



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

September 4 & 5, 2021
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Good and generous God, you bless us with favor and count us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others. Help us share our bread with the poor, plead the cause of the afflicted, and receive all who assemble in our name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality. We pray this and all things in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

What God Ordains Is Always Good

Elting (2000)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here as guests invited.

Open our eyes so we may see.

Make yourself known to us in God's Word read and proclaimed.

Open our ears so we may hear.

Feed us in the feast at your table.

Open our hearts so we may be glad.

Come! Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Hymnal #667

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You chose the poor in the world, but we dishonor them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We favor the rich and despise the poor. We dismiss the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and straighten our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† **GLORIA PATRI**

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

SCRIPTURE

James 2:1-17

SERMON

"Screen Door on a Submarine"

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

Love Lifted Me

Schram

† THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Change My Heart, O God"

Hymnal #695

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION

"Guide My Feet"

Included in Bulletin

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Postlude In G

Peterson

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 5** -Family Worship Sunday
- September 11** -PW Virtual Brunch, 10 am
- September 12** -Discover Sunday, 9-11:15 am
- September 15** -Children & Youth Wednesday Activities
Resume, 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 Patty Livesay and Carolyn McBee "In loving memory of our parents on their wedding anniversary."

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:

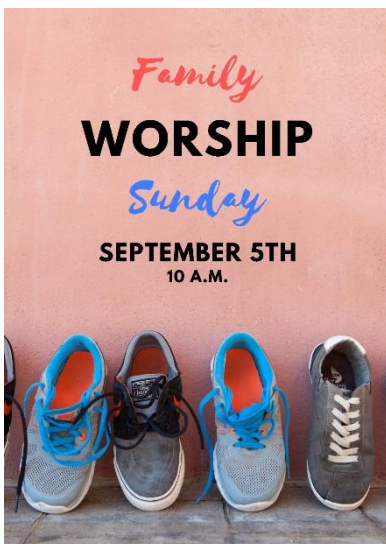
1. **In-person:** An offering plate is available in the Narthex after the worship service.
2. **Mail:** Please make check out to
St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to:
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
601 Claymont Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011
3. **Online:** To donate, use the **QR Code** here to



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

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.



This Sunday is “Family Worship Sunday” as we give our Sunday School team of volunteers and nursery workers a weekend to rest. Activity bags will be available for PreK – 5th graders and our nursery will be available for parents and children to visit if needed.

Discover Sunday



St. Mark will host its fourth annual Discover Sunday on September 12.

Various groups will have information tables introducing their ministries and mission. It is a fantastic way to learn more about how St. Mark serves our neighbors both near and far. This is a great Sunday to invite a friend to join you at church. The event will run from 9:00 until 11:15 am.

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/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



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.

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.

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.

NEWBORNS IN NEED

One heart one mission

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.

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

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.



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.

ATTENTION ST. MARK WOMEN!

It’s time for the **Birthdays/Teddy Bear Match Challenge!** Look for the game sheets on the PW table in the Narthex and church website (See Presbyterian Women). Your job is to match each of 31 dates to the bear for that day. For example, my birthday is the 16th so I match to the Koda bear. How many birthdays can you match to your friends in church? This is a great way to start a conversation with someone you may not know too well. Bring your list to the virtual brunch. There will be prizes!

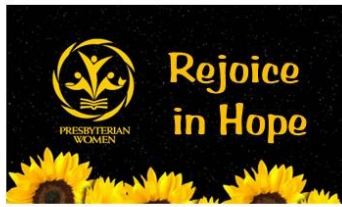
PW BRUNCH 2021

Here is your nametag.

Now the fun begins!

Saturday, September 11

The Virtual Brunch Program will arrive with your e-mail on Friday, September 3. It will give you all the information you will need to enjoy another out-of-the-box gathering of St. Mark Presbyterian Women! Teddy bears are cordially invited!



Guide My Feet, Lord

Spiritual

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race. Guide my feet, Lord,

7 while I run this race. Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this

12 race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the song, the second staff contains the next two lines, and the third staff contains the final line.

*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: Julie Hunt
Sunday Liturgist: Cay Noble*

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.*