



February 4, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy One, you call us to live our lives as builders on the framework of justice and mercy you have constructed. Lead us not to build monuments to human vanity, but structures of care, compassion, and justice for the world you created in beauty and love. Guide us this day so we may build a house where all are welcome. Amen.

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Matthew McConnell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR SCOUTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and we will observe it to the end.

**Give us understanding,
that we may keep your law
and observe it with our whole hearts.**

Lead us in the path of your commandments,
for we delight in that path.

**Turn our hearts to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.**

**Turn our eyes from looking at vanities;
give us life in your ways.**

† HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

Hymnal #305

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness, but we forsake your commandments. We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled. We have not been truthful in our daily business; we have been unjust in our judgment of others. We have sought vengeance against our enemies; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins and rouse us to sincere repentance. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people with 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

“Dona nobis pacem”
Sing Twice

Hymnal #752

SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 24:10-23

SERMON

“Lies My preacher Told Me: An Eye for an Eye”

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

Faith Is the Victory
Jee-Hye Lee, piano

arr. Bob Walters

† 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

† HYMN

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Hymnal #765

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go to the World!”
Verse 2

Hymnal #295

POSTLUDE

Marche Heroique

William Stickles

† In body or in spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

4 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am

4 Scout Sunday

5 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

6 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

6 Yoga, 6:30 pm

8 Chair Exercise, 10 am

9 Friday Bible Study, 9 am

9-10 PW Women's Retreat

11 Discover Mission Sunday

11 Souper Bowl of Caring

11 Super Bowl Party at the Burgess, 5 pm

13 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm

13 Grief Share, 6:30 pm

14 Ash Wednesday, 7 pm

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

Pastor Dave is generally available in the church office Monday – Thursday from 8:15 am – 1 pm. Pastor MP is generally available in the church office on 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.

JANUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Sunday	Sunday	Total Attendance
	In Person	Online	
January 7	170	113	283
January 14	108	146	254
January 21	106	114	220
January 28	148	66	214



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.

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.

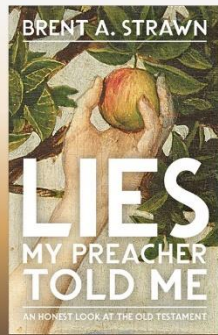
NURSERY

Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 11:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN

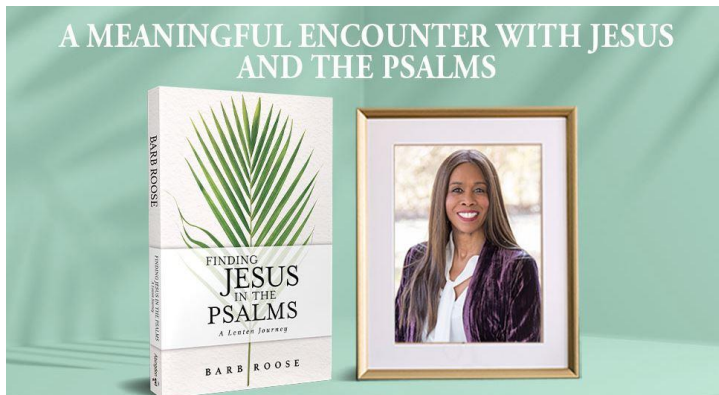
Please be sure to sign in your student(s) for Sunday School! Parents will receive a card after Time With Children with a QR code for access to the sign in. Please register your student(s) so that we can contact you via text if needed.

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, 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. Please let Pastor Dave know if you have any questions.

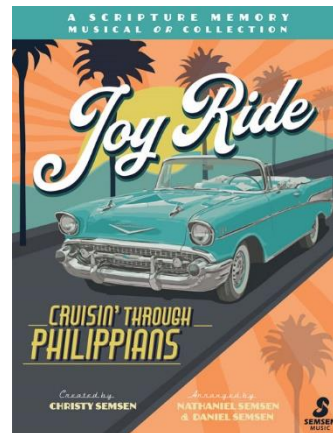
FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY



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.

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THE MUSICAL, JOY RIDE

We are so excited about the journey through the book of Philippians with easy scripture memorization through songs and drama, games and weekly lessons. What fun!!!! 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.

Come join us for our Session #5 luncheon about "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 summer 2024!





Students 7th grade and older meet weekly, with their mentors, to talk about their faith and what they believe about Jesus, religion, the church, and more. It's never too late to join! Contact Pastor MP for more information.



VBS SAVE THE DATE! JULY 15-19



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING, FEBRUARY 11!

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 1,000 total. So, the question is, are you ready to make this happen?

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.





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.

We are currently seeking donations of gift cards, tickets to local sporting events, theater shows, or music venues for silent auction baskets. Donations of bottled water and cans of soda are also needed for the event. Please contact Heather Neal for more information.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED

February 11 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!).

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.





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.

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.



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.



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



The Youth Group and their families are invited to enjoy the Super Bowl at the Burgess House on February 11 from 5 - 9 pm. Bring a friend, a favorite appetizer to share, and some football fever as we enjoy the game, the commercials, and this time together. Everyone is welcome to this annual event!



FEBRUARY POTLUCK

You are invited on Wednesday, February 21 at 5pm to bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for food, fellowship, and an informative program.

Go Getters Luncheon February 13 @ 12 pm

The luncheon will be held at
Candicci's Restaurant

100 Holloway Rd, Ballwin

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.



AND THE WINNER IS...

The annual St. Mark Chili Cook-Off took place in Gleason Hall on Sunday, January 28, with 10 contestants vying for the coveted traveling trophy. It's fairly safe to say that the competition was "fierce", but more importantly, fun, with many members enjoying samples of all the varieties of chili, along with hot dogs and many yummy desserts. People voted for their favorite chili with dollars, which will be donated to Claymont Elementary School to help assist with student lunch accounts. Over \$650 was raised, showing once again the generosity of the congregation of St. Mark! The team of Valery and Sarah Steiner (Table #4) came in third place, Nina Collier (Table #5) took second place, and the champion crowned for the 2024 Chili Cook-Off was Dave Burgess (Table #2)! Kudos to all our wonderful chefs; you all did an amazing job (and better luck next year!) Also, many thanks to our Cook-Off chairs, Judy Richardson, Carolyn McBee and Pam Ladley and all the members of the Fellowship Committee for putting together a great event!



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.

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.

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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
Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Jee-Hye Lee
Liturgists: James Biehle, Ashley Lester, & Isaiah Meese