



January 7, 2024  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it, in such a way that we might bear it into the world – as a people who seek not to preserve what we know but to make palpable who you are – for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 25)

To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls.

**O God, in you we trust. Do not let us be put to shame.**

Teach us your paths and make known to us your ways.

**Lead us in truth, for you are the God of our salvation.**

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

**We come to worship our God in spirit and truth.**

## HYMN

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”**

**Hymnal #363**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but we yield only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we indulge our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, and our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives.**

(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

## † HYMN

**“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”**

**Hymnal #519**

Sing Twice

## SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-38

## SERMON

**“Lies My Preacher Told Me: What is Truth?”**

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.**

† **THE DOXOLOGY****Hymnal #609**

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution Sharing of the Bread & Cup  
Prayer After Communion

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

† **HYMN****“I, the Lord of Sea And Sky”****Hymnal #69**

## †CHARGE AND BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION RESPONSE****“Go to the World!”  
Verse 2****Hymnal #295**

## POSTLUDE

*The Lord is King!*

Edward Broughton

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

Go to the World!  
Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****January**

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| <b>7</b> Adult Sunday School, 8:45 am          | <b>12</b> Friday Bible Study, 9 am                                     |
| <b>7</b> Confirmation Class, 9:00 am           | <b>13</b> Youth Lock-In, 4 pm  |
| <b>7</b> Ordination & Installation of Officers | <b>14</b> Equal Exchange, Fairly Traded in the Narthex                 |
| <b>8</b> Prayer Circle, 9:30 am                | <b>17</b> Potluck Meal & Program, 5 pm                                 |
| <b>9</b> Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am            | <b>24</b> PW Book Club, 9:30 am  |
| <b>9</b> Yoga, 6:30 pm                         | <b>24</b> PW Winter Program, 1 pm & 7 pm                               |
| <b>9</b> Go Getters Luncheon, 12 pm            | <b>28</b> Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship |
| <b>10</b> Youth Wednesdays resume, 6 pm        | <b>28</b> Chili Cook Off, following the annual meeting                 |
| <b>11</b> Chair Exercise, 10 am                | <b>28</b> Youth & Family Outing, 2:30 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.

**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](https://discoverstmark.org).



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 28

The Annual Congregational meeting will take place immediately following worship on January 28. Virtual participation through Zoom will be available. A Zoom invite will be sent out the week of the meeting.

## DECEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Saturday	Sunday In Person	Sunday Online	Total Attendance
Dec. 2 & 3	9	174	72	255
Dec. 9 & 10	10	277	142	429
Dec. 16 & 17	11	158	94	263
Dec. 24	-	100	74	174
Dec. 24 5 pm	-	190	-	190
Dec. 24 7 pm	-	200	81	281
Dec. 31	-	123	81	204

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS!

The following are being ordained and/or installed today:

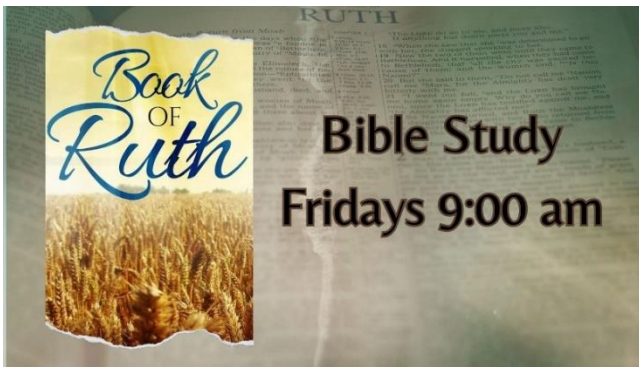
Elders: Bob Lienemann, Eleni Lievin, Lisa Marsh, John Northrip, and Meghan Rouff

Deacons: Monica Buckley, Ann Leonard, Michele Noark, Roy McBee, Robyn Mikes, Joe Miller, Sally Peters, and Phil Rahn

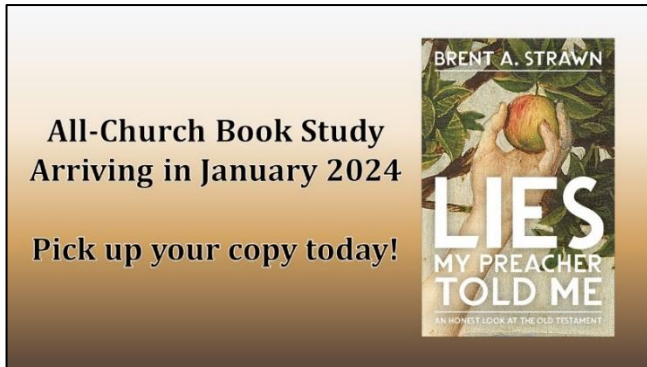
## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's bible study meets in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are reading, *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancy. All men are welcome! You may contact Glen Corlett or Bruce Cranston for more information.



