



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

April 14, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and would walk in the light of his love. Amen.

PRELUDE

Festive March

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

You alone are unutterable,
from the time you created all things that can be spoken of.
You alone are unknowable,
from the time you created all things that can be known.
All things cry out about you;
those which speak, and those which cannot speak.
All things honor you;
those which think, and those which cannot think.
For there is one longing, one groaning, that all things have for you;
**all things pray to you that comprehend your plan
and offer you a silent hymn.**
In you, the One, all things abide,
and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all.

† HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Hymnal #20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you named us stewards of this Earth, and we want to tend it and care for it, but again, and again we seek what is good and do what is bad. We stand in the rubble of many bad choices. We have been forgetful and willful tenants since you first put us in the Garden. Give us strength and courage to change our ways, so this Earth may flourish under our care. Teach us to care for your Earth, as you care for us. Fill us with your Spirit now, in our days on this Earth, so we may be fit and ready for the new heaven and the new Earth you promise. (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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymnal #15

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:1-9

SERMON

“Earth Care: Speak for the Trees”

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

Awake, Awake to Love and Work
Chancel Choir

Arr. Tom Mitchell

† 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**"Morning Has Broken"****Hymnal #664****†CHARGE AND BLESSING****†BENEDICTION
RESPONSE****"He Lives"****See Below****POSTLUDE***Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Matthew McConnell

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

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me, and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart!

UPCOMING EVENTS**April**

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| 14 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am | 18 Chair Exercise, 10 am |
| 14 Confirmation Class, 9:00 am | 19 Friday Bible Study, 9 am |
| 14 Equal Exchange in the Narthex | 20 Game Night, 7 pm |
| 15 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 21 Children's Musical, reception immediately following, 4 pm |
| 16 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 24 Book Club, 9:30 am |
| 16 Yoga, 6:30 pm | 28 Youth Hangout, following worship |
| 17 Midweek Potluck & Program, 5 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 available from a sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary. Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available upon request from an usher.

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

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.

PER CAPITA

In 2024 each congregation's Per Capita fee, based on membership numbers as of December 31, 2022, is \$36.00. St. Mark uses General Funds to cover that expense and encourages members to assist with that via an extra donation. A designated envelope is in the April envelope packet or just mark your check for Per Capita.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the next class of elders, deacons, endowment and next year's Nominating Committee. We have a lot of talent in our church community and what better way is there to join in, make a difference and expand your circle of friends than participating in the work of the church! The forms are available at the Welcome Desk to suggest candidates, even yourself. Please leave at the Welcome Desk or the Nominating Committee mailbox in the church office. Your energy and talents are needed, so please prayerfully consider.

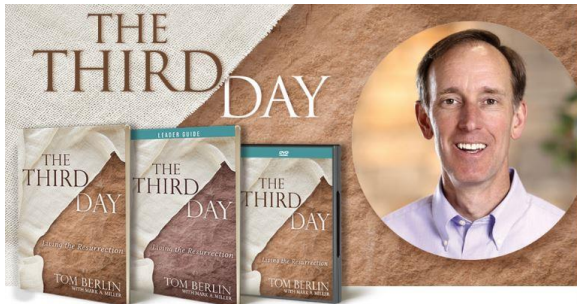
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. All men are welcome! You may contact Glen Corlett or Bruce Cranston for more information.



St. Mark will focus on Earth Care during the month of April. As we move through the Easter Season, we will explore theological themes of environmental stewardship and look at practical ways we can live, work, and play in God's creation. Please plan on joining us in worship and our adult Sunday school class as we seek to live into the resurrection promise.



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Third Day: Living the Resurrection

On the third day, he rose again. In *"The Third Day: Living the Resurrection"*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

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

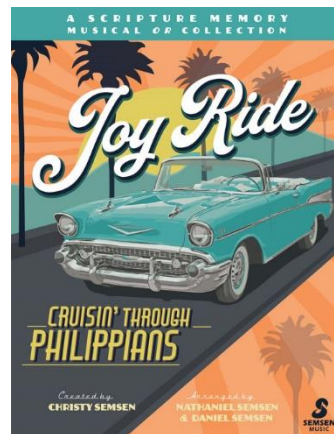
SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN

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 and return your card at pick up.



REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY! JULY 15-19

Use this QR Code or go to discoverstmark.org.



