



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

March 10, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Guided by your revelation, we are compelled to seek your wisdom as we continue the Lenten journey. We are filled with awesome wonder that you would love us so, trust us so, and move within us. Now fill our spirits with hope, humility, and resolve, that we might be your will in the world. Open our hearts to accept this call upon our lives. May our sacred service be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

PRELUDE

Reflection on "Bradbury"

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter into worship together, reflections of God's glory.

Inspired by God's presence, we gather to join in praise.

In joy, we lift our voices.

With adoration, we express our gratitude.

† HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

Hymnal #634

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. (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

"Come Thou Font"

Hymnal #475

SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21

SERMON

"Lies My Preacher Told Me: For God So Loved"

Rev. MP Panco

† 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.

OFFERTORY

Wondrous Love
Chancel Choir

Larry Shackley

† 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

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Hymnal #700

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"
Verses 1 and 3

Hymnal #817

POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Anthony Giamanco

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

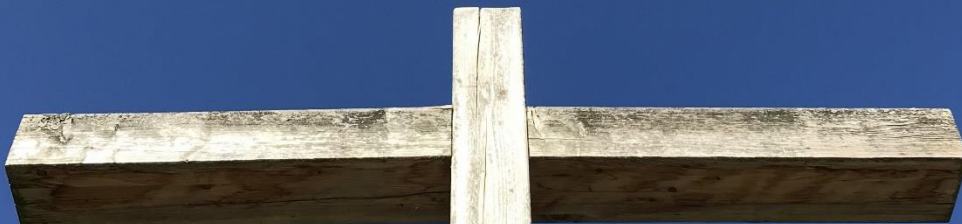
March

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| 10 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am | 16 Landscape Cleanup, 8:30 am |
| 10 Confirmation Class, 9:00 am | 20 March Potluck & Program, 5 pm |
| 10 Equal Exchange in the Narthex | 24 Jerusalem Festival |
| 10 Youth Hangout, 4 pm | 27 Book Club, 9:30 am |
| 11 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 28 Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 pm |
| 12 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 29 Journey to the Cross, 11 am |
| 12 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm | 29 Good Friday Worship, 3 pm |
| 12 Yoga, 6:30 pm | 30 Bunny Breakfast, 9 am |
| 14 Chair Exercise, 10 am | 31 Easter Sunday Worship, 10 am |

Holy Week at St. Mark

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| Sunday, March 24 | Palm Sunday Worship Service, 10 am
Jerusalem Festival, 11 am |
| Thursday, March 28 | Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 7 pm |
| Friday, March 29 | Journey To The Cross, 11 am - 7 pm
Good Friday Worship Service, 3 pm |
| Saturday, March 30 | Bunny Breakfast, 9 am |
| Sunday, March 31 | Easter Sunday Worship Service, 10 am |

Go to Discoverstmark.org and click on Events for more details



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 Norm & Valery Steiner "Given in memory of Norm Steiner's parents, Russell & Gloria Steiner"

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 Friday 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

Self Development of People

For Shawn Duncan, it's the little things — like getting a birthday card — that mean a lot. Perhaps it's because Duncan, a military veteran living in Las Vegas, hadn't had a mailbox in years. Or a home.

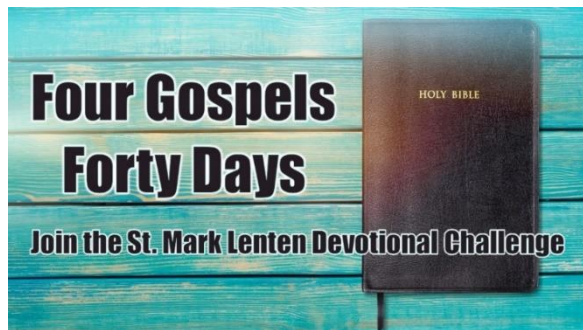
A native of Michigan with no strong family ties, Duncan had been struggling for years with homelessness and mental health issues — including PTSD — when a chance encounter on Facebook with his former youth pastor changed the direction of his life. The pastor introduced Shawn to Caridad Gardens, a Las Vegas-based nonprofit dedicated to helping and "humanizing the homeless" — through job skills training and mental, emotional and physical wellness programs.

