



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

August 5 & 6, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Walking With the Master

Lani Smith

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our covenant God raises us up and transforms us.

Our covenant God is near to all who call out in truth.

God meets us in our greatest need.

God satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

In gratitude, let us worship God.

† HYMN

“God of Compassion”

Hymnal #436

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, too often we wrestle all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those who are hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us hold on to you. (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 32:22-31

SERMON

“Don’t Let Go”

Rev. Carol DeVaghan

† HYMN

“When We Are Tested”

Hymnal #783

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying

“Come, Lord Jesus!”

OFFERTORY

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness
St. Mark Singers

Hymnal #850

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving and generous God, you provide for us and bless us in more ways than we can number. We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not yet know you may also know your love. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Invitation to the Table
- Communion Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Sharing of the Bread & Cup
- Prayer After Communion

† HYMN

“Great God of Every Blessing”

Hymnal #694

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
(Sunday Worship)

Shout to the North
Refrain only, Sing twice

Hymnal #319

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)
Lasky

Postlude Brevis on “Beach Spring”

David

† *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,

Last time to Coda ⊕

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

7	Prayer Circle, 9:30 am	20	Presentation of Bibles, during worship
8	Yoga, 6:30 pm	20	Blessing of Backpacks, during worship
9	Youth Ensemble Rehearsal, 6 pm	20	Celebrating our Pastors, following worship
10	Chair Exercise, 10 am		
11	Food Truck Friday, 5:30 pm	20	Youth Hangout – Ballwin Days, 12 pm
20	Blood Drive, 8:30 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 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.

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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.



JULY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Total Attendance
		In Person	Online	
July 2	--	137	93	230
July 8 & 9	18	108	76	202
July 15 & 16	15	125	70	210
July 22 & 23	15	89	96	200
July 29 & 30	7	101	50	158



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

Youth Music Ensemble

Rehearsals in progress!
Next Rehearsal August 9th 6-7pm
Contact Pastor MP
mpanco@discoverstmark.org



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.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & 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. All students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks and we will pray over them and the year ahead!

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 20TH

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.



THANK YOU!

There are not enough words to express our gratitude for the many volunteers, those who donated treasures, those who provided treats and goodies, those who shopped, those who prayed for us ... well ... ALL OF YOU!

Results are not yet final. We will share when they are available.

100% of net proceeds for local mission partners
ABC Sale Volunteer Celebration Potluck –
August 27 following worship

With great gratitude and joy!

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

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 9th
10 a.m.*

Sometimes you just need a different perspective on life.



CELEBRATING OUR PASTORS!

Please join us in celebrating the ministries of Pastors MP and Carol DeV Vaughn 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!!

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.

FOOD TRUCK

AUGUST 11

Friday

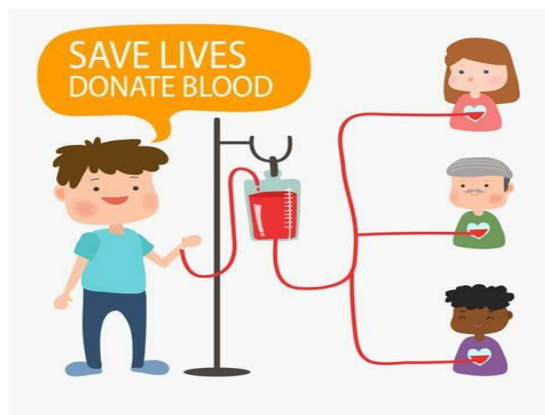
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ST. MARK BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 20, 2023

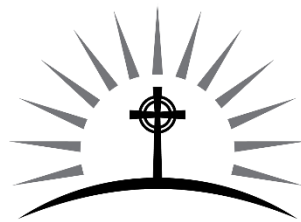
8:30 am - 1:30 pm



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.

A member of your community may be the one who receives your blood because of cancer, transplant surgery, other life-saving surgeries, genetic blood disorders, various illnesses & a multitude of various accidents. **BE THE ONE WHO BRINGS HOPE & HEALING TO THOSE PATIENTS IN NEED.**

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: Declan Phipps
Special Music: The St. Mark Singers