



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) • BALLWIN, MO

February 18, 2024
Worship Bulletin

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Liturgists: Glenn Knopf

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

J. Birch www.faithandworship.com

This world tempts us with bright lights, city streets, tempting sights and sounds.
This world tempts us with objects of desire, raises us up, knocks us down.
This world tempts us to believe its lies, challenges us to live them.
This world tempts us to reject our God, accuses us and hates us.
This world tempts us to disbelieve the truth that nothing can defeat us.

PRELUDE

A Prayer

William Stickles

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the waters to the wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
for where he is, we would be also.

† HYMN

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

Hymnal #166

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. We continue to pray in Jesus' name. (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

“Baptized in Water”

Hymnal #482

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

“Lies My Preacher Told Me: Travelers and Tourists”

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

Lord, Have Mercy
Chancel Choir

Steve Merkel
arr. Lloyd Larson

† 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

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

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†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
Verses 1 and 3

Hymnal #817

POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock

Terry Kirkland

† In body or in spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

18 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am

19 Church Office is closed

20 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

20 Yoga, 6:30 pm

21 Potluck dinner & program, 5 pm

21 Chair Exercise, 10 am

24 Trivia Night, 5 pm

25 Blood Drive, 8:30 am

28 Book Club, 9:30 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.

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.

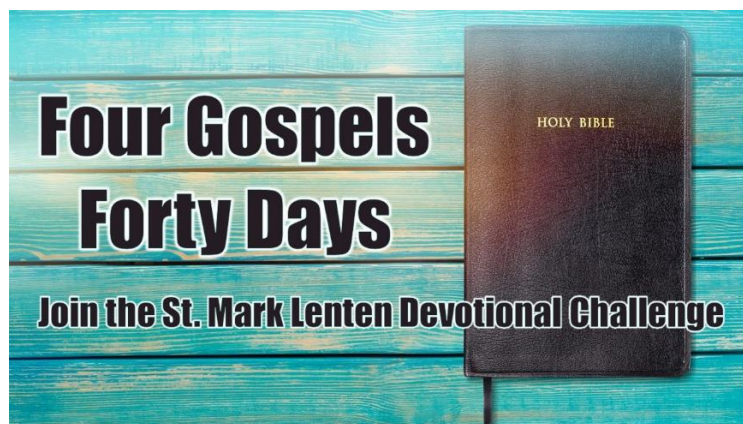


PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

The pastors are generally available at the following times: Pastor Dave - Monday through Thursday from 8:15 am – 1 pm. Pastor MP - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. Both are available at other times by appointment. Please contact the church office to confirm their availability or to schedule an appointment.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of the President's Day holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 20.



During the season of Lent, Pastor Dave challenges the congregation to read passages from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each day of the forty days of Lent. See the last page of the bulletin for you guide to reading four gospels in forty days.

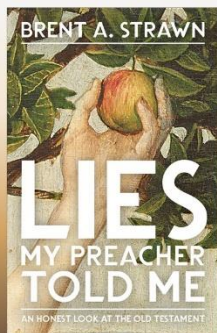
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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.

All-Church Book Study Arriving in January 2024

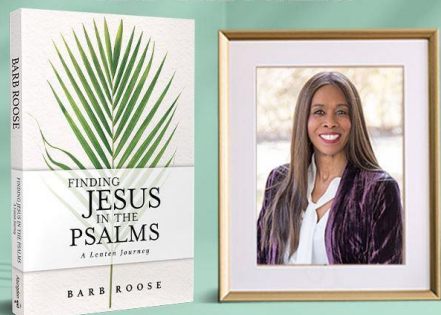
Pick up your copy today!



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. The class will explore common misconceptions about the Old Testament and ways we can (re)engage the text faithfully. Please let Pastor Dave know if you have any questions.

