



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

April 22 & 23, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of signs and wonders, you reveal to us the good news that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

This Joyful Eastertide

Robert Lind

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God gives us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

This inheritance is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

† HYMN

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

Hymnal #837

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life to the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. (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 the Eyes of My Heart”

Hymnal #452

Sing Two Times

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

“The Gift of Hindsight”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism, Question One

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OFFERTORY

“Come to the Light”
Chancel Choir

David Rasbach

† 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

“I Will Come to You”

Hymnal #177

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

He Lives

See Below

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Alleluia Postlude

Esther Megargel

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

Large print worship bulletins are now available. Please ask one of the ushers for a copy.

He Lives

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and

talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You

ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

23 Blood Drive, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

23 Children’s Musical & Ice Cream Social, 4 pm

23 Youth Fast Food Frenzy, 5 pm

24 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

25 Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am

25 Yoga, 6:30 pm

26 PW Book Club, 9:30 am

27 Chair Exercise, 10 am

28 Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am

30 Membership Exploration Class, 8:50 am

30 2023-24 Confirmation Class meeting, 11 am

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 Pam & John Davis "In celebration of our 55th Wedding Anniversary".

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.



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 Let's Talk About Sabbath



As we move closer to this summer when Pastor Dave will go on Sabbatical

leave, we as a congregation will also begin the journey to seek to live into God's command to observe the Sabbath. In the weeks to come we will learn more about Dave's sabbatical leave in particular. In this Bible study we will talk about Pastor sabbaticals, take a closer look at weekly sabbath, and discuss what sabbath might mean for us. Join us for any or all of the classes. This is a hybrid class happening in person as well as on Zoom. If you wish to be added to the current email communication list, contact Pastor MP. mpanco@discoverstmark.org.

Class dates: April 14th, 21st, 28th, May 12th, 26th, June 2nd.

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. 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK – 5th grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

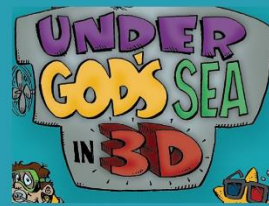
NURSERY

Nursery Care, for ages 0 - 2yrs, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 11:00 am.

CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAYS

Join us for PreK – 5th choir practice every Wednesday. PreK choir meets from 5 – 5:30 pm and Elementary choir meets from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Children's Musical
4:00pm



Ice Cream Social
5:00pm



APRIL 23RD

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2023 - 2024
CONFIRMATION

PARENT YOUTH INFORMATION
MEETING
APRIL 30TH, 2023
11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
ROOM 102

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR MP
MPANCO@DISCOVERSTMARK.ORG

CHILDREN'S GARDEN



Bring a plant or two of your own to be planted in our Children's Garden the week of May 7 – 14! You may plant it yourself or drop off for our St. Mark children to plant on May 10 from 5 – 6 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 or use this QR code to register your family today!!



VBS LEADER AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Training will take place on the following dates in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship: March 26, April 30, May 28, and June 25. **The meeting on April 30 will be a combined VBS/Children's Ministry Committee luncheon.** Use the QR code or go to discoverstmark.org to register as a volunteer!



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.



Be a good earth steward and recycle all those "electronic treasures" that are not accepted by the ABC Sale.... See mrcrecycling.net for more information.

Date: Saturday, April 29th, 2023

Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 pm

Address: 109 Lindy Blvd, Ballwin, MO 63021

Another great resource is Earth 911 -- VERY helpful site for a wide range of items!!! search.earth911.com --or-- use the QR code



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.

FLOWERS NEEDED!

Donating flowers is a great way to celebrate or commemorate a person, 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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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



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 blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers (clothing sizes up to 12 months) are appreciated. There is especially a need for sleepers and onesies. All donations 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.

ST. MARK BLOOD DRIVE

St Mark's second Blood Drive for 2023 is on April 23 from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in Gleason Hall.

Many businesses & organizations across our community are still experiencing many post-pandemic challenges, the Red Cross is no different. We are all learning how to live in this new environment especially how we make a difference in the lives of others. Donating blood does make a difference especially in the lives of those experiencing various illnesses, cancer, life-saving surgeries, blood disorders & a multitude of accidents. Blood cannot be manufactured or stockpiled & can only be made available through the kindness of volunteer donors. Now more than ever, we must band together & take care of our community.

Please help us help others by going to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/Donate> and enter: Saintmarkpres to make an appointment today. First time donors are always welcome. We will guide & support you through this new experience.



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



Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
Saturday Musician: Mark Reynoso
Sunday Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Ethan Forte & Jee-Hye Lee
Liturgist: Jame Wild