctuary are donated by the Walz Family "in loving memory of Renata T. Walz".

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

In our study of Mark 10, we hear the familiar story of the young ruler who asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus instructs him to go, sell everything he has, give it to the poor, and then follow him. Pastor Dave asks us what this says to us. We are rich compared to the rest of the world. What are we to do with our affluence?

One Great Hour of Sharing provides us with a chance to share and connects us with people coming together to respond to the needs in their neighborhoods and worldwide. It is the largest way Presbyterians connect with one another and unite with congregations in every corner of the Church and with partners all over the world. Participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing.



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.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Pastor MP.

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

ON YOUR MARK

Weekly Questions and Thoughts

We are in the third week of Lent, but Mark's gospel is already at the beginning of Holy Week with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. There's a lot of rich material for us, and here are some questions to consider.

- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is one of the events that takes place in all four gospels. It is obviously important to the larger story and gives a good, if incomplete and misunderstood, view of Christ as King. Jesus sends two unnamed disciples to obtain a donkey colt who has never been saddled. Why do you think Jesus wanted a donkey instead of a horse or a chariot? What do you believe this symbolized?
- On the surface, it might feel like the disciples are stealing this animal. Jesus tells them to give the answer, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately" if anyone asks them what they are doing. Do you think Jesus planned this with the owner beforehand? If so, why is this significant?
- One of the greatest conundrums in the gospels is how Sunday's cheers turned into Friday jeers. What do you make of this? Do you think it was the same people in both stories? Why should this matter to us today?
- There's a rather disturbing story of Jesus cursing a fig tree in this week's reading. Does this account bother you? What do you believe Jesus was trying to teach, and what can we learn from this incident?
- We hear about Jesus cleansing the temple and driving out those who were buying, selling, and changing money. This greatly upset the chief priests and the scribes, and they began to look for ways to kill him. What is it about challenging the economy and livelihoods that upset people then and today? What are some tables that need to be overturned in our own culture and lives?
- At the end of the chapter, the leaders question Jesus' authority again. This push back largely occurs because Jesus is challenging the status quo. What is it about change that elicits these kinds of responses?



Come and experience a 1st Century Jerusalem Marketplace! Visit a Jewish temple, shop in the local market, visit the petting zoo, and more! Children will process into the sanctuary with Palms during the service, and proceed to Sunday School for Storytime. Sign up sheets for food donations are on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please join your St. Mark family as we begin our walk together through Holy Week. Everyone is welcome!

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!

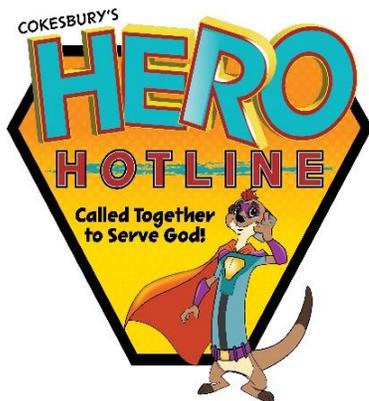
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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.



The Children's' Choirs are practicing on Wednesdays for the musical "Under God's Sea in 3D." The performance is April 23 at 4 pm.



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 to register your family today!!

LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE

- More children are killed by unsafe water than by bullets
- Globally, at least 2 billion people use contaminated water
- 50% of hospital admissions in Sub-Saharan Africa are because of water-borne disease
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, women spend 16 million hours EVERY DAY carrying water



MISSION AT ST. MARK

FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

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



- Chili
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Spinach
- Sardines – guest Favorite – high in protein
- Dish Soap*
- Diapers Sizes 5 & 6*
- Diaper 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 cannot be purchased with food stamps.

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.



St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The lily is mentioned frequently throughout the bible

and serves today as a beautiful reminder of the significance of the Easter season. Easter lilies grace homes and churches each spring as a symbol of purity, joy, hope and life. We encourage you to order one or more lilies to brighten your home. Consider ordering a plant to be delivered to a homebound member as a tangible reminder of their spiritual connection to St Mark. The cost is \$8.75 per plant. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel in the Narthex. A portion of this year's Easter lily cost will go to our mission partners. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn McBee.

Join us on the links!

... at the 17th Annual Circle golf tournament on May 22 at Aberdeen! Presented by Orthopedic Specialists and hosted by St. Mark Presbyterian Church, registration for players and sponsors is now open at circleofconcern.org!



Circle of Concern Golf Tournament

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

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

17th Annual!
Register at circleofconcern.org

Sponsorships are available now!
Contact Nancy at 636.861.2623 x113

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Candy Sales are Back!

Salted Caramel and Chocolate Bark



Delicious handmade candy is crafted to order (with or without almonds) and comes beautifully packaged in white boxes with ribbon bows. Each 8 oz. box costs \$10.

Please plan to bring cash or check when ordering candy on sale dates:
March 4 & 5, March 11 & 12, March 18 & 19
and March 25 & 26.

Chocolates will be available for pick up on
April 1 and 2
(Palm Sunday / Jerusalem Fest weekend)

All proceeds go to PW Missions!



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 such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts (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 Church foyer during office hours.

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

For more information, contact Shirley Boeker or Louis Grothe.

TROOP 631



Get ready for spring and let Boy Scout Troop 631 tune up your lawnmower!

When: Saturday, April 1st from 9am — 1pm

Where: Parking Lot of Rick's Ace Hardware—
Ellisville, (15870 Clayton Road at the
Intersection of Clayton and Clarkson)

Cost: FREE! (Donations Gladly Accepted)

Services Included: Oil change, spark plug service (cleaning, re-gapping; replacement if necessary), air filter service (cleaning, replacement if necessary), blade sharpening, mower deck cleaning. Walk behind mowers only (no riders or zero-turns). Mower must start at the time of check-in.

All proceeds to offset the cost of summer camp.



GO GETTER LUNCHEON, MARCH 14

The Go Getters will enjoy lunch at The Hearth Room on March 14, 2023. Please invite a friend and join us. Please let Jan Graves or Judy Richardson know of your plans to attend so that we can provide a count to the restaurant.



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



601 Claymont Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011
(636)394-2233
discoverstmark.org

Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
Saturday Musician: Mark Reynoso
Sunday Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Liturgist: Sharon Cardwell