



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

March 3, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Gracious God, whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world, we thank you for the scandal of the cross. In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing. You scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box. You correct our notions of piety and order with fierce passion. Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution. Raze to ruins what is distorted in us and raise us to new life as a community so we may be the body of Christ in and for the world. With fear and joy, we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

PRELUDE

Song of Life

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 19)

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
They are more desirable than gold,
and sweeter than honey.
In keeping them is great reward.

† HYMN

“Better Is One Day”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except for you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships – with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. (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** "I Danced in the Morning" **Hymnal #157**

SCRIPTURE John 2:13-22

SERMON "Lies My Preacher Told Me: Convenience or Community" Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **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 The Whisper Chancel Choir Craig Courtney

† **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

ANTHEM Old Rugged Cross, Nearer My God to Thee, Near the Cross
Chancel Bells Arr. Ethan Forte

† **HYMN** "Your Only Son" **Hymnal #518**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†**BENEDICTION** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" **Hymnal #817**
RESPONSE Verses 1 and 3

POSTLUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Stephen L. Aber

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

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

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 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.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

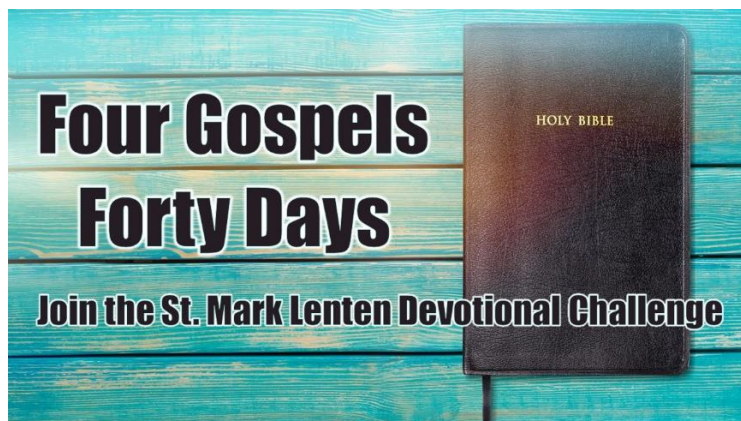
	Sunday	Sunday	Total Attendance
	In Person	Online	
February 4	157	152	309
February 11	163	80	243
February 18	158	112	270
February 25	143	95	238



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.

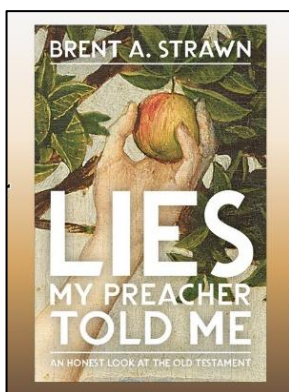


During the season of Lent, Pastor Dave challenges the congregation to read passages from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each day of the forty days of Lent. See the back of the bulletin for your guide to reading four gospels in forty days.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

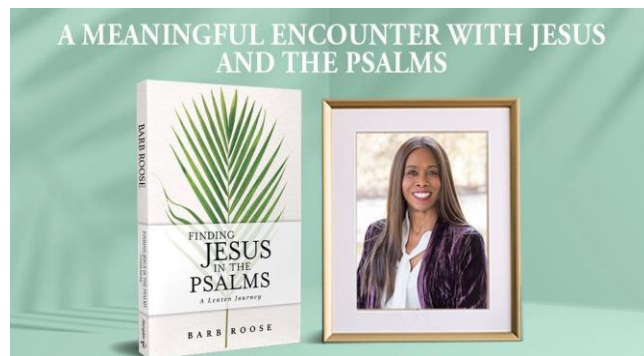
ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

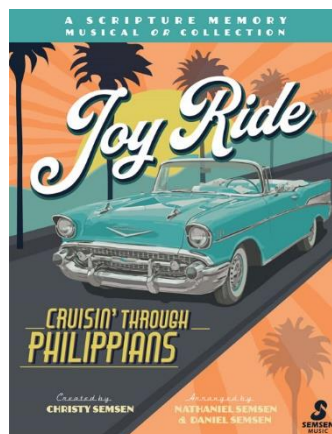
Sunday school for children PreK - 5th grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

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.



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!



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.

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.



THANK YOU!

St. Mark Presbyterian Church's 2024 Collection

raised:

\$1,306 and 735 lbs. of food

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 11, 2024

Alison Reese
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for your generous contributions for the Souper Bowl of Caring here at St. Mark! \$1,306 and 735 pounds of food were collected and Pastor MP is sporting a very colorful do!

Youth Music Ensemble

Upcoming Rehearsals

March 3rd, 10th

Contact Pastor MP

mpanco@discoverstmark.org

EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED



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.



Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and contributed time to the youth Trivia Night fundraiser! Over \$9,500 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip. We had a successful event because of your support. Mark your calendars for next year's Trivia Night, March 8, 2025!