THE MUSICAL, JOY RIDE

The St. Mark Children's choirs will present "Joy Ride: Cruisin' Through the Philippians" 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.

CONFIRMATION
 April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
 contact pastor M.P.
mpanco@discoverstmark.org

Youth Music Ensemble
 Upcoming Rehearsals
 April 7th, 14th, 21st
 Contact Pastor MP
mpanco@discoverstmark.org

YOUTH HANGOUT

April 28th 11:15am - 2:30 pm

Plan to gather immediately following worship. We will drive to Union Station for lunch and activities. Details on cost are yet to be determined. Contact Pastor MP for more information. mpanco@discoverstmark.org

YOUTH MISSION
Moss Point, Mississippi

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| Total Per Person \$250 Due May 1st | Deposit \$100 Due April 1st | 2024 June 9th-15th | ASAP RSVP To Pastor MP |
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MISSION AT ST. MARK

APRIL FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Pasta Sauce
- Dry Pasta
- Condiments
ketchup, BBQ saouce, salad dressings, mayonnaise, salsa
- Toddler pull-ups*



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 entryway by the office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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

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.



Book club will meet Wednesday, April 24 at 9:30 am. The book for this month's discussion is **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in invite to participate virtually.

LITTLE DRESSES

215 little dresses and 16 pair of shorts were delivered to Convoy of Hope in March. Our total over the ten years we have been participating in this ministry is 3,243 dresses and 51 pairs of shorts. Thank you to all who have made garments and those who have provided funds. Kits are available on the shelf in the office workroom. Questions, call Sherry Naylor.



SAVE THE DATE: ST. MARK OUTING TO MOUND RIDGE, MAY 3-4

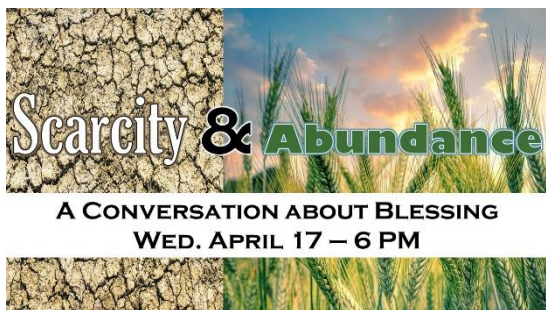
Everyone is invited! Come for both days or just Saturday. We will build on environmental themes from April's adult education series and will plant a native edible garden. Contact Clarice Hutchens for more information or to help with planning.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, April 28, 2024

Gleason Hall
8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Any month is a good month to celebrate all kinds of affection: for friends, for family & for community. American Red

Cross blood donors have the biggest hearts. Blood donation is a selfless way to communicate love to friends, family & community who may not survive without it. Will you sign up to help the national blood need today? Just one blood donation can help save up to three (3) lives! Make an appointment for April 14th at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/Donate/Blood> and enter: Saintmarkpres. There is a real need for donors.



Please join us for this important conversation on how our theology impacts our care for creation. The discussion begins immediately following the church potluck in Gleason Hall on April 17. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Please contact Pastor Dave with any questions.



On Saturday, April 20, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a GAME NIGHT at 7:00 pm. in Gleason Hall, with the featured attraction



being Mexican Train! Whether you're a "seasoned pro" or a "newbie" who's never played the game, we can assure you that the evening will be filled with plenty of laughter and fellowship. Instruction will be provided, so there's no excuse to not join in on the fun! Mark your calendars and we'll see you at the station!

WEATHER WARNING DRILL

There will be a weather warning drill immediately following worship service on Sunday, May 26. Details and instructions will be shared with the congregation prior to the drill.



The annual St. Mark Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 19, immediately after church in the church parking lot. The Fellowship

Committee will provide the traditional hot dogs and brats, with a new addition to the menu...shredded beef sandwiches!!! Also, back by popular demand, POTLUCK! We are inviting all the members of the congregation to bring in their favorite side dishes and desserts to share with one another. Due to lack of easy electrical access, no crockpots, please. Fun is sure to be had by all; think about joining in on the pie-eating contest, or perhaps a corn-hole tournament. For more information, contact Lisa Marsh. Most importantly, COME ONE, COME ALL, AND COME HUNGRY!!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave 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: Sammie Arnet