



Second Sunday of Advent
December 4 & 5, 2021
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of the Covenant, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure and embrace the prophets' message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Noel Suisse

Daquin (1694-1772)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Wreath Liturgy

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!

Make a highway in the desert for our God.

From ages of old, no ear has heard, no eye has seen
one so glorious as the Lord our God, for whom we wait.

Every valley shall be lifted, every mountain and hill, made low;

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Let us live into PEACE!

† HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymnal #88

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refining God, you send us prophets, but we do not listen. You show us the way of life, but we prefer to go our own way. You give us your light, but we are more comfortable in the darkness. By your tender mercy, forgive us, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† **GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

(Children 5th grade and younger may leave to attend Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-4

SERMON

“Into the Fire”

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.

OFFERING

Noel Nouvelet
Declan Phipps, cello

arr. Pethel

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

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

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Hymnal #350

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION

“Peace On the Earth”

See Below

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Diapason Movement

Green

† You are invited to stand, as you are able

Peace On the Earth Sussex Carol

"Peace on the earth, Good Will to all, the
"Peace on the earth, Good Will to all, we
an - gels sang from Heav'n a - bove.
go to share God's peace and Love.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 5** -Youth Gathering, following 10 am service
- December 5** -Children's Christmas Program, 4 pm
- December 12** -Special Music by Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells, during 10 am service
- December 14** -Go Getter Christmas Luncheon, 12 pm
- December 15** -Youth Christmas Party, 6-7 pm
- December 18** -Supper Club Holiday Potluck, 6:30 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.

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.

Listening devices are also available and may be picked up from the sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary.

October/November/December *These Days* devotional booklets are 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, who will be in the Narthex before, during and after worship.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are given by Kay Merz, "In loving memory of my beloved Scott Phillips" and by Donna Bosenbecker, "In loving memory of Ray Bosenbecker III".

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to St. Mark, we have several convenient and easy ways to do this:

1. **In-person:** An offering plate is available in the Narthex after the worship service.
2. **Mail:** Please make check out to
St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to:
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
601 Claymont Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011
3. **Online:** To donate, use the **QR Code** here to



be directed to our giving page on discoverstmark.org, **OR** go to:
www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/



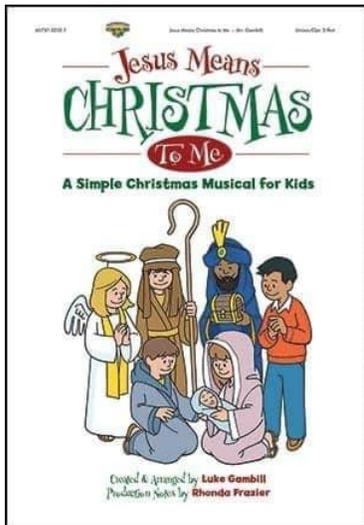
During 2020 the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions utilized funds from the Christmas Joy offering in many ways to assist current and retired church workers. Income supplements helped nearly 299 households, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses with the means to provide for themselves. Housing supplements helped more than 244 households remain in their homes, afford assisted living, or long-term care, and Emergency Assistance Grants helped more than 109 current and retired households facing times of great financial needs.

The Christmas Joy Offering gives each of us an opportunity to be part of that support and financial assistance.



Use the url below to find the next episode and access fun family activities for the second week of Advent. <https://ministryspark.com/connected-christmas-episode-2/>

THE ST. MARK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 4 PM

We hope you can attend! We will be collecting food items for Circle of Concern. Please bring canned and dried food items and place on the table in the Narthex.



YOUTH GATHERING – DECEMBER 5

Youth are asked to stay after worship to get the plastic lids weighed and bagged into 50-pound bags. We will also play in the gym and have pizza for lunch!

YOUTH WEDNESDAYS



Wear your favorite ugly sweater or dress up in your Christmas best! Join us for food, fun, and fellowship!



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**
Contact Pastor MP for more information



MUSIC NOTES

Christmas Is Coming, Let the Church Bells Ring! And they will on Dec 12!

The Chancel Choir and the Chancel Bells are preparing extra music for worship on Sunday, December 12. Lively and meditative music will help us all reflect on the Coming of Christ. Join us!

CHRISTMAS ALTERNATIVES 2021 - The Tradition Continues!

Are you struggling to find just the right gifts for family members and friends? Look no further than the St. Mark Christmas Alternatives shopping list!

Purchasing a gift through Christmas Alternatives honors the recipient and helps those who have so little, but need so much.

Please visit our displays in the narthex December 5th, 12th, and 19th. We look forward to helping you select the perfect gift! Of course, you are welcome to drop your completed shopping list and check (Christmas Alternatives on the memo line) in the Mission Committee mailbox in the church office or via mail. You will find the Christmas Alternatives Shopping List on the back of the bulletin.

FOOD INVENTORIES DROPPING

The shelves are emptying out faster than any other time this year at our food pantries. Please bring your donations to St. Mark during office hours or worship. You may also write a check indicating the mission partner(s) on the memo line.

Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries Critical Needs

- peanut butter
- canned meat
- canned fruit
- rice
- feminine hygiene pads



COAT DRIVE RESULTS



Over 100 new and “like new” coats were collected for distribution by Third Pres and Isaiah 58 Ministries. The recipients were literally warmed by your generosity and want you to know how much they appreciate the coats.



