



November 11 & 12, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God, you do not care for our worship if we do not care for your justice. Jesus, you overturned tables in the temple, angry at how we turned your house of prayer into a marketplace. Holy Spirit, lead us in daily repentance, that our service this day may be a delight to you as we worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Triptych: II. Meditation

John G. Barr

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wisdom is radiant and unfading.

She is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

† HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

Hymnal #305

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. (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

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Hymnal #716

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

“Sharing the Faith”

Rev. MP Panco

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

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

“Soon and Very Soon”

Hymnal #384

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“We Lift Our Voices”

Hymnal #710

(Sunday Worship)

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Welsh Folk Melody

† *In body or in spirit, please rise.***UPCOMING EVENTS****November****12** Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am**12** Youth Hangout, 6 pm**12** Confirmation Class, 9 am**13** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am**14** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am**14** Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm**16** Chair Exercise, 10 am**18** Surviving the Holidays, 10 am**19** Giving Thanks Meal, 11 am**30** Surviving the Holidays, 6:30 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 the Glory of God".

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.



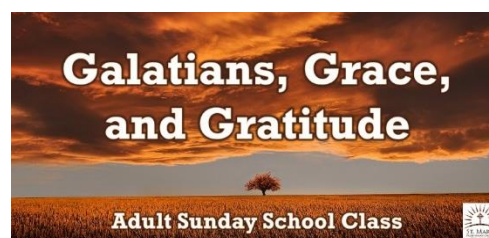
YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

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

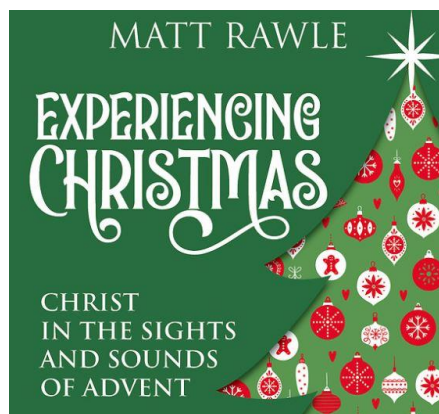
ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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 every Sunday until December 3 at 8:50 AM in Room 102. Please spread the word about this new educational opportunity, and we hope to see you this week. Let Pastor Dave know if you have any thoughts, questions, or if you need the ZOOM link for remote participation.



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us Friday mornings from 9:00 am - 10:00 am on December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, either in person or on Zoom. You can buy the book if you desire but it is not necessary though we will be drawing from parts of it for the discussion. If you have any questions or want the Zoom link, contact pastor MP mpanco@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 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 11:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

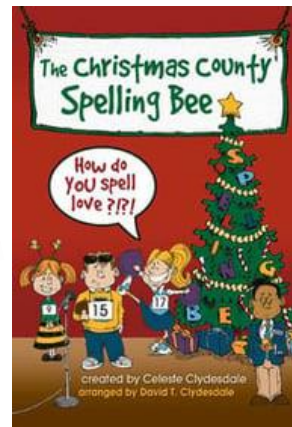
Please be sure to sign in your student(s) for Sunday School! Parents will receive a card after Time With Children with a QR code for access to the sign in. Please register your student(s) so that we can contact you via text if needed.



CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTH

Happy Birthday Jesus" Cake Party Bag: Merry Christmas from Children's Ministries and

Youth! We thought you might like to celebrate the birth of God's Son so we put together a birthday cake "kit" for Jesus for you to make at home! Included in each bag is a cake mix, sprinkles, one candle, icing and an advent calendar. It's just our way of saying, "Have a Merry, Blessed Christmas!" (available the first Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 3rd).



DECEMBER 3

CHILDREN'S

MUSICAL - 4PM

JINGLE MINGLE - 5 PM

Join **Children's Ministries** and the **Fellowship Committee** on December 3rd for the Children's Musical "The Christmas County Spelling Bee" beginning at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. Immediately following the show, please join us for the Jingle Mingle in the Narthex from 5 pm to 7pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and Fellowship will provide a festive punch to wash down all the yummy treats!



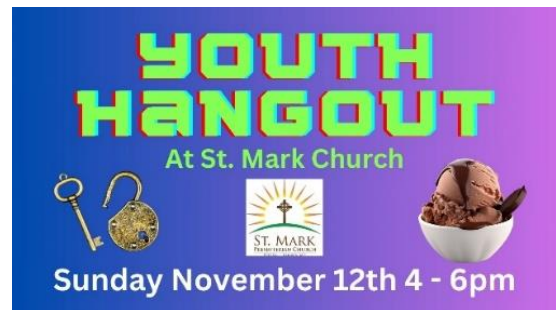
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



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!



