



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

September 18 & 19, 2021
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

*Concerto in C
BWV 984*

Ernst/Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are the people
**who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow,
or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's law, day and night.
The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

† HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymnal #643

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. (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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

SERMON

"Draw Near to God"

Rev. MP Panco

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Excerpts from the Scots Confession 3.08

Since the opposition between the justice of God and our sins was such that no flesh by itself could or might have attained unto God, it behooved the Son of God to descend unto us and take himself a body of our body, flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone. By this most holy brotherhood whatever we have lost in Adam is restored again. Therefore, we are not afraid to call God our Father...because he has given us the only Son to be our brother.

OFFERING

Bless God's Holy Name
Chancel Choir
Bell Ringers: Terry Smith, Liz Sprague, Jean Steward

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† THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymnal #839

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION

“You Shall Go Out With Joy”

Hymnal #80

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Fugue in Lydian Mode
Op. 29, No. 16

Bender

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 -Confirmation Classes Begin, 9 am

September 26 - Congregational Meeting, following 10 am worship

September 26 -Youth Hangout, 4-6 pm

October 17 - Fall Festival, 11:30 am – 2:30 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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are given by Kay Merz “In loving memory of my beloved husband, Bob.”

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

This offering works around the world in communities in conflict. Here in St. Louis a portion of the offering goes to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services which offers a continuum of care for youth—transitional living services for youth leaving foster care, mentoring, and intensive in-home care for families in crisis. Annually over 2,000 clients are served. Give generously to assist with this work.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS 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.

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



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



October 17, 2021

Join us from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm for food, fellowship, and fun for the entire family. Our annual autumn block party is open to all and includes the following **FREE** activities:

- Inflatable Jungle Maze
- St. Marktoberfest Root Biergarten
- Caricature Artists
- Balloon Twisters
- Cake Walk
- Games, Games, Games
- Great food & More!



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.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT SPECIALIST POSITION

Claymont Preschool at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Ballwin, MO is in search of a Music and Movement Specialist Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Love of music and children is essential. The candidate must possess strong vocal skills and play an instrument. This position, teaching small groups of children 2 to 5 years old, is Monday through Friday mornings for one hour. It is lots of fun and you teach with fabulous people. Contact Lynne Dauve at ldauve@discoverstmark.org if interested.

SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

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

YOU’RE INVITED TO TRY CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS!

Chair Exercise class meets in Room 17 on Thursdays at 10 am. This is a program that emphasizes stretching as well as strength training, which is essential for good health.



PW is collecting baby items for Newborns in Need during the month of September. 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.

*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,
Terry Smith, Liz Sprague, & Jean Steward
Sunday Liturgist: Clay Douglas*

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.*