



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

February 25, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Robert W. Thygerson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creating Lord, we come to you with hopeful hearts.

Create in us a clean heart.

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
let us remember your mighty deeds.

**Help us to believe where we cannot see
and go where you lead.**

Saving God, we praise you for your loving sacrifice on Calvary's hill.

Give us the strength to take up our crosses and follow you.

† HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymnal #37

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we are not sincere in our faith. We claim to follow Jesus, but we avoid his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earth gain and acclaim. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (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

“Be Still, My Soul”

Hymnal #819

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

“Lies My Preacher Told Me: Crutches and Crosses”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism Question One

Q.1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth
Chancel Bells

J.D. Frizzell

† **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**

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

Hymnal #728

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

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

Hymnal #817

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden

J.S. Bach

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

25 Blood Drive, 8:30 am

25 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am

25 Confirmation Class, 9:00 am

26 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

27 Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am

27 Yoga, 6:30 pm

28 Book Club, 9:30 am

29 Chair Exercise, 10 am

March

3 Troop 631 Spaghetti Supper, 4 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 Judy Richardson "in memory of my mother who would have been 96 on March 19th."

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.



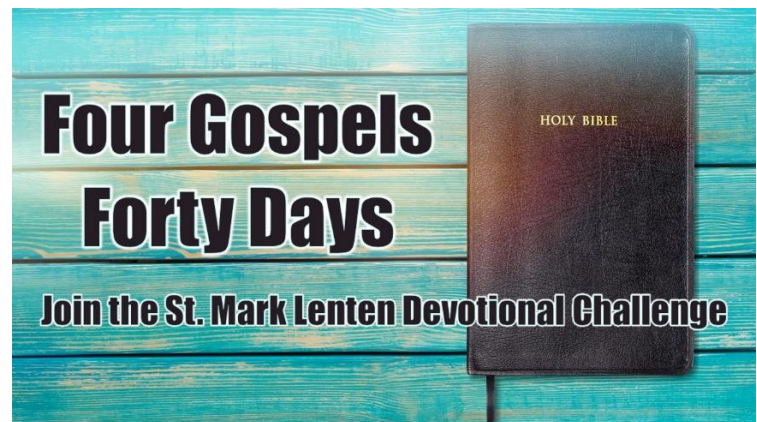
PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

The pastors are generally available: 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

In Mark 10, we hear the familiar story of the young ruler who asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus instructs him to go, sell everything he has, give it to the poor, and then follow him. What does this say to us? We are rich compared to the rest of the world. What are we to do with our affluence?

One Great Hour of Sharing provides us a chance to share and connects us with people coming together to respond to the needs in their neighborhoods and worldwide. It is the largest way Presbyterians connect with one another and unite with congregations in every corner of the Church and with partners all over the world. Participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing.

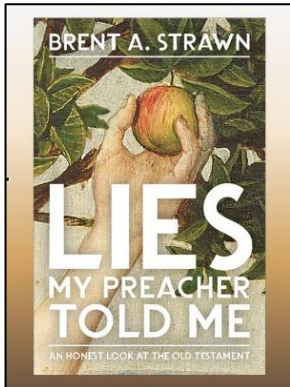


During the season of Lent, Pastor Dave challenges the congregation to read passages from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each day of the forty days of Lent. See the last page of the bulletin for your guide to reading four gospels in forty days.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

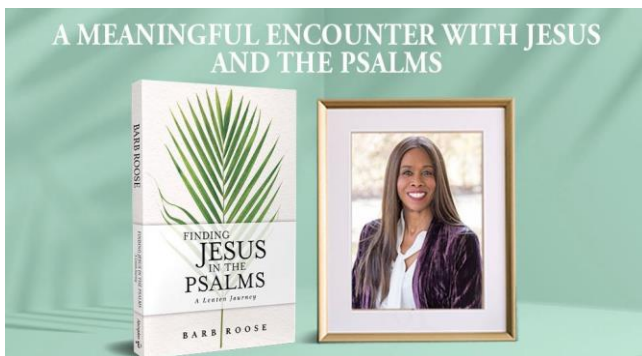
The men's bible study meets in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are reading, *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancy. All men are welcome! You may contact Glen Corlett or Bruce Cranston for more information.



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



Upcoming Friday morning Lenten study 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

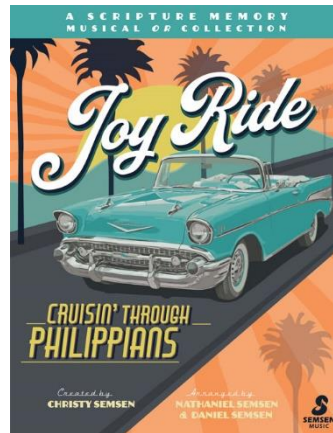
Sunday school for children PreK - 5th grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

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.



VBS SAVE THE DATE! JULY 15-19

Registration opens March 4!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



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 encourages us 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, 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

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

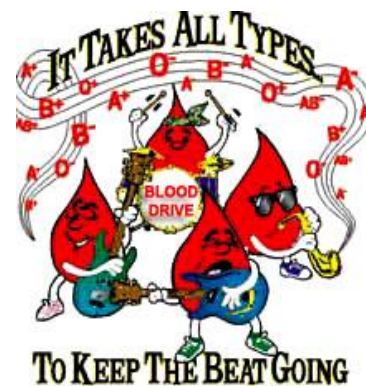
- Jelly
- Flavored Oatmeal Packets
- Dinner "Helpers"
- Condiments – Ketchup, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise
- Body Wash – Adult and Children's*



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
Walk-Ins Welcome!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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 on March 3, 10, & 17 for \$10 each and will be available for pick up on March 24. All proceeds go to the missions that Presbyterian Women support.



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. Sessions are on Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The book fee is \$20. For information, contact Debbie Hames.



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**

DEACON'S FLOWER MINISTRY AT ST. MARK

As Deacons, our mission is one of compassion and service and the flower ministry has been a blessing to the many who have both received and delivered the arrangements. The flower ministry has continually adapted to the needs of the community and in recent years the declining need and desire for delivered flowers has prompted the Deacons to evaluate the existing Flower Honorarium and Delivery Program.

As disciples of Christ, we are led by the movement of the Holy Spirit and are called to follow. With the help of our church family, we would like to invite you to join us in the newest expression of this wonderful ministry. Going forward, we are asking those who order sanctuary flowers, Easter Lilies, or Poinsettias, to take them home, perhaps sharing them with a fellow church member or neighbor who might appreciate them. This gives each of you the opportunity to share in this wonderful ministry.

The flower committee will continue to order weekly sanctuary flowers for those who sign up. Revised order forms for weekly flowers and holiday flowers will be available on the flower chart easel in the Narthex. To ensure that we always have flowers on Sunday mornings, the flower committee is assembling a set of beautiful artificial arrangements that will be used when none have been ordered.

Thank you for your continued support.

FOUR GOSPELS IN FORTY DAYS READING SCHEDULE

DAY	PASSAGE
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Matthew 1-2
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DAY	PASSAGE
<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Mark 6-7
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DAY	PASSAGE
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<input type="checkbox"/>	40 John 20-21

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
Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Liturgists: Ronnie Oglesby