Over 300 coats along with many bags of cold weather clothing were collected and delivered to Isaiah 58 Ministries. St. Mark volunteers lovingly

sorted and stocked the items in the free clothing room for guests to make selections for their household.

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.



DISCOVER MISSION SUNDAY HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY ...

Our local mission partners LOVED their time at St. Mark! If you are interested in being more involved, how to support more directly, or have any follow-up questions about our mission partners, please contact a member of the mission committee.

Joyce Blackwell and Chris Polak, Co-Chairs

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Book club will meet Wednesday, March 27 at 9:30 am. The book for this month's discussion is **Mad Love** 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.



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PORTLAND, OREGON



Orthopedic Specialists

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!



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

Midweek Church Potluck

March 20 – 5:00 PM



MARCH 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

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.



SESSION SNIPPETS

February 26, 2024

Session and the Deacons had planned a “retreat” for February 16-17, but the weather had other ideas. The plan was to discuss St. Mark’s **needs, wants, and dreams** for our facilities and programs, keeping at the forefront our CREDO: **SEEK. DISCOVER. SHARE.** Due to a very busy church calendar, the next best thing to do was to have as many Deacons as possible to join Session during the February meeting to begin that discussion and planning, looking forward to a Capital Campaign in the first or second quarter of 2025. What are your thoughts about our **needs, wants, and dreams**? Stay tuned...

Other items:

- March 16 will be a Landscaping Workday (backup date March 23) before the Boy Scouts spread the mulch.
- May 26, following worship will be our annual Emergency Drill.
- Outside doors are being rekeyed and an evaluation of appropriate distribution of keys will be done.
- Thermostats around the building are being covered and locked. The whole system is now controlled by computer and individual thermostats should not be changed.
- Hallway for the pastors’ offices and leading to Gleason Hall will be repainted soon.









































The following officers will serve on the 2024 Nominating Committee: Elders and Co-Chairs Nancy Sutch and Cay Noble, Deacon Barry Boeker



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.

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		

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by
Matt Redman

♩ = 77

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1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place,
(2. One) thing I ask and I would seek:

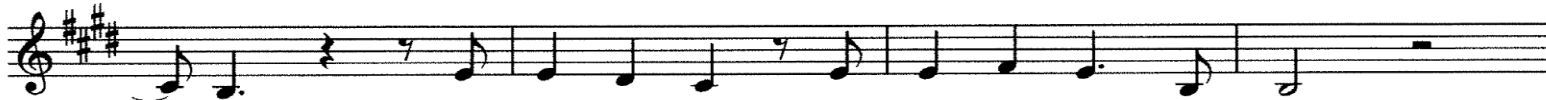
O Lord al - might -
To see Your beau -

4

B^{sus}

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B^{sus}



- y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

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For here my heart is sat - is - fied
One thing I ask and I would seek:

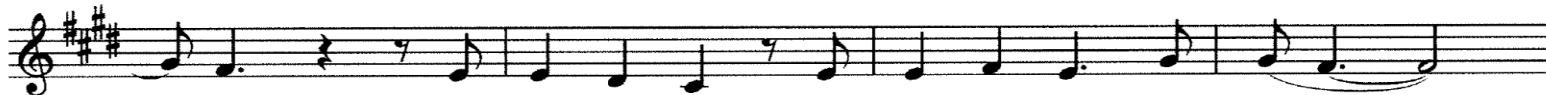
with-in Your pres -
To see Your beau -

12

B^{sus}

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- ence. I sing be - neath the shad - ow of Your wings. _____
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells. _____

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16

A²

B^{sus}



Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is one day in Your house, bet-ter is
Bet-ter is

19

A²

A/C#

B^{sus}

E/G#

A²



one day in Your courts than thou-sands else-where. ____ Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is

Last time to Coda ☼

22 B^{sus} A^2 $A/C\sharp$ 1. B^{sus}
 one day in Your house, bet-ter is one day in Your courts than thou-sands else-where, — than thou-sands

25 E^5 2. B^{sus} $C\sharp m^7$ B
 else-where. — 2. One else-where. — My heart and flesh cry out

29 A^2 B^{sus} $C\sharp m^7$ B A^2 B^{sus}
 for You, the liv - ing God. — Your Spir-it's wa - ter to my soul. —

32 $C\sharp m^7$ B A^2 $E/G\sharp$
 I've tast-ed and I've seen. Come once a - gain to me. — I will draw near to You,

35 $F\sharp m^7$ B^{sus} A^2 B^{sus} A^2
 I will draw near to You, — to You. —

41 B^{sus} A^2 B^{sus} $E/G\sharp$
 Bet-ter is one day, — bet-ter is one day, — bet-ter is

44 A^2 $A/C\sharp$ B^{sus} A^2
 one day — than thou-sands else-where. Bet-ter is one day, — bet-ter is

47 B^{sus} A^2 B^{sus} D.S. al Coda
 one day, — bet-ter is one day — than thou-sands else-where. — Bet-ter is

50 ☼ Coda B^{sus} A^2
 else - where. —

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
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Liturgists: JoAnna Carter