

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

Reformation Sunday
October 28 & 29, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in faith; strengthen thou me.
I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go to my neighbor.
I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether.
O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee.
In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have.
I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor.
I am a sinner; Thou are upright.
With me, there is an abundance of sin; in thee is the fullness of righteousness.
Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive, but to whom I may not give.
Amen.

OPENING MUSIC (Sunday Worship)

Scotland the Brave
Matt Pantaleoni, bagpipes

original text by Clifford Leonard Clark

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments hang
all of the law and the prophets.
We come to worship the God of Love together.

† HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal #39

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: **We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us.** (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

† GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

† HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymnal #643

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON

“Keeping the Faith”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† 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

I Need Thee Every Hour
Chancel Choir

Robert Lowry & Annie S. Hawks

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matt Pantaleoni, bagpipes

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #609

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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymnal #275

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We Lift Our Voices"

Hymnal #710

(Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Amazing Grace
Matt Pantaleoni, bagpipes

original text by John Newton

† *In body or in spirit, please rise.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

29 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

29 Pipes & Pie Sunday

29 Youth & Children's Fall Outing, 11:15 am

30 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

31 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

31 Yoga, 6:30 pm

November

1 Children & Youth Activities, 5 & 6 pm

2 Chair Exercise, 10 am

3 Friday Bible Study, 9 am

7-8 PW Christmas Boutique

12 Celebration Sunday

12 Youth Hangout, 6 pm

14 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm

18 Surviving the Holidays, 10 am

19 Giving Thanks Meal, 11 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 Bette Nuzum. "In loving memory of her husband Dick Nuzum".

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.



We are celebrating Reformation Sunday today with the music of bagpipes during our worship service. Following the service, we will celebrate the combined anniversaries of Pastor Dave and Pastor MP with pie and coffee! Stop by to share your appreciation for our amazing pastoral team!



Stewardship Season will begin on Reformation Sunday, October 29 at St. Mark. This is an exciting season in the life of our congregation, and we encourage everyone to consider how they have kept the faith in the past, grown their faith in the present, and will share their faith in the future. This three-week season will conclude on Celebration Sunday, November 12. Pledge cards will be available at the Welcome Center starting next week. Please contact Pastor Dave or Scott Collier with any questions.



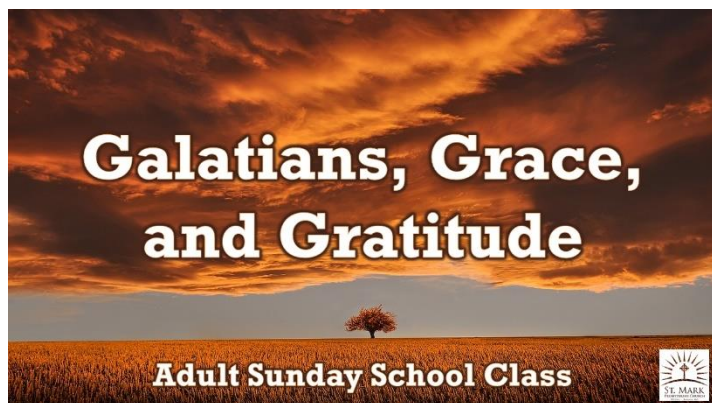
YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Starting Wednesday, November 1, the invitation is extended to join the choir in preparing for this year's Christmas Cantata. The choir will rehearse Cantata music Wednesdays at 7pm. The first section of rehearsal will be dedicated to Cantata music, before moving on to weekly anthem music. The Cantata will take place Sunday, December 10.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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.



It's time to gather once again for our adult Sunday school class at St. Mark. "Galatians, Grace, and Gratitude" will meet from Oct. 29 to December 3 at 8:50 AM in Room 102. Please spread the word about this new educational opportunity, and we hope to see you on Sunday. Let Pastor Dave know if you have any thoughts, questions, or if you need the ZOOM link for remote participation.

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

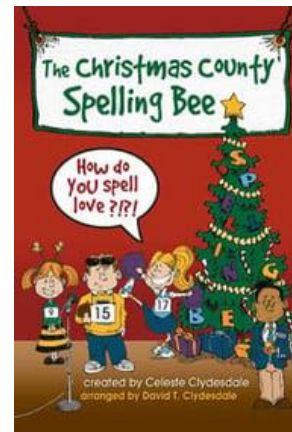
Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 11:00 am

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. Please register your student(s) so that we can contact you via text if needed.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Join us for Pre-K choir (5:00 -5:25 pm) and Elementary choir (5:30-6:30 pm)! Every week is filled with curriculum-based, music, drama, lessons, choreography, games and snack time! Our Musical this year is "Christmas County Spelling Bee" and will be presented on December 3 @ 4 pm. For more information, contact lgilliland@discoverstmark.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth 6th grade and up meet Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm (unless noted otherwise) 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! Never too late to join in!

