



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

April 7, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for your creation and everything in it. Teach us to love and care for our communities and neighbors, near and far. Please help us to remember you and your gift of water now and always. May we recognize the sacredness and holiness in all the earth's water and strive for care and protection. Amen.

PRELUDE

Flourish on "Gelobt sei Gott"

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from: "A desert faith in a desert time", Ghost Ranch, 2013—PEC Ferncliff Conference)*

We gather to worship God, Giver of Life,

God, give us the waters of new life.

In the deserts of our lives, in the wilderness within,

God, give us the waters of new life.

To give us hope when our lives run dry, to give us strength when our world seems barren,

God, give us the waters of new life.

To let peace flow like a river and love spring forth like a fountain,

God, give us the waters of new life.

To make justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a living stream,

God, give us the waters of new life.

To give us - and our world - a second chance and a new beginning,

God, give us the waters of new life.

Come, people of God, open your lives to receive God's new life. Open your hearts to sing God's praise.

† HYMN

"I've Got Peace like a River"

Hymnal #623

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. (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

"As the Deer"

Hymnal #626

Sing Twice

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-26

SERMON

"Earth Care: Opening the Spigots"

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Confession of Belhar

We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther
Arr. David S. Winkler

† **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

† **HYMN**

“Wade in the Water”

See Below

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

“He Lives”

See Below

POSTLUDE

Postlude Giocoso on “Nicaea”

David Lasky

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

**“WADE IN THE WATER”
REFRAIN**

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water.
God's gonna trouble the water.

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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| 8 | Prayer Group, 9:30 am | 14 | Confirmation Class, 9:00 am |
| 9 | Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 14 | Equal Exchange in the Narthex |
| 9 | Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm | 17 | Midweek Potluck & Program, 5 pm |
| 9 | Yoga, 6:30 pm | 20 | Game Night, 7 pm |
| 11 | Chair Exercise, 10 am | 24 | Book Club, 9:30 am |
| 12 | Friday Bible Study, 9 am | 28 | Youth Hangout, following worship |
| 14 | Adult Bible Study, 8:50 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 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 in the Sanctuary are donated by Hugh & Linda Smith "To our son, Bryan and our granddaughter, Deegan. Happy April Birthdays with love."

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.

THANK YOU, ST. MARK!

The Jerusalem Festival and Bunny Breakfast were both well-attended this year. Everyone enjoyed the wide variety of activities at the Jerusalem Festival and the egg hunts and donuts at the Bunny Breakfast! Thank you to all who participated, donated, and/or volunteered at these events!

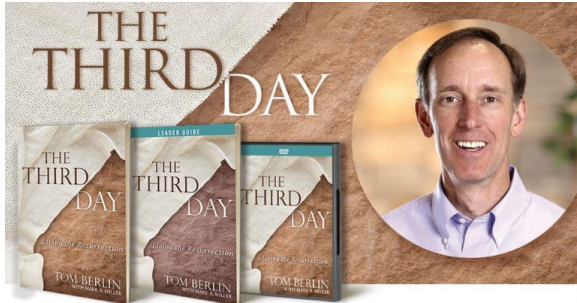
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



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.

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.



Friday morning Bible study April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and May 3rd, and 10th.

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

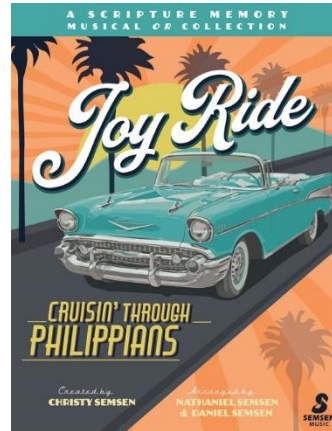
SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN

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.



VBS SAVE THE DATE! JULY 15-19

Registration is open! Go to discoverstmark.org.



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.



April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

contact pastor M.P.

mpanco@discoverstmark.org

YOUTH HANGOUT



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

Join up at the church 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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Youth Music Ensemble

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

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.



EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIRLY TRADED

In the Narthex on April 14th
 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, and Tap Payments Accepted.

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.



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 for more information.



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 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org & enter: Saintmarkpres to schedule an appointment.



**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!

**St. Mark
Game Night**
Saturday, April 20 - 7:00 PM

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!

Go Getter Luncheon
April 9 at 12 pm

The luncheon will be held at
Firefly Grill
101 Chesterfield Town Center
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
April 17 - 5:00 PM

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: Ethan Forte & Jee-Hye Lee
Liturgists: Clay Douglas