



November 18 & 19, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Now Thank We All Our God

Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
You have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

† HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

Hymnal #612

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess we sin by not honoring you or one another. In your light, we see our iniquities and our wayward deeds. We should live thankful lives, but we grumble against our neighbors and covet what others have. Renew us, restore us, and bring us back to you. We cannot live without your forgiveness. (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

“Give Thanks ”
Sing Twice

Hymnal #647

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

“Is Your God Scary?”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **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

Thank the Lord
Chancel Choir

arr. by Rene Clausen

† **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	“Take My Life”	Hymnal #697
†CHARGE AND BLESSING		
†BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Sunday Worship)	“We Lift Our Voices”	Hymnal #710
POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)	<i>Postlude on DUKE STREET</i>	Mark A. Radical

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

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| 19 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am | 22 NO PRACTICE for Chancel Bells & Choir |
| 19 Confirmation Class, 9 am | 23 & 24 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday |
| 19 Giving Thanks Meal, immediately after worship | 30 Surviving the Holidays, 6:30 pm |
| 20 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | |
| 21 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 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 Anonymous, "With great gratitude for St. Mark Staff; St. Mark Session and Deacons; St. Mark Committee Chairs, committee members and volunteers".

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.



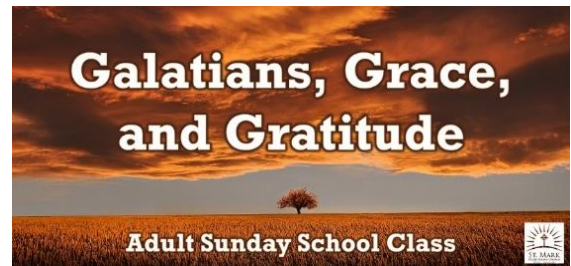
ST. MARK HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

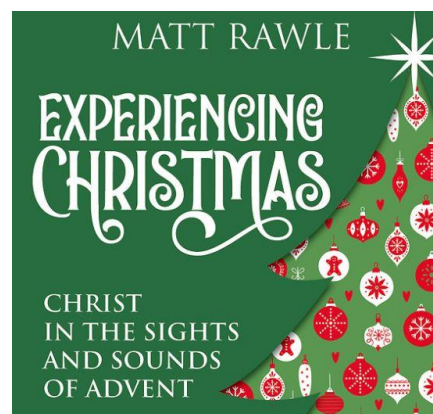
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's bible study meets in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are starting a new book, *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancy. All men are welcome! You may contact Glen Corlett or 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.

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

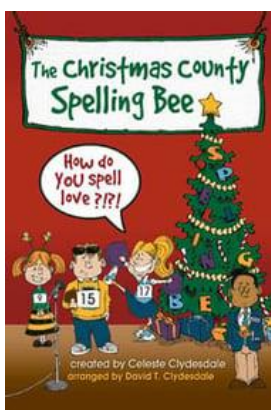
so we put together a birthday cake "kit" for Jesus for you to make at home! Included in each bag is a cake mix, sprinkles, one candle, icing and an advent calendar. It's just our way of saying, "Have a Merry, Blessed Christmas!" (available the first Sunday in Advent -Sunday, December 3rd).

Jingle Mingle

**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!



SPECIAL DELIVERY FROM THE NORTH POLE

Return to Candy Cane Lane, and Enjoy Breakfast with Santa

MENU:
SCRAMBLED EGGS,
BISCUITS/GRAVY,
SAUSAGE, PANCAKES,
FRUIT, COFFEE/HOT COCOA

OUR FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDE- A BAKE SALE AT THE LITTLE ELF BAKE SHOP, ARTS & CRAFTS, CAKE WALK, AND COOKIE DECORATING

SATURDAY 12/9 @ 9:30-11:30

St Mark Presbyterian Church 601 Claymont Dr Ballwin, MO 63011

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

Join Us For...

YOUTH WEDNESDAYS

Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th

SEEK * DISCOVER * SHARE

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.

CONFIRMATION

November Classes 5th, 12th, 19th
contact pastor M.P.
mpanco@discoverstmark.org

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.



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.

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 this Sunday, November 19th.



Saturday
November 18th
10:00 am
or
Thursday
November 30th
6:30 pm

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.



SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 24, 2024

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. Items may be purchased in the Narthex on December 3, 10, and 17.



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.



GO GETTER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our Go Getter Christmas luncheon will be held at St. Mark on December 12 at 12 pm.

Please let Jan Graves or Judy Richardson know of your plans to attend.

Please bring a gift (\$10) for a gift exchange.

Invite a friend to join us for food, fun, and fellowship!



On Sunday, December 17, we invite you to share your nativity/creche with St. Mark before and after worship service. Tables will be provided in the Narthex to set up your display and we encourage you to share your family traditions with the church. For more information contact Sally Shepherd or Mary Beth Powell.

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: Susan Snyder