



November 13 & 14, 2021
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Loving God, you made a covenant with us and with every living creature. We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you, too, for the waters of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to obey your Word, abide in your love, remember your promises, and celebrate your creation. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Voluntary

Skinner (English 18th century)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The Lord delivers us from harm and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

We put our trust in God.

We come to celebrate the One who gives and forgives!

† HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

Hymnal #664

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we acknowledge our wandering ways. You delivered us through storms, but we fear the clouds on the horizon. You set a rainbow of remembrance in the heavens, but we hang our heads in doubt. Break our hearts of stone, and help us see the world with your eyes. Forgive our many sins, and strengthen us to care for your creation, our neighbors, and ourselves. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORY TO GOD

Hymnal #582

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

SERMON

"Standing on the Promises: Celebrating"

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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.

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

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**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Hymnal #353

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

"Standing on the Promises"

Verse 4

Hymnal #838

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Fugue in d minor

Pachelbel (1653-1706)

† *You are invited to stand, as you are able*

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21 -Youth Hangout at Tilles Park, 7:30 pm

November 25 & 26 -St. Mark is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

November 28 -Advent Connect Celebration, following 10 am service

December 5 -Children's Christmas Program, 4 pm

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

PLEDGING TO ST. MARK FOR 2022

There are many ways to make your 2022 financial pledge to St. Mark:

- Place completed pledge card in the offering plate in the narthex.
- Drop of pledge card in the church office during business hours.
- Mail the card to the church: 601 Claymont Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011
- Complete your pledge though the Simple Church app.

Please contact the church office or one of the pastors with questions. Thank you for your continued financial support for St. Mark's mission and ministry!

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 Pat Eisenberg , "with thanks to God for his many blessings".

HOLIDAY CLOSURES AT ST. MARK

St. Mark will be closed the following days to observe the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays:
-Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26
-Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28
-Monday, January 3

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/

MUSIC NOTES

From Mark 13:7 "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed." Today's anthem, **One Song** by Choplin, is a reflection and hymn of hope on this text drawn from today's liturgical new testament reading. The opening phrases express what I often feel when watching news reports on negative behavior. "When God's people are wounded by holy war ... When God's family is broken, each goes his own way, And I feel so lost, I don't know what to pray." The anthem continues with this hope "But still I'll go forward to follow the call to join people together in one song." One song can be a poetic way of saying one hope, one love, one faith in God.

I hope you find today's anthem meaningful.
Marsha

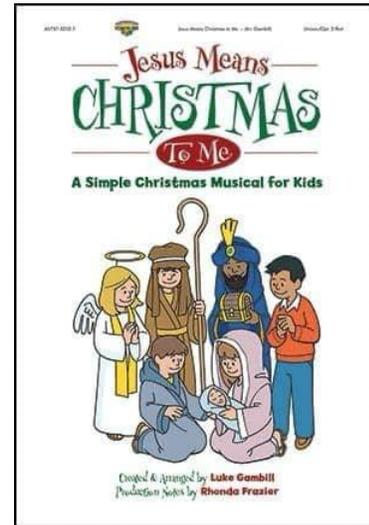
CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS



St Mark will continue our tradition of beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias for Advent. Please consider ordering one or more to bring home after Christmas Service or to be delivered to a

homebound member. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel. Place your order form with your check in the "Flowers" mailbox in the church office by Sunday, November 28th. The cost is \$7 per plant and is sourced from a locally owned greenhouse. Orders can be placed until November 28th. Any questions, please contact Mary Schibler.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 4 PM



We are hosting an **ADVENT CONNECT Celebration on November 28th** in Gleason Hall immediately after the 10 am service. There will be refreshments and activities for all ages AND you can pick up your **ADVENT CONNECT** gift to take home to begin the Advent season. This is a special way St. Mark would love to connect with your whole family! Invite friends, neighbors, or anyone else you can think of who might like to come and connect! Click on this link to find out more about this special event to kick off the Advent season.

<https://vimeo.com/592880393/c424cb9e8d>.