Join us Friday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 am on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> either in person or on Zoom. There is no book to buy. If you have any questions or want the Zoom link, contact pastor MP.



Everyone is welcome to join our Adult Sunday School Class in 2024 as we work through the book, "Lies My Preacher Told Me" together. We gather at 8:50 AM in Room 102, and it's a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, discuss God's Word, and deepen our faith. The class will explore common misconceptions about the Old Testament and ways we can (re)engage the text faithfully. There are a limited number of books available for purchase, but there are several options online. Please let Pastor Dave know if you have any questions.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

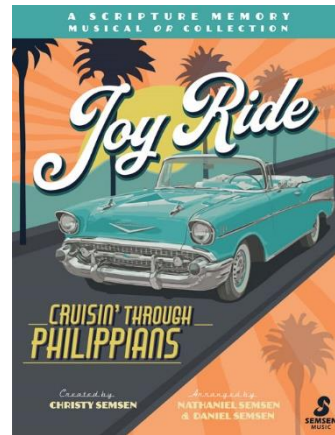
Sunday school for children PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

### 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.



## THE KICKOFF FOR THE MUSICAL, JOY RIDE

Join us for a cruisin' good time as we take a JOY RIDE through the book of Philipians! We are so excited about Joy Ride which will kick off on Wednesday, January 17 (with a beach

party!). This is a Journey through the book of Philipians with easy scripture memorization through songs and drama, games and weekly lessons. What fun!!!! It is my hope that Joy Ride will help us to hide God's word in our hearts through these fantastic verses in Philipians!!! Then, we will share our journey with you on April 21<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm followed by a beach "hang-out" reception for all. Come sign up to join the St. Mark Children's choirs each week - Pre-K (ages 3-4) choir meets from 5-5:25 pm & Elem. SMP choir is for grades K-5 (5:30-6:30 pm) in Fellowship Hall. Contact Latisha Gilliland for more information.



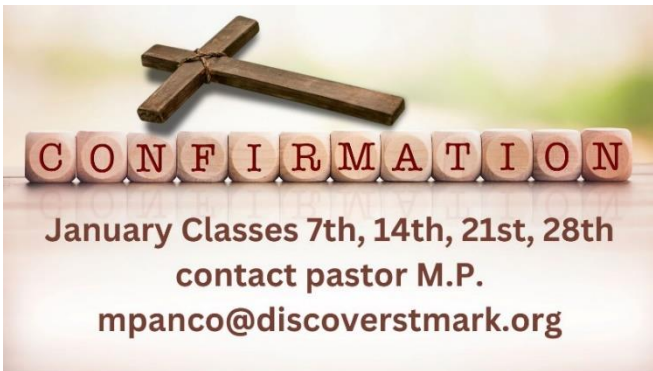
January 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the worship service 11:15 - 12:15 (luncheon). We will be continuing our training through Ozark Christian College and January's topic is Session 4 Classroom Management by Dr. Teresa Roberts. This series of five training sessions has been so encouraging as we continue to construct the bridge between church and family in the spiritual development of our children. Please plan to join us - maybe this is your year to give of your time and gifts to the next generation!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

# YOUTH WEDNESDAYS

Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are meeting Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm (unless noted otherwise) for food, fun, fellowship, and faith! If you have any questions, contact pastor MP or call the church office.



If you have a youth 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

The background of the slide features a light gray, textured surface with a large, faint treble clef and several musical notes scattered across it, creating a musical theme.

**Youth Music Ensemble**

**Upcoming Rehearsals**

**January 14th, 21st**

**Contact Pastor MP**

**[mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org)**



## YOUTH & FAMILY OUTING!

Youth Hangout and family Polar Plunge Tubing Event!  
January 28<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 4:30 pm at Hidden Valley, 17409  
Hidden Valley Dr. Wildwood MO. 63025. For 2 hours  
of tubing the discounted rate per person is \$17. You  
must be at least 42” tall and be able to sit upright on  
an inner tube buy yourself. RSVP to Pastor MP ASAP!  
We will meet at Hidden Valley BUT if you need to  
coordinate a ride for anyone please let Pastor MP  
know and we will make arrangements for  
transportation.



**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 11:00 pm.**

Join us for food, fun, faith, and fellowship! Not sure exactly what this is going to look like but we will be going out to eat at Mi Lupita's for our meal and plan to have some fun games including Hide and Seek 🕵️ Let Pastor MP know if you will be coming and please feel free to invite a friend!



This year for the Super Bowl of Caring, as a little treat to all of us, MP has agreed to dye her hair purple, orange, or blue. To make this happen we need your help. We need to collect enough money plus food in pounds to add up to 1000 total. So, the question is, are you ready to make this happen?

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE THROUGH END OF JANUARY



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. Please place your donations in the foyer outside the church office.

### FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Chili
- Spinach/Greens
- Beans
- Fruit
- Multi-purpose Cleaner\*
- Dish Soap\*



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.

### EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED

January 14 in the  
Narthex

Through fair trade, small-scale farmers are better able to support their families and stay on their land with better income and support from their co-operatives. 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

St. Mark Presbyterian Women  
invites you to join us for a time  
of *learning* about and  
*tasting* the foods of the  
**Feasts of the Bible**  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Reservations may be made at the  
PW Table in the Narthex.

**This event is *NOT* for women only.**





## THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!



St. Mark's Property Committee is actively seeking new members to help us with maintenance of the building, preschool and grounds! We need your time and talents.

Would you be interested in gardening, painting, electrical or minor construction?

Feel free to reach out to Keith Monteith, David Sutch, Mike Vroman, Jean Steward or any other Property Committee members to understand how you can help.



Book club will meet Wednesday, January 24, at 9:30 am. The book for this month's discussion is *A Pearl in the Storm* by Tori Murden McClure. Linda will lead the discussion. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in person. Please contact Judy Richardson for a Zoom invite to participate virtually.



Grief is a journey we are never prepared to take. Have you lost a spouse, family member, or close friend? Are you finding it difficult to talk about your loss? Do you feel nobody understands? GriefShare is a place you can come with caring compassionate people to walk with you on your grief journey. Be with people who are experiencing similar feelings. Let us help you. GriefShare meets weekly for 13 weeks. It is very helpful, but not required to attend all the sessions.

Our next session starts Tuesday February 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The book fee is \$20. For information, contact Debbie Hames

## CHILI COOK OFF

The chili cook off will be Sunday, January 28th immediately following the 10 am church service. If you are interested in competing in the cook off:



1. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or send an email to Judy Richardson.
2. Prepare a crock pot of your famous chili for others to sample!
3. On the 28th please be at your table to give out sample sizes to the tasters and possibly with the "prized" trophy that has been handed down for several years. Please bring extension cords.

If you would like to be a taster just show up with a hankering for some chili! We will have lots of chili to sample, hot dogs, cookies and drinks for everyone! We will be voting with our dollar bills, so bring a few ones to cast your vote with. The chef with the most \$\$\$ in their container after the voting concludes will be the winner! The proceeds go to Claymont Elementary School to help pay off lunch accounts. Hope to see you at this event!



# Go Getters Luncheon January 9 @ 12 pm

The luncheon will be held at  
**Spiro's Restaurant**

1054 North Woods Mill Road

Please invite a friend and join us for food,  
fun, and fellowship.

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

## CLAYMONT PRESCHOOL AT ST. MARK 2024-25 REGISTRATION

It's preschool registration time! Parents and grandparents of St. Mark preschool aged children are offered priority registration from Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> to January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Claymont Preschool enjoys a wonderful reputation for excellent, caring teachers and Kindergarten readiness. Our reputation does cause some classes to fill quickly, so we hope St. Mark members will take advantage of this early registration period.

Our preschool here at St. Mark has classrooms for 3 different age groups: 2-year olds, 3-year olds, and Pre-Kindergarten children. Our school hours are 9:00 to 12:00 with an extended day option until 1:30 for the older children.

Community registration will begin Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a neighbor with a preschool aged child, we hope you will pass our name along to them!

Please call or email Susan Talley at 636-386-5437 or [STalley@DiscoverStMark.org](mailto:STalley@DiscoverStMark.org) for more information. Our registration form and other Missouri State required forms are available at [DiscoverStMark.org](http://DiscoverStMark.org).



## NURSERY WORKER POSITION

We are looking for energetic person or persons to provide childcare for children ages 2 months to 3 years on Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 11:15 am and Wednesday evenings from 6 – 8 pm. Please contact Latisha Gilliland for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2024**



## JANUARY POTLUCK

The midweek potluck meal resumes on Wednesday, January 17 at 5pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for food, fellowship, and an informative program.



## SCOUT SUNDAY 2024

Calling all Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Adventure Guides & Princesses, and Adult Scouters of all ages!

If you participate in scouting, or a similar program, Sunday, February 4, St. Mark will celebrate Scout Sunday 2024. Whether your unit is sponsored by St. Mark or not, plan to show off your unit pride by coming to church in your best dress uniform. Come early, 9-9:15 am, and help as an Usher or Greeter



## SAVE THE DATE!

## DISCOVER MISSION SUNDAY



**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

## Notes

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*Pastor:* Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess  
*Associate Pastor:* Rev. MP Panco  
*Dir. of Children's Ministry:* Latisha Gilliland  
*Dir. of Claymont Preschool:* Susan Talley



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*Dir. of Music:* Ethan Forte  
*Sunday Accompanist & Organist:* Jee-Hye Lee  
*Special Music:* Ethan Forte & Jee-Hye Lee  
*Sunday Liturgist:* Victoria Sherman