



September 11 & 12, 2021
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful, but so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so we use our words to build up and not to destroy. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Meiriondydd

Balderston

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

† HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Hymnal #20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us, O God, but we refuse to listen; you stretch out your hand and we do not take it. We take what you give us and use those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We refuse to listen to your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives. May our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. (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

James 3:1-12

SERMON

“Only You”

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

I Will Sing a Sunday Song
Chancel Choir

Choplin

† THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN

“Though I May Speak”

Hymnal #693

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION

“You Shall Go Out With Joy”

Hymnal #80

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Postlude in B Flat

Boëllmann

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15 -Children & Youth Wednesday Activities
Resume

September 19 -Confirmation Classes Begin, 9 am

September 19 -Children & Youth Volunteer Luncheon, 11 am

September 26 -Youth Hangout, 4-6 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. **July/August/September These Days** devotional booklets are in the lobby at the Mark entrance.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are given by Jerry and Joyce Dressel, "In celebration of Fall birthdays."

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/

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING 2021

Peace Begins With Us. And today that is truer than ever. We have opportunities to witness to the Prince of Peace locally—within our own community or larger geographic area. Our awareness of conflict and injustices within our own community has grown. When we give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, 25% of that gift stays locally, bringing the power of reconciliation and the peace of Christ to our own community. During this Season of Peace, consider the difference your gift can make to challenges like these. The 25% portion that St. Mark retains is distributed to Presbyterian Children's Home and Services and St. Martin Episcopal Peace Meal Program.

Congratulations to Pastor MP on news of her being accepted into the 2022 Doctor of Ministry Cohort at The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Studies begin January 2022. The first on-campus intensive unit will be in May 2022.

We wish her all the best in this pursuit and will support her as she takes this path.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on September 26, following the 10:00 am service, for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons, the 2022 Nominating Committee, and a member of the Endowment Committee. Additionally, there are some changes to the Bylaws that will be voted upon.

Detailed information will be distributed via email on Friday, September 24 and will include a Zoom link for those who wish to participate virtually,

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AND TRAINING FOR ST. MARK CHILDREN AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a Fall Launch Luncheon on September 19th after the 10:00 am worship service! We will have a "box" lunch catered, followed by a brief curriculum training and Q & A regarding Safe Church Policy from 11 am - 1 pm. We want to thank you for the time you have given as well as those continuing in service. If you team-teach with a spouse or another family member, please be sure they are also invited!

IF YOU ARE TEACHING THIS FALL

Our goal is to have everyone re-apply for renewed background checks and complete the "Protect My Ministry" online training by September 4th, 2021. Hard copies of St. Mark Safe Church Policy can be found in the Narthex at the welcome desk which have the application attached **OR** you can access it on our website at discoverstmark.org. After completing the application, return the forms to Abby Johnson in our church office.

PLEASE RSVP to let us know that we can look forward to seeing you! Zoom is also available upon request.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

Who: Youth 7th-12th grade (who are not yet confirmed)

Dates: September 19th, 2021-May 2022

Time: Sunday at 9 am (prior to worship)

Location: St. Mark Youth Room (downstairs)

Note: We will have accommodations for those who are not ready to attend in person. Contact Pastor MP mpanco@discoverstmark.org to ask questions and to get signed up.

YOUTH HANGOUT



SEPTEMBER 26 FROM 4-6PM

MEET at Aloha Mini Golf and Shave Ice

[13502 Big Bend St. Louis, MO 63122](#)

COST \$7.50 all you can play golf

Shave ice paid for by the youth committee

RSVP youth@discoverstmark.org



Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

St Mark's Men's Bible study will begin meeting on Tuesday September 12 at 7:30 AM inside St Mark. We will be continuing our study of John using "N.T. Wright's John 26 Studies For Individuals and Groups." All St Mark men and friends are invited to gather with us. For more information, contact Bruce Cranston, or call the church office.

EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP AT ST. MARK

This is an exciting time in the life and ministry of St. Mark, and we encourage all our guests to learn more about the Christian faith, the Reformed Tradition, and our Presbyterian Church. Pastor Dave will help facilitate a three-week **Membership Exploration Class** beginning on **September 26** from 8:50-9:45 am, in Room 102. We are thankful you *discovered* St. Mark, and we believe now is the time to explore the mission and ministry of our congregation. Please **contact the church office for more information.**



Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle invites you to join them this Fall. We meet Monday afternoon at 1:30 at the home of Boots Berry to pray for church members, their families and friends, our community and the world. All are welcome to come!

Current prayer lists are available in the church office in the Prayer Circle mailbox.

If you'd like more information contact Pat Marshall.

2022 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's that time again and St. Mark is in the process of producing a new pictorial directory. We would love to have everyone included. There will be no cost to have your photograph taken. For participating, you will receive a complimentary 8" x 10" portrait and pictorial directory. Every five years this directory takes the place of the annual Guidebook that you normally receive. Photography Sessions will be available Wednesday, November 24 – Tuesday, November 30.

Stay tuned for more updated information on how to schedule your appointments.

SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

The most vulnerable in our region continue to struggle with food insecurity and affording basic needs. Please bring your donations to St. Mark during office hours or worship.

Circle of Concern



- dinner “helpers”, canned fruit, condiments
- dish soap, ibuprofen
- diapers and infant care items

Isaiah 58 Ministries



- coffee, canned pasta with meat, sardines
- toilet paper, laundry detergent
- men's and women's new/like new tennis shoes, graphic t-shirts, athletic pants



PW is collecting baby items for Newborns in Need during the month of September. Newborns in Need is a charity that specializes in the needs of babies local and national nonprofit organization.

New and gently used baby items such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onsies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts (clothing sizes up to 6 months) are appreciated. Donations of Sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes, and diapers are especially needed and maybe placed in the Pack n Play in the Narthex.

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, 461 Bluff Meadow Dr., Ellisville, MO 63021

Contact Shirley Boeker or Louise Grothe for more information.

COMING IN OCTOBER ... A COAT DRIVE

New and “like new” coats will be collected for distribution by Third Pres and Isaiah 58

Ministries. As you see sales at your favorite retail establishments and as you transition your closet from summer to cooler weather, please consider donating to the October Coat Drive. Clean and good condition coats only please.



GO GETTERS RESUMES

We are excited to resume our Go Getter lunches on Tuesday, October 12, 2021! The location of the lunch is yet to be determined. Please contact Jan Graves or Judy Richardson before October 6 if you plan to attend

MILLIE MILLER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Millie's service will be at 9 am on Monday, September 27. All are invited for refreshments in the Narthex immediately following the memorial.

Thank You

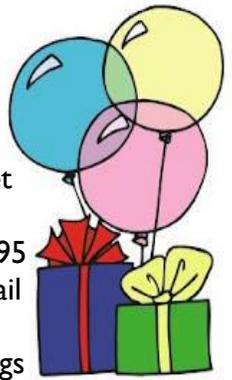
Thank you, St. Mark!

I can't tell you how pleased I was to receive so many cards and sweet notes from my church friends for this "significant birthday." Turning 95 was made even better when my mail arrived every day!

Please know that I am saving up hugs to share at church when that becomes possible. I miss seeing you so much; online church will just have to do for now.

Be well, dear friends!

Boots Berry



*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 Reynoso
Sunday Special Music: Chancel Choir
Sunday Liturgist: Amelia Burgess*

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.*