ALL YOUTH • CHILDREN • FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ECKERT'S FUN



FARM!

The Youth and Children's Ministries Committees are teaming up for an afternoon of fun at

Eckert's – including apple picking! Lunch will be provided at the church before we leave. We will leave from the church and return to the church. Youth - bring money for anything you want to buy. RSVP to Pastor MP or Latisha Gilliland.



MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Mark Men's Bible Study is sponsoring a Men's clothing drive for Isaiah 58. There is a real ongoing need for men's clothes. This includes men's shoes, socks, tee shirts, jeans, pants, dress shirts, winter coats, belts, sweatshirts. We will be collecting these items for the month of October and may be placed in the Isaiah 58 bins in the hallway as you enter church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



CALLING ALL ANGELS!

It's that time again! The Christmas Boutique and Angel Street Café are just around the corner, November 7 & 8. Presbyterian Women ask for your help by in making chicken salad, bean or broccoli soup, bake specialty desserts, pies, cakes, or brownies. We also need help with set up and clean up. You can also bring a friend for shopping and lunch and then come back for supper! Sign up sheets are on the PW table in the Narthex.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED



- Dinner "Helpers"
- Fruit
- Baking Mixes
- Baking Items – Sugar, Flour, Oil, Shortening
- Women's Incontinence Products *



All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries

*Non-food products cannot be purchased with food stamps. Please place donations on the table in the Pastors' hallway.

New and gently used clean winter coats and clothing are needed for men, women, and kids, all sizes, and styles. Many people in our region lack enough warm clothing to stay protected throughout winter. Our mission partners will ensure someone in need receives your gift of warmth!



Go Getters Luncheon November 14 @ 12 pm

THE OUTING WILL BE AT 12 NOON AT THE MELLOW MUSHROOM (PIZZA) LOCATED AT 15525 OLIVE BLVD, CHESTERFIELD.

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

THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT CHURCH.



GIVING THANKS AND SHARING OUR BLESSINGS!

Giving Thanks Supper for St. Mark friends and family is Sunday, November 19th. Please join us for a traditional feast that includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy and more! There is no cost for the meal, but you can bring a dessert that serves 6-8 people to share with your church family.

We will also be collecting for Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern:

CANNED GOODS	BOXED GOODS
Yams	Potatoes (all varieties)
Fruit Cocktail	Rice
Pineapple Chunks	Baking Items
Cranberry Sauce	Meal "Helpers"
Hearty Soups	Instant Oatmeal

Personal Hygiene Products also gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



St Mark will continue our tradition of beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services.

Please consider ordering one or more to bring home after the Christmas Eve Service or to be delivered to a homebound member. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel. Please make your check payable to *St. Mark Presbyterian Church* and place the order form and check in the "Drop Box" in the Pastor's Hallway. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 19th. The cost is \$7 per plant. Plants are sourced from a locally owned greenhouse. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn McBee.

BICYCLES WANTED

UMC Bike Rehab is on track this year to provide over 1000 bikes to our donor partners. St Patrick's Center (homeless vets), Little Patriots, and Presbyterian Children's Home & Services are just 3 of our partners. We accept bike donations regardless of condition. We strip parts from some, recondition some adult bikes for resale to fund our operation and, of course, we recondition bikes to donate to children, refugees, and disabled vets. If you have bikes that your kids have outgrown or just hanging in the garage taking up space please consider donating bikes, volunteering, or purchasing an adult bike. You can drop them on the driveway at 201 Creve Coeur Ave Ballwin or if you need assistance call Eric Peters and he'll be happy to pick them up.



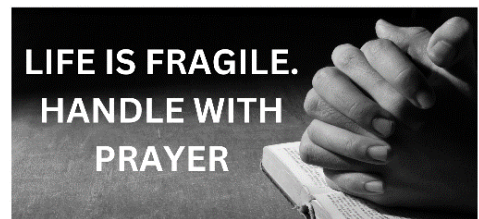
Jingle Mingle with your St. Mark family on Sunday, December 3rd from 5 pm to 7 pm! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, Fellowship will provide a delicious punch! If you are attending the Children's Musical at 4 pm, we hope that you will join us for a mingle after the performance! There will be plenty of food and treats for children and adults!

St. Mark Prayer Circle

Mondays at 9:30 am, Room 104

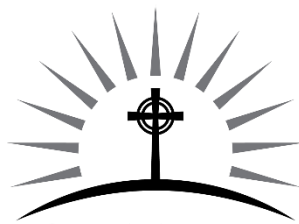
Everyone is Welcome

If you can't join us, please pick up a Prayer List at the Welcome Center on Sunday or the Prayer Circle mailbox in the church office



We pray for our congregants, their family & friends, the community, our nation, and the world.

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: Matt Pantaleoni & the Chancel Choir
Sunday Liturgist: Cay Noble