



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

April 28, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Henry van Dyke Jr.

Time is
Too slow for those who Wait,
Too swift for those who Fear,
Too long for those who Grieve,
Too short for those who Rejoice,
But for those who Love,
Time is not.

PRELUDE

A Joyful Celebration

Patricia Lou Harris

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
**or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
**They are like trees
planted by streams of water,**
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
Come, let us worship our Lord together.

† HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymnal #463

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we live in rebellion and turn away from your created purpose. We acknowledge the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we do not honor you with our lives. We prefer the wide path of destruction over the narrow way to life. Therefore, we pray:
Break our rebellious will.
Instruct our hearts in the way of peace.
Expose our insincere thoughts.
Give us integrity in our quest for truth.
Release us from the fear of death.
Grant us courage in the face of evil.
Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.
Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.
We pray this for the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. (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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymnal #611

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46

SERMON

“Earth Care: Downstream Decisions”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Question One

Q.1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OFFERTORY

Praise God For Every Gift
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

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymnal #687

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION
RESPONSE

“He Lives”

See Below

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

John Darwall

† 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

28 Blood Drive, 8:30 am

28 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

28 Confirmation Class, 9:00 am

28 Youth Hangout, following worship

29 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

30 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

30 Yoga, 6:30 pm

May

2 Chair Exercise, 10 am

3-4 Mound Ridge Work Days

5 Membership Exploration Class, 8:50 am

19 Church Picnic, following worship

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are given by Casey Pfarr.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

During this time of transition in staffing, church office hours may vary. You are encouraged to call (636-394-2233) before dropping by the office to confirm that it is open.

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!

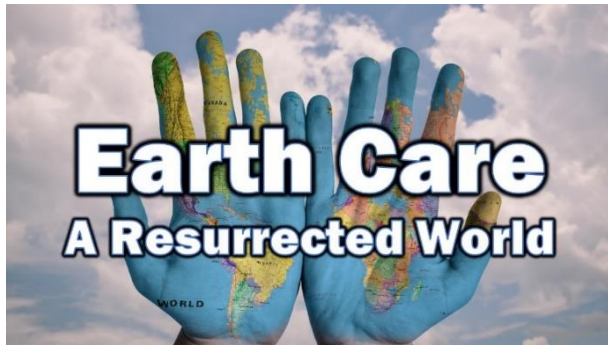
The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the next class of elders, deacons, endowment and next year's Nominating Committee. We have a lot of talent in our church community and what better way is there to join in, make a difference and expand your circle of friends than participating in the 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.



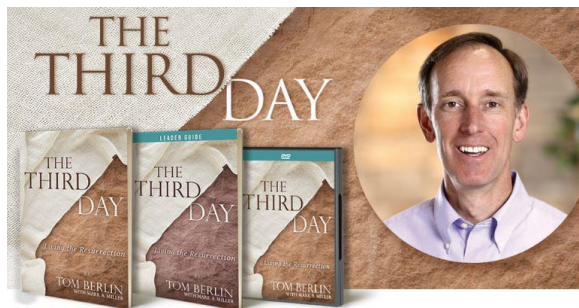
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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.



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

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 Louise Grothe.

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

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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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.

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 with the office.



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
WALK-INS WELCOME!

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

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!!



The Metro West Fire Protection District will offer a training at St. Mark on Saturday, June 1, at 9 am. The training includes:

HANDS ONLY CPR - If performed immediately, the chance of a cardiac arrest victim's survival is doubled. **AND**

STOP THE BLEED - Bleeding is the number one cause of death after injury, but it is preventable.

Participants must be 12 years or older and the training is free of charge. Registration by May 26 is required. Use the QR code to register or call the church office at 636-394-2233.



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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: Declan Phipps