



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

March 17, 2024  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may you write your law of love on our hearts. Draw us closer to your way, to your cross, and to your love for the world. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

William Moore

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 119)

Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
**who walk in the law of the LORD.**  
Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
**who seek him with their whole heart.**  
We will praise you with upright hearts,  
**when we learn your righteous ordinances.**  
We delight in your statutes;  
**We will not forget your word.**

## † HYMN

**“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”**

**Hymnal #250**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeeming God, we confess we do not love you with our whole heart, and we do not love our neighbors as we ought; we stray so far from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and stumble no more. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus.** (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

**“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**Hymnal #724**

## SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-33

## SERMON

**“Lies My Preacher Told Me: Living our CREDO”**

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

My Dying Lord  
Chancel Choir

David Lantz III

**† 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****"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"****Hymnal #753****†CHARGE AND BLESSING****†BENEDICTION  
RESPONSE****"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"  
Verses 1 and 3****Hymnal #817**

POSTLUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

Terry Kirkland

*† In body or in spirit, please rise.***UPCOMING EVENTS****March**

<b>17</b>	Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am	<b>24</b>	Palm Sunday Worship, 10 am
<b>17</b>	Confirmation Class, 9:00 am	<b>24</b>	Jerusalem Festival
<b>18</b>	Prayer Circle, 9:30 am	<b>27</b>	Book Club, 9:30 am
<b>19</b>	Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am	<b>28</b>	Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 pm
<b>19</b>	Yoga, 6:30 pm	<b>29</b>	Journey to the Cross, 11 am
<b>20</b>	March Potluck & Program, 5 pm	<b>29</b>	Good Friday Worship, 3 pm
<b>21</b>	Chair Exercise, 10 am	<b>30</b>	Bunny Breakfast, 9 am
<b>22</b>	Friday Bible Study, 9 am	<b>31</b>	Easter Sunday Worship, 10 am

## Holy Week at St. Mark

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

Go to [Discoverstmark.org](http://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 Walz family "In memory of Renata Walz."

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



### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

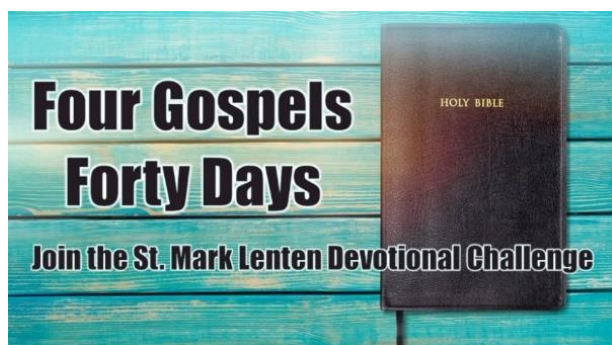
The pastors are generally available: Pastor Dave - Monday through Thursday from 8:15 am – 1 pm. Pastor MP - Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9 am – 12 pm. Both are available at other times by appointment. Please contact the church office to confirm their availability or to schedule an appointment.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Disaster Assistance covers more than hurricanes and earthquakes, although there is a lot of work to be done there. Currently PDA is addressing issues around the flooding in Pakistan, war in Ukraine, Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, tropical storms in Madagascar and Malawi, drought in East Africa and many more. There is also involvement with refugees—housing and food—even in the US for the influx of refugees being evacuated from Afghanistan, assistance for migrant shelters, transit ministries, etc..

\$3.1 million has been utilized in 35 countries. 228,318 Gift of the Heart Kits and Blankets have been distributed. But those actions cover a small part of what PDA provides to the local area.

PDA's specialty is long-term response, and its partner ministries in the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly are part of a broad, sustained response, as well as advocacy offices in Washington, at the United Nations and [Presbyterian World Mission](#).



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.



Join us on Good Friday March 29th between the hours of 11 am and 7 pm for a spiritual self-guided journey through an ecumenical version of the stations of the cross. Upon arrival you will be greeted by someone who will provide you with a map and instructions. This journey is a time for each one of us to connect with God in a special way as we contemplate the last hours of Jesus earthly life. We can then examine how those contemplations speak to our own spiritual life in Christ Jesus.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

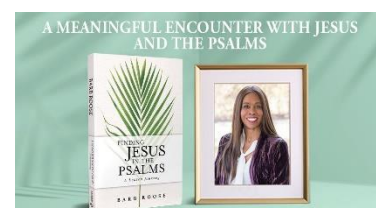
The Men's Bible Study meets in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are reading, What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancy. All men are welcome! You may contact Glen Corlett or Bruce Cranston for more information.

### FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Upcoming Friday morning  
Lenten study March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 - 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.



## VBS SAVE THE DATE! JULY 15-19

Registration is open! Go to [discoverstmark.org](https://discoverstmark.org).



## Bunny Breakfast

Egg Hunts

Activities

Donut & Drink

Crafts



March 30 9-11 a.m.

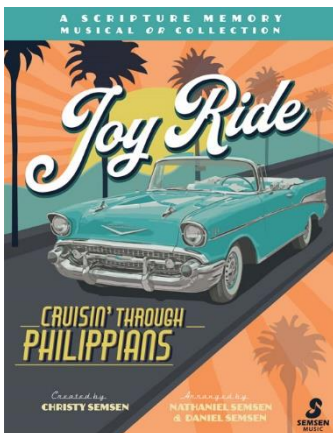
The egg hunt times are as follows: Ages 3 & under – 9:30, Preschool to Kindergarten – 9:50, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders – 10:10, all ages – 10:30.

## Join us for... YOUTH WEDNESDAYS

March 6th, 13th, 27th



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.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm followed by a beach "hang-out"

reception for all. Contact Latisha Gilliland for more information.



## 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. 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 entrance by the church office.

### MIDWEEK POTLUCK AND PROGRAM – MARCH 20

Join us on March 20th for a presentation by Ellie and Carlton Stock: **THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS AND THE FAITH RESPONSE**

We welcome the Reverends Carleton and Ellie Stock, retired ministers in the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, to kick off the April series on the environment. They will lead the group in a discussion of the current ecological crisis and how people of faith can respond to it in their personal lives and their faith communities, workplaces, schools, and community. The Stocks have lived in Dellwood, MO since 1998, and served as Co-Pastors of the former Northminster Presbyterian Church for 13 years. In retirement their focus is an environmental ministry in the church and the community. St. Mark has supported their daughter, Chenoa's mission via Christmas Alternatives. They have been active for 13 years at the Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, one of ten Earth Care Congregations in the presbytery.



### 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!

### 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 need volunteers to help make and box the candy on Wednesday, March 20 at 9 am. Please sign up at the PW table in the Narthex if you can help! Candy orders may be picked up on Sunday, March 24.



### MOUND RIDGE ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 13, Mound Ridge will host their annual silent auction fundraiser.

Join them for an afternoon of great food, fun, raffles, auction items, and games. The cost is \$60 per ticket with lunch included. All proceeds help Mound Ridge provide a discounted or cost-free camp experience to all children and youth. Go to [moundridge.org](http://moundridge.org) for more information.





PW is collecting for Newborns in Need during the month of April. Newborns In

Need is a charity that specializes in the needs of babies facing health or economic crisis In St. Louis. It is a local and national nonprofit organization.

**New and gently used baby items** such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts, sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers are accepted and may be placed in the Pac n Play by the PW table.

**Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.** Make checks out to Newborns In Need and ask for a tax receipt. Mail to: **Newborns In Need** c/o Judy Giovanoni, 310 Oxford Ridge Ct., Ellisville, MO 63021. For more information, call Shirley Boeker or Louis Grothe.



**TROOP 631**

## LAWNMOWER TUNEUP SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 8 am – 1 pm

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

Taking place at Primrose School, 15031 Manchester Rd.

Pre-register, schedule, & donate ahead at this link or scan the link or scan the QR code:

<http://bit.ly/T631Lawnmower>



## FOUR GOSPELS IN FORTY DAYS READING SCHEDULE

DAY	PASSAGE	DAY	PASSAGE	DAY	PASSAGE
1	Matthew 1–2	15	Mark 6–7	29	Luke 22–24
2	Matthew 3–4	16	Mark 8–10	30	John 1–2
3	Matthew 5–7	17	Mark 11–13	31	John 3–4
4	Matthew 8–9	18	Mark 14–16	32	John 5–6
5	Matthew 10–12	19	Luke 1–2	33	John 7–8
6	Matthew 13–14	20	Luke 3–4	34	John 9–10
7	Matthew 15–16	21	Luke 5–6	35	John 11–12
8	Matthew 17–18	22	Luke 7	36	John 13–14
9	Matthew 19–20	23	Luke 8–9	37	John 15–16
10	Matthew 21–23	24	Luke 10–11	38	John 17
11	Matthew 24–25	25	Luke 12–13	39	John 18–19
12	Matthew 26–28	26	Luke 14–16	40	John 20–21
13	Mark 1–3	27	Luke 17–19		
14	Mark 4–5	28	Luke 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: Loren Polak