Our November Youth Hangout will take place at the church. Bring your favorite topping for ice cream Sundays. We will have a Biblically based Escape Room activity and much more! Hope to see you there.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

THE TRADITION CONTINUES ...

The Angel Tree will once again be making an appearance in the Narthex on Sunday, November 19. Please select an angel or two to help provide a Merry Christmas for one or more children. This year, Children's Ministries has selected Isaiah 58 as the recipient, and they have provided a wish list for our Angel Tree. Please return your gift (\$20-25 range) and place it under the tree with the angel attached by December 17th.



NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Hearty Soups
- Canned Vegetables (not green beans)
- Canned Fruit
- Size 6 Baby Diapers, Baby Wipes
- Adult 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.

WANTED **Winter Coats**

New and gently used clean winter coats and clothing are needed for men, women, and kids, all sizes, and styles. Our mission partners will ensure someone in need receives your gift of warmth! Place your donations in the foyer outside the office.

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY



TRADED IN THE NARTHEX

When you choose Equal Exchange, you're supporting a more equitable alternative trade system that empowers

local communities and small family farms worldwide. Let us know if there are any items that you would like to see more of or less of in our offerings.

HONORING FAMILY AND FRIENDS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE GIVING

Finding the perfect gift for someone who has many wonderful possessions is a difficult task! With this in mind, in 2001 the newly formed Mission



Committee at St. Mark created "Christmas Alternatives." Purchasing a gift through Christmas Alternatives honors the recipient and also helps deserving people who have so little but need so much.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



St. Mark continues our tradition of beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. Please consider ordering one or more to bring home after the services or to be delivered to a homebound member. Order forms can be found on an easel in the Narthex. 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 locally sourced. Please contact Carolyn McBee with questions.

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: Cans of yams, fruit cocktail, pineapple chunks, cranberry sauce, soups and boxes of potatoes (all varieties), rice, baking items, meal "helpers", instant oatmeal. Personal hygiene products are gratefully accepted.



The Holidays are fast approaching, and the hustle and bustle of this happy season will soon begin. For some people, however, this time of year is anything but happy. The holidays have a completely different feeling when you have lost a loved one. Going out to parties, being with people is not what you want to do. Join us for Surviving the Holidays. It is a one-time two-hour session that will try to help you find the tools to get through the holidays. If you have any questions, contact Pastor MP at mpanco@discoverstmark.org.



Blue Christmas service provides a quiet and contemplative worship space as an alternative to the more traditional Christmas gatherings. This service is in honor of those who are experiencing grief and struggling with loss and is a holiday tradition in the U.S. dating back to 1990.

Join us here at St. Mark Presbyterian Church for a service of hope and healing where you will have an opportunity to honor your loved one as you are invited to light a candle in their name. As you depart, you will be handed a small keepsake in remembrance of the service.

The service will be led by Pastor MP and is sponsored by the St. Mark Stephen's Ministry Team.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor MP mpanco@discoverstmark.org.



Parents of preschool and elementary age kids (and anyone else who wants to join) - Join us Friday, December 15, at 6 pm for a holiday potluck and Ugly Sweater Contest. Bring your favorite side dish!

Childcare will be provided at St. Mark from 6-10 pm.

Got to this link to RSVP by December 11

<https://www.evite.com/event/02BAQMXERRINLU7QEEPOM7K4AHX4EQ/> or contact Shelley Lester.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

NEWBORNS IN NEED

The September **Newborns In Need (NIN)** fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to all who supported this PW mission by donating 366 baby items at an estimated value of over \$2,070.00. We collected the following items: 71 sleepers, 39 onesies, 11 knitted or crocheted blankets, 23 knitted hats, 86 fleece blankets, 19 quilts, 42 receiving blankets, 8 packages of diapers, 19 packages of baby wipes, 1 diaper pail and 12 baby board books. From the ABC sale, 2 playpens & clothing were donated at a value of \$60.50. In April we collected a value of \$1,853.50. The grand total value for the 2023 PW donation to **NIN** is an estimated value of over \$3,993.00.

St. Louis mothers will be so appreciative to receive these wonderful baby items. Our next collection will be April, 2024. Thank you from Shirley Boeker and Louise Grothe.



THANK YOU, ST. MARK!

Thank you from Presbyterian Women to all those that volunteered with the Christmas Boutique! We couldn't have done it without your help!



SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 24, 2024

PLEASE SIGN THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PADS!

Ritual of Friendship Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in on these pads and pass to the person sitting next to you. Attendance is important so please sign in so our records are up-to-date.





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

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



Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
Saturday Musician: Mark Reynoso
Sunday Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Sunday Liturgist: Scott Collier