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

A MEANINGFUL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS AND THE PSALMS



Upcoming Friday morning Lenten study February 2nd, 9th, 16th, March 1st, 8th, 22nd

Join Bible study author Barb Roose in a meaningful encounter with the Psalms through the season of Lent.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

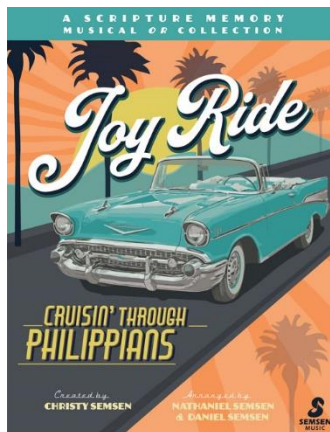
Sunday school for children PreK - 5th grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

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.



THE MUSICAL, JOY RIDE

The St. Mark Children's choirs meet each week - Pre-K (ages 3-4) from 5 - 5:25 pm and Elementary choir (grades K-5) from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will share our journey with you on April 21st at 4:00 pm followed by a beach

"hang-out" reception for all. Contact Latisha Gilliland for more information.

Join us on Sunday, February 18 after worship for our Session #5 luncheon, "Parents and Children" – Faith Conversations. We encourage you to join

us even if you are not teaching Sunday School and especially if you have children between the ages of 0-12! Childcare & lunch will be provided. Our meeting will be immediately after the morning worship service in room 102. There will also be a chance to preview our VBS theme for 2024!



JOIN US FROM 11 AM – 12 PM!



VBS SAVE THE DATE! JULY 15-19



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT

This year our youth will travel to the Gulf Coast, helping with hurricane related clean up. In order to fund this trip, the youth are hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb 24, 2024. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and trivia will begin at 6:00 pm. The evening includes 10 rounds of trivia, a silent auction, and games & prizes. Register now! The price per table of 8 is \$200. Registrations forms are on the youth table in the narthex or go to discoverstmark.org to register and pay online. Please contact Heather Neal for more information.



Youth 6th 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.

MISSION AT ST. MARK



LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE

Pastor Dave has encouraged his congregations for the past to drink only clean tap water for the 40 days of Lent and donate the money not spent on other beverages to support the building of clean water wells in Africa. Giving up the morning trip to our favorite coffee spot, or the beverage with our drive through meal, or the evening adult beverage, will help us comprehend how much money we spend on beverages. We are blessed to have clean water in our community, and this challenge helps us to understand the needs of those who have less, and support groups who are working to provide living water for all God's children.

COAT COLLECTION EXTENDED THROUGH THE END OF FEBRUARY



New and gently used clean winter coats AND cold weather clothing are still needed -- especially adults size XL and up. The larger sizes are helpful with layering. Please place your donations in the foyer outside the church office.

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Jelly
- Flavored Oatmeal Packets
- Dinner “Helpers”
- Condiments – Ketchup, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise
- Body Wash – Adult and Children’s*



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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February 25, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) & enter: Saintmarkpres to schedule an appointment

Midweek Church Potluck February 21 – 5:00 PM



Lies, Dang Lies, & Statistics*

Wednesday, February 21 Following the Potluck

* A Conversation About All the Things We Need to Unlearn

WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet Wednesday, February 28, at 9:30 am. The book for this month’s discussion is *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in person. Please contact Judy Richardson for a Zoom invite to participate virtually.



CELEBRATE EASTER WITH HANDMADE CANDY!

Presbyterian Women are selling delicious handmade salted caramel and chocolate bark (with or without almonds) just in time for Easter. Candy sales will be before and after worship service on March 3, 10, & 17 for \$10 each and will be available on March 24. All proceeds go to the missions that Presbyterian Women support.

spaghetti Supper

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March 2nd, 2024 – 4PM to 8PM

All you can eat!

Spaghetti, meatballs, bread
salad, and deserts

Vegan & Gluten Free options

Dine In and Carry Out only \$10
(5 and under are free)

Tickets available Sunday Mornings
or at the door

FOUR GOSPELS IN FORTY DAY READING SCHEDULE

DAY	PASSAGE	DAY	PASSAGE	DAY	PASSAGE
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2112 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some valley; he had to walk
 2. We must walk this lone-some valley; we have to walk
 3. You must go and stand your tri-al; you have to stand

— it by him - self. Oh, nobody else could walk it
 — it by our - selves. Oh, nobody else can walk it
 — it by your - self. Oh, nobody else can stand it

for him; he had to walk it by him - self.
 for us; we have to walk it by our - selves.
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