



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

August 12 & 13, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses, you are the ever-present, all-powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Boundless Mercy

Anthony Giamanco

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.
Where God dwells,
steadfast love and faithfulness meet.
God gives what is good
and we respond with abundant praise!

† HYMN

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

Hymnal #33

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. (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)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

SERMON

“Really, God?”

Rev. MP Panco

† HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #366

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**WCF, Shorter Catechism
Question One**

Q. What is our chief end?

A. Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.

† 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 Call Upon the Lord”

Hymnal #621

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shout to the North

Hymnal #319

(Sunday Worship)

Refrain only, Sing twice

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Scherzo on “Holy Manna”

Karen Beaumont

† You are invited to stand, as you are able

Shout to the North

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the
east and the west. Je - sus is Sav-ior to all, Lord of heav-en and
earth. 2 Rise up, earth.
3 Rise up,

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

14 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

15 Yoga, 6:30 pm

17 Chair Exercise, 10 am

20 Blood Drive, 8:30 am

20 Presentation of Bibles to third grade students

20 Blessing of Backpacks, during worship

20 Celebrating our Pastors, following worship

20 Youth Hangout – Ballwin Days, 12 pm

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 Pat Eisenberg.

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.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by the Hargrove Family, "Blessings to all".

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.



HYMN SING

The worship services on August 26 and 27 will begin with a "hymn sing". There will be a sheet on the Welcome Center to list one or two of your favorite hymns.

**Join us for
Music at St. Mark**

BELLS: Wednesdays 6PM, Starting Sept. 13th
CHOIR: Wednesdays 7PM, Starting Sept. 6th



CELEBRATING OUR PASTORS!

Please join us in celebrating the ministries of Pastors MP and Carol DeVaughn on Sunday, August 20th immediately following the 10 am service. We are so appreciative of their gifts and service while Pastor Dave is on sabbatical we would like to share a slice of cake, a cup of punch and some well wishes with them! We will have a basket for thank you cards available too if you are not able to stay for the event. We hope to see you while we gather to enjoy these wonderful Pastors!!

**SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**



BIBLE SUNDAY!



All children entering 3rd grade will receive a bible on August 20. Please notify the Children's Ministries Committee if you are new to the community and wish to have your child receive a bible.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On August 20 all students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks and we will pray over them and the year ahead!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY AT BALLWIN DAYS

Sunday, August 20, 12 - 5:30 pm
Youth will be working a booth selling water, soda, and Gatorade. With each sale there is an opportunity to earn tips for youth activities such as future mission trips and retreats. Please let Pastor MP know if you can come for all or part of the day!

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.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

AUGUST CIRCLE OF CONCERN SPECIAL COLLECTION REQUEST

- Baby Wipes*
- Pull-ups*
- Size 4 diapers*
- Q tips*
- Razors*
- Shave gel*



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 AUGUST 20

Small farmers focused on sustainable agriculture!

- Soil health
- Water retention
- Biodiversity
- Disease control
- Carbon sequestration



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, (swipe or tap) accepted.

MEALS PACKAGED DURING OUR JUNE EVENT ARE HEADED TO UKRAINE!



Located in eastern Europe, Ukraine is the second largest country on the continent.

Millions of people have left the country or are internally displaced.

As food production and supplies are disrupted by the conflict, many people do not have reliable access to sufficient nutritious food.



PW is Collecting Baby Items For Newborns In Need During The Month Of September.

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 bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts (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 Church foyer during office hours.

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

For more information, contact Shirley Boeker or Louis Grothe.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club will meet on August 23 at 9:30 am in room 102. A link to join virtually on Zoom is also available by contacting Judy Richardson. The book is Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah and discussion will be led by Judy Richardson.

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.

Hang Out with Presbyterian Women!

*PW Fall Brunch
September 9th
10 a.m.*

Sometimes you just need a different perspective on life.

ST. MARK BLOOD DRIVE

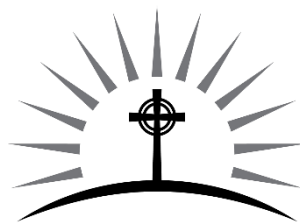
Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:30 am - 1:30 pm



Just one blood donation can help save up to three (3) lives! For years St. Mark has participated in this very valuable community service. For donors who regularly give blood, please add this date and time to your schedule by signing up today. For members & community residents who have been thinking about giving for the first time, let this August 20th be the beginning of a new habit in your life. Sign up at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/Donate/Blood> and enter: Saintmarkpres. There is a REAL need for donors. All who come to give will get a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of choice.

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
Sunday Liturgist: Pat Eisenberg
Special Music: Meredith Kessler