Each family attending is asked to bring cookies to share. Please look for the Cookie Sign Up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

YOUTH HANGOUT



Tilles Park, November 21, 7:30 pm

Youth and their families are invited to meet at Tilles Park, November 21, to walk through the Christmas Winter Wonderland. Tickets are \$5 each and are scheduled for 7:30 pm admission. Contact Pastor MP at youth@discoverstmark.org ASAP, as tickets are limited.

YOUTH WEDNESDAYS



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



Greetings All!

I have arrived and I am looking for a home. My special talents are giving and getting hugs, making smiles and cuddling. We can sit together and meditate, have tea, and count our blessings. I can be active with little ones who like to play. I'm about 13 inches tall and stand up and sit down. Every inch of me is to love! We'll have a beary good time together.

xoxoxo – TB

If you would like to have a teddy bear, Presbyterian Women will be placing these little cuties in loving homes. For just \$10.00, this little teddy bear will come to live with you or be your gift to someone else who would love bear hugs. This PW project benefits the mission work of St. Mark PW. Won't you be an angel and give a bear a home?

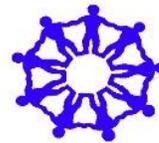
Bears will be available for ordering and pick-up at the PW Table in the Narthex. Order your bears today.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY INVENTORIES DROPPING

Please help them restock!

The food pantries we support have recently seen an increase in visitors and their inventories are dropping quickly. Please bring your donations to St. Mark during office hours or worship. You may also write a check with "Mission: Food Pantry" on the memo line to be distributed to our food pantry mission partners to purchase their most critical needs.

Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries



- dinner "helpers"
- canned pasta
- canned fruit
- coffee
- laundry detergent



COAT DRIVE EXTENDE THROUGH THANKGIVING

Due to the heavy demand by our mission partners -- new and "like new" coats will continue to be collected for distribution by Third Pres and Isaiah 58 Ministries. Please consider donating any extra coats in your closet or a new coat on sale at your favorite store! You may also write



a check with "Mission: Coat Drive" on the memo line for St. Mark volunteers to purchase coats at discount stores. Clean and good condition coats only please. Please bring your donations to St. Mark during office hours or worship to be placed in the "Coat Drive" boxes no later than Thanksgiving.

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.



The Angel Tree will once again be making an appearance in the Narthex. Please select an angel or two to help provide a

Merry Christmas for one or more children. This year Children's Ministry has selected Isaiah 58 as the recipient and they have provided a wish list for our Angel Tree. Please return your gift (\$20-25 range) in a gift bag and place it under the tree with the angel attached to the bag by December 5th.

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.

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

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR FERN ARGO

The funeral service for Fern Argo will be held at St. Mark on Saturday, November 20, at 10 am. There will be a reception in the narthex immediately following the service. Please continue to keep the Argo family in your prayers

2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank you to all the families who have already scheduled their photography sessions. For those who still need to sign up, there are appointment times available. As requested, the background color for the pictures is blue. You will receive a complimentary 8" x 10" portrait and pictorial directory for participating. Also, you can view your images right away and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. If you schedule your session by December 4th, you will receive your portraits in time for Christmas. Members who will be out of town on these dates can have their photography done at a nearby church by calling Universal at (888) 742-5823.

Scheduling A Photography Session

You may schedule your photography session either online, by phone or in person.

Online (Monday-Friday): www.ucdir.com

Church Code: mo131 **Password:** photos

Phone (Monday-Friday): (888) 742-5823

In Person: The LAST Sunday to schedule in the Narthex before and after the 10:00 service will be November 14th. The LAST Saturday evening's sign-up was November 6th.

Photography Session Dates & Times

Friday, Nov. 5, 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 6, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 26, 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 27, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN ROOMS 304/305

For questions, please contact Doris Martin (636) 537-0742 or dmintdesign@aol.com. Our 2022 church directory will not be complete without you. Thank you so much for participating!

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: Chancel Choir
Sunday Liturgist: Samantha Perz

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.*