



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

Pentecost Weekend
May 27 & 28, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, like a rushing wind, your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and, like a purifying fire, your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Alleluia!

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

Let your heart overflow with the living water
that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

† HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymnal #475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new creation, we confess we fail to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth’s resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† 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

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymnal #288

Sing Twice

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

“God-Given Ability”

Rev. Dr. 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

“A Ringer’s Prayer”
Chancel Bells

Judy Hunnicutt

PENETECOST OFFERING

† 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

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Hymnal #291

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE
(Sunday Worship)

We are One in the Spirit
Verse 1

Hymnal #300

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

My Heart Rejoices

Edward Broughton

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 28** Celebrating our graduates, during worship
- 29** The church office is closed for Memorial Day
- 30** Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 30** Yoga, 6:30 pm

June

- 1** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 2** Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am
- 13** Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm
- 24** Rise Against Hunger, 10 am
- 28** Book Club, 9:30 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 Robyn Mikes "Remembering Denny on his Birthday".

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.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the next class of elders, deacons, endowment and next year's Nominating Committee. We have a lot of talent in our church community and what better way is there to join in, make a difference and expand your circle of friends than participating in the work of the church! The forms are available at the Welcome Desk to suggest candidates, even yourself. Please leave at the Welcome Desk or the Nominating Committee mailbox in the church office. Your energy and talents are needed, please prayerfully consider.

PENTECOST OFFERING

The focus of the Pentecost Offering is to help the church encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. St. Mark retains 40% of the money collected and this year the funds will be given to Isaiah 58 for the Back-to-School Backpack program. Think of how exciting it is to get a new backpack and school supplies to start the school year! This is a great opportunity for St. Mark to support the community around us. Thank you for your generosity.

WEATHER SAFETY DRILL

There will be a short weather drill immediately following worship today. Our safety team has identified the best way to protect our members and guests in the event of inclement weather, and we will spend a short time practicing this plan. The children will simultaneously conduct a short weather drill in Room 210.

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 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

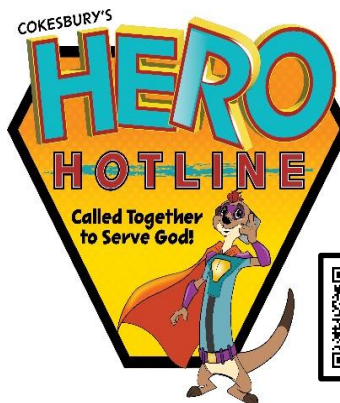
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 am - 11:00 am.

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!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Join us for worship Sunday May 28th to celebrate and recognize graduating High School and College seniors! All graduates will be issued a Bible as a gift from the St. Mark family as they venture on to the next step of their journeys. Congratulations Seniors!

VBS LEADER AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Training will take place on the following dates in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship today and June 25. Use the QR code or go to discoverstmark.org to register as a volunteer!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!

We are looking for volunteers for VBS preparation! We kick off with a VBS potluck and training on July 7. Please use this SignUpGenius link to sign up for the potluck and other VBS prep volunteer opportunities. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4DA4AD2FAAF94-vbsprep2>

We also need volunteers for Summer Sundays! Please sign up to help with Sunday School for one Sunday this summer. The sign-up sheet is on the VBS table in the Mark entry.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

MAY FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Spinach
- Crackers
- Dish Soap*
- Adult Depends*
- Pullups and Baby 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.



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 in Gleason Hall. 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 or use this QR code to register to participate and/or to donate to this event.



BLOCK YOUR CALENDARS – 2023 ABC SALE!

Workdays are July 29 – August 3 & Sale days are August 4 and 5

Start saving your treasures! As always, the sale is a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community. This is our largest fundraiser of the year to support our local mission partners. Co-Chairs: Glenn Knopf, Joyce Blackwell, Pam Ladley

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED (YUM!)



In the Narthex on June 18th

Who grows your coffee?

Small family indigenous producers in Guatemala

With farms of 2.4 acres in size. These

farmers specialize in five disease resistant varieties and use no pesticides. Their environmental stewardship includes shade canopy, water, and soil management.

St. Mark supports this mission to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just, environmentally sustainable, and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers and consumers -- that's us!

Credit, Debit, (swipe or tap) accepted

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club will meet on June 28 at 9:30 am in room 102 and virtually. The book is Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly. Please contact Judy Richardson if you wish to receive a Zoom invitation.



HOW DO WE UNCOVER OUR FAITH STORIES?

Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.
 I Peter 3:15 (The Message)

Seek examples of other writers and their faith.

Discover how you can write about your faith experience.

Share writing for yourself / for people you trust/ for people you don't know.

Sign up to read one of these four books (above) and be part of a book group reading to understand and write faith stories that answer "why you're living the way you are."


See the display of books and sign-up list in the Narthex or contact Bill Tucker. The groups will start meeting in June, but you can start reading now!


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.

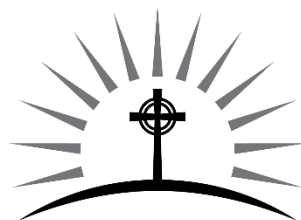
Thank you to those who have signed up to donate. We still have open dates throughout the summer and fall. The flower chart is located in the lobby of the main entrance. If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship service, please sign the flower chart, complete the form provided and place 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.




GO GETTER LUNCHEON, JUNE 13
 The last Go Getter luncheon before a summer break will be held at Candicci's Restaurant, 100 Holloway Rd., Ballwin, MO at 12 pm.
 Go Getter luncheons will resume September 12.
 Let Jan Graves or Judy Richardson know of your plans to attend.



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 Bells
Sunday Liturgist: Glen Knopf