



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

March 18 & 19
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Timothy Albrecht

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to sanctify ourselves.

We come seeking to be worthy of our call.

The Lord looks not at our outward selves,

but seeks to know what is in our hearts.

Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,

that we might live as children of the Most High.

† HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Hymnal #377

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth’s resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord 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

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Hymnal #451

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:27-12:1a, 37b

SERMON

“On Your Mark: Listening With Delight”

Rev. MP Panco

† **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

In Christ Alone
Chancel Choir

Keith Getty

† **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**

"Arise Your Light is Come"

Hymnal #744

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

Hymnal #750

RESPONSE (Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Pastoral

William Russell

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

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| 20 | Prayer Group, 9:30 am | 6 | Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm |
| 21 | Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 7 | Journey to the Cross, 11 am – 7 pm |
| 21 | Yoga, 6:30 pm | 7 | Good Friday Service, 7 pm |
| 23 | Chair Exercise, 10 am | 8 | Bunny Breakfast, 10 am |
| | | 8 | Holy Saturday Service, 5 pm |
| April | | 9 | Easter Sunday Service, 10 am |
| 2 | Palm Sunday & Jerusalem Festival | | |

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 Judy Richardson "In memory of my mother, Arlene Hanks, who was born on this date in 1928".

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

Presbyterian Hunger Program

The Presbyterian Hunger Program's mission is clear: alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. There is no one size fits all solution. PHP, using a holistic approach to the larger problem of poverty and hunger, complements the work of Presbyterian congregations through strategic partnership collaborations, and participatory programs so that Presbyterians Go, Join, and Act to end hunger for our neighbors next door and across the planet.

- Over 1,388 chicken, pigs, rabbits, goats shared with families
- 453 beehives in communities around the world
- 63,500 seedlings and over 63,000 kilograms of seeds distributed
- More than 42 farms created around the world

St. Mark participates in the One Great Hour of Sharing and also is a Certified Hunger Action Congregation, working within our community through Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern to address the food needs of residents.



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.

The choir would like to invite members of the congregation to join us in singing for Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Contact Ethan Forte for more information.

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.

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!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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.



Weekly Questions and Thoughts

After Jesus' authority is questioned:

- Why do you think Jesus talked to his audience in parables?
- Why these particular parables?
- Who are the players in the stories?
- Can you identify yourself in any of the parables?
- What does it mean to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself?
- What can you do to watch out for the oppressed, the widows, the orphans, or people less fortunate?

Jerusalem Festival
Palm Sunday
April 2

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

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!

Donations of food are still needed for the festival. The donation sign-up is on the Welcome Center. Please place all food items, labeled as Jerusalem Festival, in the kitchen before 9 am on Saturday, April 1. Please contact Latisha Gilliland with questions.



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!!

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.

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



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.

April 2, 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 2nd
 Outside event
 10 am - 12pm

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MISSION AT ST. MARK



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

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.

You have been invited to join a Meal Packaging Experience with St. Mark Presbyterian Church - MO, in the movement to end hunger.

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. Go to discoverstmark.org to register and/or donate on this page.



St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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.

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!

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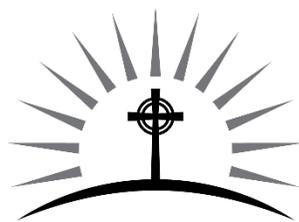
Get ready for spring and let Boy Scout Troop 631 tune up your lawnmower!

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.

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: Cole Lester