



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

August 20, 2023  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

*Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise*

Tom Birchwood

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God's house is to be a house of prayer.

**Thanks be to God.**

God forgives us and draws us close.

**Thanks be to God.**

God gifts us with the Holy Spirit.

**With grateful hearts, we worship our God.**

† HYMN

**“We Are One in the Spirit”**

Hymnal #300

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and ever-present **God**, in lamentations and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping and loving, we bring the pain we have caused others, we bring the injustices in society of which we are a part, to the transforming power of your grace.

**Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer, and to turn again toward the sunrise of hope and possibility, that we may walk with you in the promise of justice**

**You have willed for all the earth, and have made known to us in Christ Jesus.**

(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)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-12

SERMON

“From Lamentation to Healing”

Rev. Brenda Booth

† HYMN

**“Help Us Accept Each Other”**

Hymnal #754

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## † THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy that we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive our offerings as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your blessings may abound to all those in need. Amen.

## 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

"Song of Hope"

Hymnal #765

## †CHARGE AND BLESSING

## †BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shout to the North

Hymnal #319

(Sunday Worship)

Refrain only, Sing twice

## POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Morning Song

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

† 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**

- 21** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am  
**22** Yoga, 6:30 pm  
**23** Book Club, 9:30 am  
**24** Chair Exercise, 10 am  
**27** ABC Sale Volunteer Potluck,  
immediately following worship

**September**

- 6** Choir Practice Resumes, 7 pm  
**9** PW Brunch, 10 am  
**10** Discover Sunday & Pastor Dave's  
Welcome Back Celebration  
**13** Bells Practice resumes, 6 pm  
**13** Wed. Night Youth Activities Resume  
**20** Kick off for Children's Musical Practice, 5 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 the family of Boots Berry, "In honor of the 97<sup>th</sup> birthday of Boots Berry" and by Bruce & Candyce Cranston, "Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bruce & Candyce Cranston".

**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](http://discoverstmark.org).



## WE WELCOME REV. BRENDA BOOTH TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY!

Rev. Booth is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She provides direction and leadership to the various programs and services of Isaiah 58 Ministries. Rev. Booth has been with the ministry since August, 2006 and enjoys working to develop programs that create lasting change in the lives of those she serves.

## HYMN SING



Join us for a "hymn sing" at the beginning of both worship services on August 26 and 27!



## CELEBRATING OUR PASTORS!

Please join us in celebrating the ministries of Pastors MP and Carol DeVaughn on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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!!

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

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

## SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



### 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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!



### MISSION AT ST. MARK



### ABC SALE VOLUNTEER POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Whether you volunteered an hour or a day or a week, ALL are invited to the ABC Sale potluck lunch celebration on August 27th following worship! Your significant others/guests are most definitely invited and welcome to join as well. Please bring your appetite and a favorite dish to share!

### 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.



## 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.

*Hang Out with Presbyterian Women!*



*PW Fall Brunch  
September 9<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m.*

*Sometimes you just need a different perspective on life.*



**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.**

## 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.



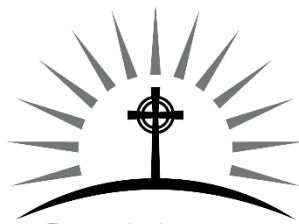
## ST. MARK BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

**WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!**

*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: Theresa Monteleone & Ethan Forte  
Sunday Liturgist: Devin Melter*