



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

March 4 & 5
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly items and leave lesser things behind. We long to be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first. We pray this in the name of the One who offers eternal life. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Don Freudenburg

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:3-5

God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and they were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

God, you are holy.

All praise to you, now and forever!

† HYMN

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

Hymnal #166

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess we put ourselves first and trust in the things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. (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

“Change My Heart, O God”

Hymnal #695

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

“On Your Mark: What’s in It for Me?”

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

Lenten Meditation
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

† **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**

“Though I May Speak”

Hymnal #693

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION**

“Goodness is Stronger than Evil”

Hymnal #750

RESPONSE (Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Robert Lau

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 5** Saints & Siblings, immediately following worship
- 6** Prayer Group, 9:30 am
- 7** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 9** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 10** Friday Bible Study, 9 am
- 11** Trivia Night, 6 pm
- 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.

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.



FEBURARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday In Person	Sunday Online	Total Attendance
February 4 & 5	27	104	126	257
February 11 & 12	22	117	181	320
February 18 & 19	8	105	208	321
February 25 & 26	20	118	110	248

February 22, Ash Wednesday – 52 in person, 37 online – 89 total.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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!

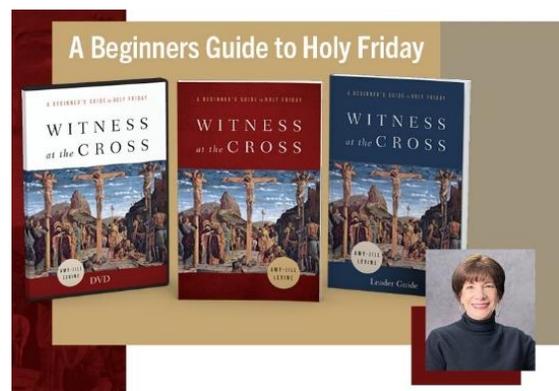
FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 AM

Contact Pastor MP to be added to the Friday morning Bible Study group email and to receive your Zoom link. mpanco@discoverstmark.org

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

Chapter Ten: Jesus and the disciples continue their journey southward to Jerusalem in this week's chapter. Along the way, Jesus answers a question about divorce, welcomes little children into his arms, reveals the cost of following him, and reinforces the need for humility in all things. Here are a few things to consider as you read through chapter 10 this week.

- Marital strife is a painful reality in our culture, and the rate of divorce is high both inside and outside the church. The Pharisees ask Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce, and he gives them (and us) a very challenging answer. What do you think of Jesus' words here? Are they hard to hear? What point do you think he is trying to make, and what truth does it hold for us in the modern world?
- There is a man who rushes up to Jesus and asks him what he must do to inherit eternal life? After acknowledging he keeps all the commandments, Jesus instructs him to go, sell everything he has, give it to the poor, and then follow him. This man is loved, but he also cannot handle the command to part with all of his possessions. What does this passage say to you? More times than not, we judge our wealth by comparing ourselves against those who have more. In reality, we are all rich compared to the rest of the world. What are we to do with these tough words?
- Jesus and the 12 disciples are getting closer to Jerusalem every week and will arrive at the beginning of next week's readings. He tells them again about his impending death, but it doesn't seem to register with the disciples. As a rule, we generally ignore this reality until we get to Holy Week. What can we discover about the cross over our 40-day Lenten journey?
- Jesus' words from chapter nine about who is the greatest obviously didn't register with James and John, and they ask to be seated on either side of him in glory. This causes great consternation with the other disciples, and Jesus uses this moment to remind them that greatness comes in service to others. Why do you think there are two similar stories so close to one another? What does this section say to you this week?

- Following this teaching, Jesus heals a blind man named Bartimaeus outside of Jericho. It could be read as just another healing story among many. Why do you think Mark decided to put this story about blindness right after the request from James and John? It's not just about what happens in the text but also about when these miracles occur. Bartimaeus can now see, but many of the disciples are still blind to the whole truth. What are areas of your life you need God to open your eyes to see?

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

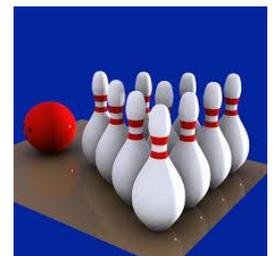
SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

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.



SAINTS & SIBILINGS BOWLING

We invite elementary student families to come for some time with family and church friends on Sunday, March 5. \$10 per child for lunch at church, followed by



bowling at West County Lanes. **FEBURARY** Go to [St. Mark: St. Mark Saints and Siblings @ West County Lanes \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com) to sign up or contact Latisha Gilliland.



Jerusalem Festival
Palm Sunday
April 2
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Come and experience a 1st Century Jerusalem Market-place! 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!

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.

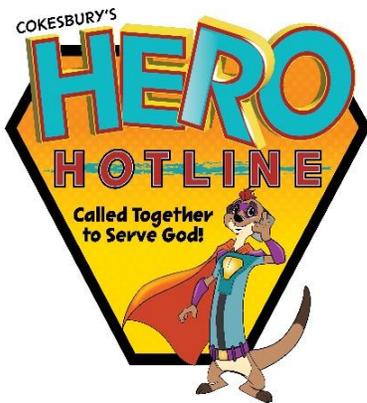


The Children's' Choirs are practicing on Wednesdays for the musical "Under God's Sea in 3D." The performance is April 23 at 4 pm.

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!!



MISSION AT ST. MARK

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 or copy and paste <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR999999/> into your web browser.

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!

SPRING CLEANING

The Fellowship Committee will be giving the kitchen a deep clean on Saturday morning, March 11th. If you have forgotten any dishes or plastic containers in the kitchen or kitchen annex please pick them up before March 11th. Thank you!!

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

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.

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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: Emme Douglas