



First Sunday of Advent
November 27 & 28, 2021
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, you promised us that the day of salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Trumpet Tune on "WACHET AUF"

Sobaje

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Candle Lighting

We light this candle 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.

Let us live into HOPE!

† HYMN

"Come, Thou Expected Jesus"

Hymnal #82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there was no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the light of the world and the God of our salvation. (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)

(All children will remain in the sanctuary for the remainder of worship)

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

SERMON

"There and Back Again"

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

Waiting, Wandering, Wondering
Mixed Vocal Ensemble, Nicole Lesh - clarinet

Schram

† **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

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Hymnal #92

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDECTION

“Peace On the Earth”

See Below

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Noel Provencal

Candeille

† 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

- November 28** -Advent Connect Celebration, following 10 am service
- 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 Martin Gabbert, "In memory of my wife Mary Lou." and The Hudson Family, "In memory of May Hudson."

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS CANCELLED TODAY

Children's Sunday School is cancelled for Sunday, November 28, and will resume on Sunday, December 5. The Nursery will be open.

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/



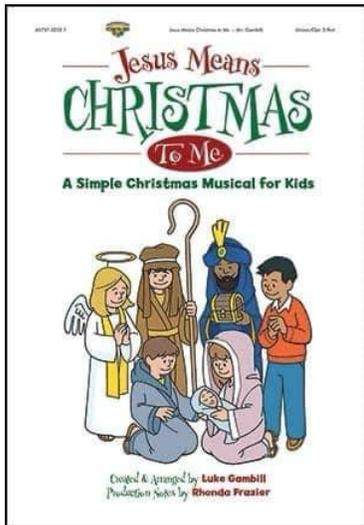
The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

During the last months many things have changed, but what remains constant is God's love and support of us. We are still very much together, and that offers each of us the challenge and opportunity to support those who have served us and now need some assistance and to help those Presbyterian organizations serving young people of racial and ethnic backgrounds. Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. The envelope is in your December packet or just designate it on your check.



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! Use this link to find the first episode and access fun family activities for the first week of Advent. <https://ministryspark.com/connected-christmas-episode-1/>.

THE ST. MARK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 4 PM

YOUTH HANGOUT



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



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.

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.



This year Children's Ministry has selected Isaiah 58 as the recipient for the Angel Tree. Please select an angel or two to help

provide a Merry Christmas for one or more children. 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.

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



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, Dec 12. Lively and meditative music will help us all reflect on the Coming of Christ. Join us!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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.



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.

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.

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

*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: Mixed Voice
Ensemble, Nicole Lesh - clarinet
Sunday Advent Liturgist: The Douglas Family*

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.*