



September 16 & 17, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us, and by love you redeemed us. May your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and, in the world, receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Lyndell Leatherman

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, bless the Lord,

bless God's holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is God's steadfast love for us.

Come, let us worship our giving and forgiving God together.

† HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal #611

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess we fail to live in harmony with our siblings. We are self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We shun those whose ways we do not understand and despise those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable with others that we may dwell in peace with Christ who is Lord of all. (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)

† HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Hymnal #435

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

"From Here to Eternity"

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith 10.2

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

† 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

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Hymnal #442

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE
(Sunday Worship)

We Will Walk with God

Hymnal #742

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Karle Heinrich, George Davin

† *You are invited to stand, as you are able***UPCOMING EVENTS****September**

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| 17 | Confirmation Class begins, 9 am | 20 | Children's Musical Practice Kickoff, 5 pm |
| 17 | Equal Exchange in the Narthex | 21 | Chair Exercise, 10 am |
| 17 | Youth Hangout, 11:15 am | 22 | Friday Bible Study, 9 am |
| 18 | Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 24 | Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship |
| 19 | Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 27 | PW Book Club, 9:30 am |
| 19 | Yoga, 6:30 pm | | |
| 20 | Church Potluck, 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 anonymously, wishing everyone a Happy Fall.

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.



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

How PCHAS helped...

Most fathers are bound by a commitment to do the best they can for their children. Serving families and fathers, like Samuel, is what Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services does.

Samuel was thrust back into parenting after his adult daughter and her husband were killed in a car accident. The couple left behind two devastated children. With no other options, Samuel immediately became a father to his orphaned grandsons. He was forced to deal with the trauma of losing a child **and** raising two young boys simultaneously.

This difficult transition proved to be more than Samuel believed he could handle. He knew he needed help and contacted PCHAS. Samuel focused on learning new parenting skills and developed the tools he needed to help his grandsons heal from their trauma. Today, Samuel and his children are thriving!

St. Mark is proud to support PCHAS by sharing a portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Midweek Potluck

This month's midweek program will feature the
2023 Youth Puerto Rico Mission presentation



YOUTH

September 20th 5:00-7:00pm

The midweek potluck meal resumes on Wednesday, September 20 at 5pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish for food, fellowship, and a program about the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico.

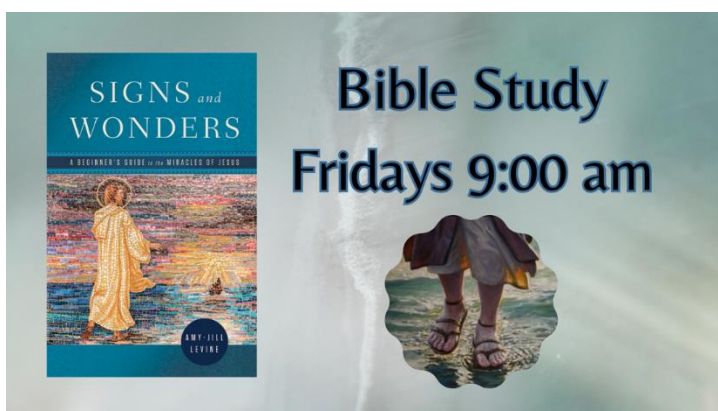
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 24 following the 10:00 am service. A slate of nominees to serve as deacons and elders will be presented for election. Plan to stay after the worship service to participate in this important election. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate virtually.

MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION CLASS



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Friday mornings starting September 15th as we take a closer look at some of Jesus' miracles. We will be using the book and accompanying videos to Amy-Jill Levine's study "Signs and Wonders". You can buy the book if you desire but it is not necessary though we will be drawing from the reading for parts of the discussion. If you have any questions, contact pastor MP mpanco@discoverstmark.org or call the church office

ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's bible study meets in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are currently studying the Lord's Prayer using Adam Hamilton's book, "The Lord's Prayer, The Meaning and Prayer Jesus Taught". All men are welcome! You may contact Bruce Cranston for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth 6th grade and up meet Wednesdays beginning from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm for food, fun, fellowship, and faith! If you have any questions, contact pastor MP mpanco@discoverstmark.org or call the church office.



If you have a youth 7th grade or older who would like to explore more about what it means to be a Christian, this is the place! Students will meet weekly along with their mentors and talk about their faith and what they believe about Jesus, religion, the church, and more!