The unique, street-centered, V.I.P. "concierge approach" of Caridad Gardens is made possible, in part, through a grant from the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP), which is in turn supported by Presbyterians' generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.



St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Easter lilies grace homes and churches each spring as

a symbol of purity, joy, hope and life. We encourage you to order one or more lilies to brighten your home or consider sharing one with a loved one or neighbor. The cost is \$8.85 per plant. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel in the Narthex. The order deadline is March 17. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn McBee.

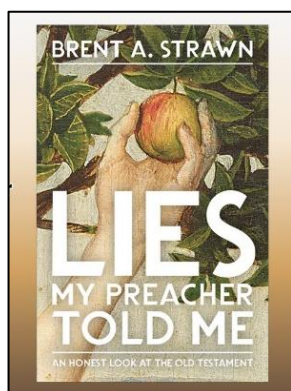


During the season of Lent, Pastor Dave challenges the congregation to read passages from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each day of the forty days of Lent. See the back of the bulletin for your guide to reading four gospels in forty days.

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.



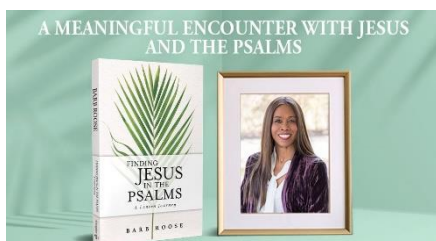
Everyone is welcome to join our Adult Sunday School Class as we work through the book, "Lies My Preacher Told Me" together. We gather at 8:50 am in Room 102. The class will explore common misconceptions about the Old Testament and ways we can (re)engage the text faithfully. Please let Pastor

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.



Bunny Breakfast



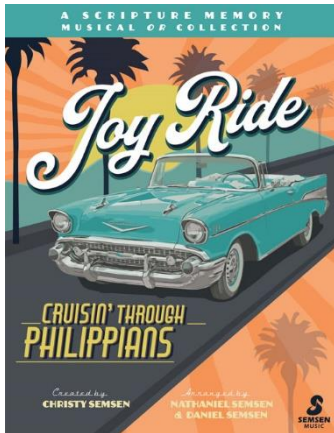
March 30 9-11 a.m.

We hope you can join us for this outside event! The egg hunt times are as follows: Ages 3 & under – 9:30, Preschool to Kindergarten – 9:50, 1st & 2nd Graders – 10:10, all ages – 10:30.



VBS SAVE THE DATE! JULY 15-19

Go to discoverstmark.org to register your family!



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.

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.

MARCH FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED



- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables (no green beans or corn)
- Shampoo & Toothpaste*
- 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.





March 10 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, environmentally sustainable, and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers and consumers (that's us!). *Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet Wednesday, March 27 at 9:30 am. The book for this month's discussion is **Mad Honey** by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan. 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 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.



Presbyterian Women need volunteers making and boxing the candy on Wednesday, March 20 at 9 am. Please sign up at the PW table in the Narthex if you can help!

Go Getters Luncheon

March 12 @ 12 pm

The luncheon will be held at
Edgewild Restaurant & Winery
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.



Midweek Church Potluck

March 20 – 5:00 PM



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.



TROOP 631

LAWNMOWER TUNEUP SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Tune up services include blade sharpening, oil change, air filter cleaning, spark plug clean and gap, clean underside & deck. **Tune ups only – no repairs!** Appointments are encouraged, not required. You will receive a call/text when your mower is ready. All mowers will be ready for pick up by 1 pm.

Donations are appreciated and encouraged. Funds help our scouts attend camp and experience adventures that foster good citizenship, love of the outdoors, and leadership skills

Pre-register, schedule, & donate ahead at this link or scan the link or scan the QR code:
<http://bit.ly/T631Lawnmower>



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CIRCLE OF CONCERN 18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE!
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB



Hosted by St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Benefitting the programs of Circle of Concern
Contact Bob Steward if you'd like to volunteer!

FOUR GOSPELS IN FORTY DAYS READING SCHEDULE

DAY	PASSAGE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Matthew 1–2
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DAY	PASSAGE
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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: Chancel Choir
Liturgists: Jack Carter