



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

July 15 & 16, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, let your love be made real in me this day. Soften the hardened places of my heart and crowd out any corners of greed or anxiety. Make me be fruitful in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

O Worship the King

Thaddeus P. Cavuoti

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your words are a lamp to our feet

And a light to our path.

Your word is our heritage forever,

the joy of our hearts.

Let us rejoice in the light

and worship God.

† HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymnal #288

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in the world that is wasting. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† **GLORY TO GOD**

Hymnal #582

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

DEDICATION OF THE VBS TEAM

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25:19-24

SERMON

“Siblings, Struggles, and Stew”

Rev. MP Panco

† HYMN

“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

Hymnal #458

† **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

Rondo

Georg Goltermann

Cello: Declan Phipps, Piano: Jee-Hye Lee

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

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 Mark and Kim Michel.

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.

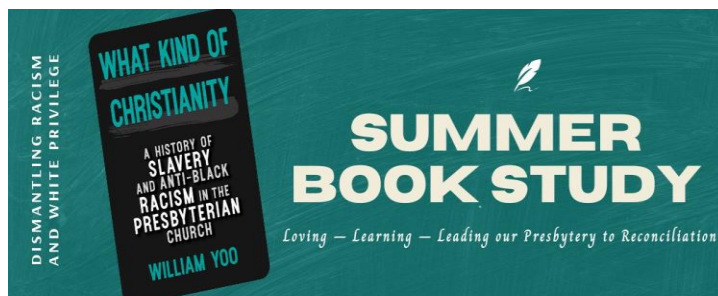


DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG?

If you need a new nametag, an order will be placed soon. The cost is \$10. Please complete a name tag form, found in the church mailbox marked Name Tags and give a check to office staff or place in the drop box in the Pastors' Hallway.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Ritual of Friendship pads are located at the end of each pew in the sanctuary. Please sign your name and pass to the person sitting next to you during worship. Attendance is important so please sign in to help keep our records up to date.



DRAWP is pleased to announce the 2023 summer book group! The group will meet for 7 weeks (each Wednesday) via Zoom starting July 19, with the final gathering in person. The book for the study is "what Kind of Christianity" by William Yoo. The book is currently on sale at the PCUSA Store for \$19.50. Go to <https://glpby.org/services/drawp-book-study/> to register today!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth and families are invited to join us for a picnic at Simpson Park. Youth Committee will provide the meat, buns, drink, plates, cups, etc. Please bring a side dish, snack, or dessert to share. The lake allows fishing, and has paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks available for individual rental. To R.S.V.P (so we know how much food to purchase) contact Pastor MP at mpanco@discoverstmark.org to sign up.

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 – 2 yrs, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 11:00 am.



Our "Super Hero" mission this year for VBS is two-fold. **First**, we will have a contest between boys and girls for our ongoing, church-wide cap collection to make a picnic table for our friends at Mound Ridge Retreat Center. The group that wins the challenge for the most caps collected will be the first to go through the 75 ft obstacle course with dual slides on Friday! Pictures of acceptable caps can be found at our donation table in the foyer and we ask that you bring cleaned caps please!

Second, another mission opportunity is to donate personal care items: bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, laundry detergent (64 oz or smaller) to be distributed between Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern, and diapers for Newborns in Need.

There are three clearly labeled bins under the "Super Hero" VBS table in the foyer.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

JULY FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Pasta sauce (cans preferred)
- Canned greens/spinach
- Fruit (cans preferred)
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Shampoo, bar soap, deodorant*



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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE IN THE NARTHEX ON JULY 16!



Who grows your chocolate?

Oro Verdo co-op members in Peru!

The co-op was founded in 1999 with 56 members and has grown to 600. They have developed a disease resistant tree nursery, a reforestation project to move to a zero-carbon footprint, and education scholarships for producer's children.

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

Credit/Debit cards accepted.





IT'S ALMOST TIME – 2023 ABC SALE!

Workdays are July 30 – August 3
Sale days are August 4 and 5

This is our largest fundraiser of the year to support our local mission partners. As always, the sale is a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community.

If you haven't already committed to volunteer – we need you! Contact one of the ABC Co-Chairs and we'll match up your interest and availability to a volunteer opening!

Donation Guidance

- **YES, please!**
 - items that would typically be sold at a thrift store
 - donation receipts available during donation drop-off hours
- **Sorry, NO thank you!**
 - large furniture, large appliances, TVs (if it doesn't fit in a compact SUV, it's a "NO")
 - encyclopedias or magazines
 - car seats, highchairs, or cribs
 - Christmas trees
 - hazardous waste (even if unopened): such as paint, chemicals, oil, household cleaners

ABC Sale Co-Chairs: Joyce Blackwell, Glenn Knopf, Pam Ladley

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP WITH THE ABC SALE!

ABC Sale would love to share your home baked cookies, brownies and quick breads with our amazing volunteers! We are also hoping to use up all of the odds and ends paper products in the kitchen and from your home! If you have paper plates, cups or napkins from a party that are leftover, we would love to use them up for you!! Please deliver baked goods and paper products to the kitchen clearly marked "ABC SALE" by Sunday, July 30.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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 Mark 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.

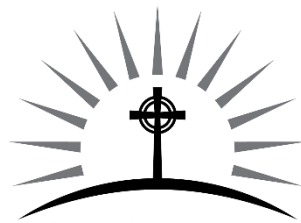
PROPERTY COMMITTEE IS RECRUITING!

Are you looking for a way to contribute to keeping St. Mark in great shape? St Mark's Property Committee is actively seeking new



members to help us with maintenance of the building, preschool and grounds! Prior experience is not necessary, as we have the experts who can teach you what you need to know, and you can apply what you learn to maintaining your own home. Whether you're interested in gardening, painting, electrical work or minor construction, we can use your time and talents to keep St Mark welcoming to our current and new members. Feel free to reach out to Keith Monteith, David Sutch, Mike Vroman, Jean Steward or any other Property Committee members to understand how you can help.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeVaughan
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: Declan Phipps, & Jee-Hye Lee
Sunday Liturgist: Cay Noble