SUPPER CLUB – Holiday Potluck

Parents of preschool and elementary age kids (and anyone else who wants to join) are invited! Join us

Saturday, December 18 at 6:30 pm at the Burgess' house for a Holiday Potluck and an Ugly Sweater Contest. Bring your favorite side dish! Childcare will be provided at St. Mark from 6 -10 pm. RSVP by December 11 to Shelley Lester.

GO GETTER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



The Go Getter Christmas Luncheon will be held at the church on December 14, 2021 at noon. We will have a \$10.00 round robin gift exchange and lunch will be provided. Please make your plans now to attend as we will be catering the lunch and will need to know the number of attendees on or before December 10. Please let Judy Richardson or Jan Graves know of your plans to participate.



2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank you so much to all the families who had their photo taken for St. Mark's pictorial directory. Even though St. Mark's photography sessions are over, those of you who were unable to make their appointments can schedule at a nearby church and still be in our directory. Please call Universal Church Directories at **(888) 742-5823** Monday-Friday and give the representative St. Mark's church code: **mo131** and photo background color: **Gray/Blue**.

For questions, please contact Doris Martin at: (636) 537-0742 or dmintdesign@aol.com. Once again, many thanks to all who participated.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. MARK

St. Mark will be closed the following days to observe the Christmas, and New Year holidays:

- Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28
- Monday, January 3

In addition, there will be no Saturday evening worship service on December 25 and January 1.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve
Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley



Saturday Musician: Mark Reyneso
Sunday Choir Accompanist: Jee-Hye Lee
Sunday Special Music: Declan Phipps - cello
Sunday Advent Liturgists: Linda Larimer & Jean Steward

601 Claymont Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011
Office Hours Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.
If you need to come in on another day, we encourage you to contact the church office to make an appointment.



PART-TIME SEXTON POSITION

St. Mark is seeking the employment of a Part-Time (weekends required) Sexton. General duties will include, but not limited to: cleaning and minor maintenance services for the Church building & grounds, and driving of small bus for church members attending Sunday services and other church events. The successful candidate will work under the leadership and guidance of the Senior Pastor and Office/Facilities Manager, in collaboration with the Property Committee. To view this job posting and to apply, please visit www.discoverstmark.org. Send all completed applications and resumes to personnel@discoverstmark.org

CHRISTMAS ALTERNATIVES 2021 -- OUR 21st YEAR!

Because we are blessed with many material possessions, when Christmas comes around, we encounter a huge challenge selecting gifts for family and friends. Finding the perfect gift for someone who has many wonderful possessions is a difficult task! With this in mind, in 2001 the newly formed Mission Committee at St. Mark created "Christmas Alternatives."

Purchasing a gift through Christmas Alternatives not only honors the recipient, but also aids other deserving people who have so little, but need so much.

Thank you for your support during the past 20 years.

Your generosity has transformed lives and had a lasting impact around the world!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____
 Do you want Christmas Cards ? _____ YES _____ NO
 St. Mark Member ? _____ YES _____ NO
 If Yes, contributions will be included on your annual giving statement.
 If No, would you like us to mail you a receipt ? _____ YES _____ NO

DEADLINE: December 25th, 2021

Please include payment with form.

Place in Mission Committee Mailslot in Church office or Mail to:
 St. Mark Presbyterian Church
 ATTN: Christmas Alternatives
 601 Claymont Drive
 Ballwin, MO 63011

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE SUBMITTED:

PAID?

Shopping List for 2021 Christmas Alternatives

Marion Medical Mission (Africa)	Price	Qty	Total
Contribute to Build a Well (\$450/well)	\$ 25.00		
	Total		

Medical Benevolence Foundation	Price	Qty	Total
Nursing school scholarships: Malawi, Haiti, Dr Congo, Kenya	\$ 30.00		
Life Saver Clinics: Dr. Congo, Malawi, Kenya and Haiti	\$ 25.00		
Share for Greatest Needs (e.g., vaccinations, malaria nets)	\$ 15.00		
	Total		

Education Scholarship Partnerships with Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy	Price	Qty	Total
Plan Grande Dos, Nicaragua High School (\$200/year/student)	\$ 25.00		
Kenyan Education Project, High School (\$125/year/student)	\$ 25.00		
	Total		

PCUSA International Agricultural Missions	Price	Qty	Total
Family of Chickens	\$ 25.00		
Share of Cow (\$450/cow)	\$ 50.00		
Share of Goat (\$90/goat)	\$ 30.00		
Piglet	\$ 40.00		
Share of Bee Hive (\$240/hive)	\$ 20.00		
Bag of Moringa Seeds (food for human consumption)	\$ 5.00		
	Total		

PCUSA Mission Co-workers	Price	Qty	Total
Rev. Jed and Jenny Koball, Peru	\$ 25.00		
Chenoa Stock, Peru	\$ 25.00		
	Total		

Presbyterian Childrens Homes and Services	Price	Qty	Total
Support Farmington Service Center community, family, and youth therapeutic programs	\$ 25.00		
	Total		

General Gift to Christmas Alternatives (St. Mark Mission Committee to Designate Recipients)	Total
	\$

SHOPPING LIST GRAND TOTAL	Qty	Total
Checks to: St. Mark Presbyterian Church Memo Line: Christmas Alternatives		