The City Foundry for Lunch and Exploring

We will leave from church and afterward parents pick up at St. Mark. Bring money for your lunch and shopping if you want to buy anything. Youth Committee will pay for a dessert. R.S.V.P to Pastor MP.



St. Mark Youth Music Ensemble

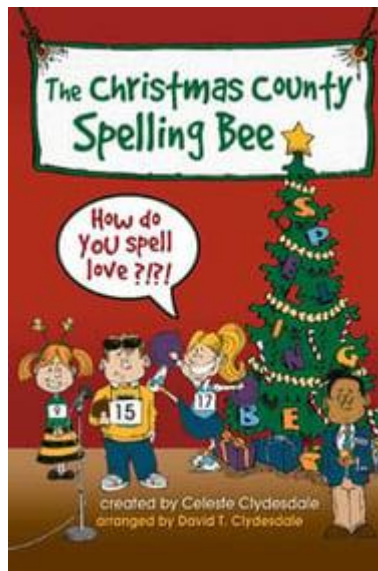
Upcoming Schedule



Aug. 30th	Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sep. 6th	Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sep. 10th	Perform in 10:00am worship Discover Sunday
Sep. 24th	Rehearsal 11:15am - 12:15pm
Oct. 1st	Rehearsal 11:15am - 12:15pm
Oct. 8th	Rehearsal 11:15am - 12:15pm
Oct. 22	Rehearsal 11:15am - 12:15pm



We will make our debut on Discover Sunday!
Celebrating our church ministries and
welcoming Pastor Dave back from Sabbatical



WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

We will kick off on September 20th for our Pre-K choir (5:00-5:25pm) and Elementary choirs (5:30-6:30p.m.)-Every week is filled with curriculum-based, music, drama, lessons, choreography, games and snack time! Our

Musical this year is called "Christmas County Spelling Bee" and will be presented on Dec. 3 @ 4 p.m. For more information, contact

lgilliland@discoverstmark.org.



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

Please be sure to sign in your student(s) for Sunday School! Parents will receive a card after Time With Children with a QR code for access to the sign in. We ask that you have your student(s) registered so that we can contact you via text in the event that you are needed.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL REQUEST BY ISAIAH 58

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Hearty Soup
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Sardines
- Cereal
- Underpants – youth and adults

- Female – hipsters
- Male – boxers

Please place donations on the table in the Pastors' hallway





EQUAL EXCHANGE IN THE NARTHEX ON SEPTEMBER 17TH

Check out the products available for purchase in the Narthex on Sunday, September 17th. There is so much care and expertise

from farmers that go into Equal Exchange / Fairly Traded products! St. Mark supports this mission to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sustainable, and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers and consumers (that's us!). *Credit and Debit cards accepted.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Book Club will meet on September 27 at 9:30 am in room 102. A link to join virtually on Zoom is also available by contacting Judy Richardson. Books will be selected for the coming year.



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.



Claymont Preschool at St. Mark
601 Claymont Drive, Ballwin 63011

We are Hiring...

Music and Movement Teacher

Seeking applicants who:

- love children
- have strong vocal singing skills
- play an instrument – piano or guitar preferred
- have knowledge of a wide variety of children's songs
- confidently lead children in learning and performing songs
- have organizational and planning skills

Position Information:

- 9-month (school year) position
- Monday through Friday
- lead 3 to 4 groups of young children
- 2 hours each morning
- begins immediately

Interested? Contact:

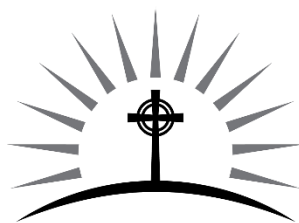
Susan Talley, Preschool Director
STalley@DiscoverStMark.org
636-386-5437

Go Getters Luncheon October 10 @ 12 pm

THE LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT EL SALTO MEXICAN
RESTAURANT, 955 CHESTERFIELD CENTER (NEAR THE
CHESTERFIELD MALL).

PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND AND PLAN TO JOIN US!
LET JAN GRAVES OR JUDY RICHARDSON KNOW OF YOUR PLANS
TO ATTEND.

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: Chancel Choir
Sunday Liturgist: Johnathan Neal