



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

January 2, 2022  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Cornet Voluntary*

Heron

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

**And we have seen his glory.**

The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.**

**Glory to God forever.**

## † HYMN

**“We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

**Hymnal #151**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. (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

(Family Sunday – Students should remain in church.)

## SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18

## SERMON

“Lost and Weary Traveler: May You Find the Light”

Rev. MP Panco

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Nicene Creed section 1.2**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he arose once again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come in glory again to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

OFFERING

Impression on "We Three Kings"  
organ solo

Fedak

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

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

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Hymnal #744

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth in the grace of Christ.  
**We rejoice in his grace.**  
Go forth in the light of Christ.  
**We walk in his light.**  
Go forth in the love of Christ.  
**We serve in his love.**

† BENEDICTION

"Peace On the Earth"

See Below

POSTLUDE

Postlude in B<sup>b</sup>

Boellmann

† You are invited to stand, as you are able

Peace On the Earth Sussex Carol



an - gels sang from Heav'n a - bove.  
go to share God's peace and Love.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 9** - Youth Mission Trip Meeting, following 10 am worship
- January 11** - Go Getters Luncheon, 12 pm
- January 23 & 30** - Teacher Orientation and Safe Church Q&A, following 10 am worship
- January 23** - Youth Hangout - Details Coming Soon!
- January 26** - Presbyterian Women's Tea, 1 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 Phil and Jayne Baggett to acknowledge being "Thankful for family and friends as we look forward to the New Year."

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. MARK

St. Mark will be closed on Monday, January 3, to observe the New Year holiday.

## 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](http://discoverstmark.org), **OR** go to:  
[www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/](http://www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

On January 11th, 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study will begin the New Year studying C S Lewis's "Mere Christianity". This book is an adaption of Lewis's World War II BBC talks about Christianity. It is a thought-provoking book which should provide great discussion and insight in what it means to be a Christian in today's world. The Men's Bible Study will meet every Tuesday at 7:30 AM in room 102 at St Mark. All St Mark Men and guests are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Bruce Cranston or Glen Corlett.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### FAMILY SUNDAY

Today, January 2, we will have Family Sunday (no Sunday School) and the Nursery will be open for parents (no attendants).

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL FORMAT

On January 9, we will have two separate Sunday School classes, adding a PreK class called "Story Time." There will be a sign-in sheet at the welcome desk for both Elementary and PreK classes. Can't wait to see you there!

### TEACHER ORIENTATION AND SAFE CHURCH Q & A

Teacher orientation & Safe Church Q & A with Latisha Gilliland, Children's Ministry Director, will be available in room 102 directly after the morning worship service on January 23 & 30. Bring any questions you may have regarding Safe Church Policy or becoming a St. Mark volunteer.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



### YOUTH LID PROJECT

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

On Sunday, December 5, we weighed all of the cleaned and

sorted lids and we have 526 pounds! 26 pounds over what we need. Soon Tricia Rouff will be driving to the site to make the exchange; lids for a plastic table which we have decided to donate to Mound Ridge Camp!

**YOUTH  
WEDNESDAYS**

**Will Resume January 12!**

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP TEAM MEETING



Youth who are interested in the Summer 2022 youth mission trip are invited to see Pastor MP following worship on Sunday, January 9, to pick up a mission team packet. This is also a time for youth and parents to ask any questions.

### ST. MARK GO GETTERS

Please join the Go Getters January 11 luncheon at Charros Mexican Restaurant, located at 14839 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, Mo. 636/256-7071. We will meet at the restaurant at 12:00 noon. Please let Jan Graves or Judy Richardson know of your plans to attend on or before January 7, 2022.



### FLOWER SIGN UP FOR 2022 IS NOW AVAILABLE!

You may now sign up to donate flowers for the Sanctuary in 2022! Look for the Flower Chart in the Mark door entry by the elevator.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL PW TEA

Join us on **Wednesday, January 26 at 1pm**. This year's topic is *The Feasts of the Bible*. Come and learn about the Jewish holidays mentioned in the Bible and enjoy the festive foods associated with each holiday. Contact Mary Beth Powell with any questions.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR A FUN PRE-VALENTINE'S DAY MIXER!

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to gather in the Narthex for appetizers and desserts. So break out those yummy recipes and start planning what you would like to bring to the event! (Or cheat a little and use one of the recipes from the Jingle Mingle Cookbook!)

**AND** Keep your eyes peeled for a new and exciting Coffee Corner coming soon!

## FOOD INVENTORIES DROPPING

The shelves are emptying out faster than any other time this year at our food pantries. Please bring your donations to St. Mark during office hours or worship. You may also write a check indicating the mission partner(s) on the memo line.

### Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries Critical Needs

- peanut butter
- canned meat
- canned fruit
- rice
- feminine hygiene pads



## 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](http://www.discoverstmark.org). Send all completed applications and resumes to [personnel@discoverstmark.org](mailto:personnel@discoverstmark.org)



## Get your star-WORDS! NO...not Star Wars. Star-WORDS!

**What is a Star-word, you say with glee, surprise, and unbridled anticipation?!?!?!?**

“Have you heard of the practice of passing out “Star Words” on the Sunday closest to Epiphany? On the day that we remember the star that led the magi to Jesus, pieces of paper cut into star shapes with a printed word are passed out to all. These words hopefully will give people a different way to approach their prayer life. Is God, perhaps, speaking to them through the particular word they got when they grabbed their star?

These star words can either be received with joy or hesitation. Sometimes they are discarded or forgotten. Sometimes the words don’t appear bright like a star and we have to look for them showing up in our daily lives. The hope of this practice is that we are reminded of God’s presence breaking through to shine as light in the darkness.” \*

Peace and blessings,

Pastor MP

*“Epiphany is the celebration of God’s manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God’s promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God’s covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God’s self-revelation in Christ”- An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 94-95)*

\* <https://apcenet.org/2020/01/06/epiphany-stars/>

*Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess  
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco  
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Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve*



*Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley  
Saturday Musician: Mark Reyneso  
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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.*