



# FEARLESS

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# GENEROSITY

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November 8, 2020

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

*10:00 am Virtual Service*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER (Romans 14)

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you conquered death. Baptized in him, you raise us to new life. Increase our faith, hope, love, and generosity, that we may praise you with our whole hearts this day and welcome you with joy when you come to set the whole world free. Amen.

PRELUDE

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Barr

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, we come today to worship our Creator.

**Father, give us FEARLESS faith.**

Sisters, we gather to praise our Redeemer.

**Jesus, give us FEARLESS hope.**

Brothers, we meet to celebrate our Sustainer.

**Spirit, give us FEARLESS love.**

Come, let us worship our generous God together!

† HYMN

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

Hymnal #370

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God, you are all light, wonder, and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet, our eyes wander to all that glitters, and we chase after things that do not give life. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace, for we know you are the source of life, the fountain of all that is good. We continue to pray in Jesus' name.** (Silent Confession)

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

## SERMON

“FEARLESS: Generosity”

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 AND PRESENTATION OF 2021 PLEDGE CARDS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*God We Honor You*

Clemens

### † THE DOXOLOGY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### † HYMN

“Take My Life”

**Hymnal #697**

### † CHARGE AND BLESSING

### † BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“We Lift Our Voices”

**Hymnal #710**

## POSTLUDE

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Schutz

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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess  
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco  
Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeVaughan  
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland  
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve  
Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley  
Musician: Mark Reynoso

Liturgist: Joyce Blackwell

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## **DIFFERENT DOXOLOGY**

You might have noticed we're singing a different doxology in our worship service. We wanted to do something different during the FEARLESS Stewardship Season. Thomas Ken penned this version in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, and we chose it because it emphasizes it is God who provides us with every good gift. We do not earn these blessings; the best thing we can do is respond in praise and gratitude. You can learn the backstory of many hymns by joining our Sunday school class each week. Guests are always welcome.

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

As we all adjust to this new normal the Finance Committee is making a request of everyone to maintain their level of giving to St. Mark. As a church we have agreed to continue paying all of our full-time staff. In addition, regular bills still arrive and need to be paid. We also want to support our mission partners. To that end it is important that we all commit to making our contributions. They can be mailed to the church or paid online. There will be a link provided at another time on how to set up online giving. Please note that mailed checks will take longer to process than usual. If you wish for your donation to go to a specific area please note that on the check memo line. With all of this said please know at this time we are keeping up with our obligations but we want to be able to continue with all of our efforts. We appreciate your ongoing support of the work of our church. <https://www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/>

## **LEAF CONSOLIDATION OPPORTUNITY!**

Volunteers, you will meet your fellow consolidators (rakers) at the Church at 9AM **November 7** (rain date November 14). We will then visit parishioners who need help with fall raking (consolidating) in Ballwin and Claymont. We are usually finished by noon. If you are interested please contact Judy Richardson or Pam Ladley by phone.

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men's Bible Study is back! St Mark's Men's Bible study will begin meeting on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7am. Due to the Covid gathering issues we have decided to meet every Tuesday morning using Google Meet. Our first study will be discussing the New Testament book of James. A study handout will be provided.

All St Mark men and friends are invited to gather with us. You will need to register with Bruce Cranston so that handouts and an invitation to the meeting will be provided.

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## **TECHNOLOGY WANTS YOU**

Are you looking for a fun and important way to volunteer at St. Mark during the pandemic and beyond? The Technology Committee is working overtime and could use your help. You can learn to be a videographer of the Sunday online Services. No experience is necessary. We will teach you everything you need to know. The Technology Committee is adhering to COVID guidelines of social distancing and mask wearing. Come for the fun, stay for the fellowship. For more information, contact the Technology Committee at [technology@discoverstmark.org](mailto:technology@discoverstmark.org) or Pastor Dave at [dburgess@discoverstmark.org](mailto:dburgess@discoverstmark.org).

## **LITTLE DRESSES**

Pick up a kit to make Little Dresses in the lobby Tuesday or Thursday between 10am – 2pm. No appointment is necessary if you are just picking up items or dropping a completed dress off. Contact Sherry Naylor for more information.



## *Be an angel for the Virtual Christmas Boutique and Angel Street Cafe!*



Sadly, the annual St. Mark Presbyterian Women's Christmas Boutique and Angel Street Cafe, which was scheduled for November 10 and 11, has been cancelled. Cancelling this beloved long time tradition is a stab in the heart for all of those who for many years joined together in comradery to raise funds for missions supported by PW. Our St. Mark family generously contributed their time, talent, baked items, soups, salads, crafts, and just plain good cheer to make the boutique the kick-off event for the Christmas season. We are thankful to everyone who, over many years, have helped to make this event a resounding success.

In January of each year, PW allocates the proceeds to their designated missions. This January we designated \$12,000 to missions at home, within the presbytery, and the wider community. Presbyterian Women of St. Mark had expected to raise over \$9,000 from the 2020 sale based on the amount generated in the 2019. The PW Candy Sales during Lent, that have additionally raised around \$2000, was also cancelled

These missions are in need more than ever this year. For those reasons, we ask that if you are able to give monetarily the value of what you would have donated to the boutique in terms of items donated or money spent shopping the many wonderful crafter stalls, we will be able to continue supporting our missions. If you are able to support the "Virtual Christmas Boutique" with a donation, please address your check to St. Mark, with Christmas Boutique in the memo line.

Thank you again for your continued support! The missions PW supported this year with 2019 funds are:

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services	Circle of Concern
Farmington and Ashley House (Springfield)	Lydia House
Arch City Defenders	Third Presbyterian Church
Isaiah 58 Ministries	Mound Ridge Camp and Retreat Center
Newborns in Need	St. Mark Fall Festival
St. Mark Fellowship Committee	St. Mark Major Repairs
St. Mark Youth Ministries	

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**SPREAD**  
BY APPOINTMENT  
**ONLY**

THE BUILDING  
WILL BE ACCESSIBLE  
ON THESE DAYS:  
TUES. & THURS.  
10AM - 2PM

Building access is by appointment only. The number of visitors will be limited. Failure to get prior appointment may prevent you from accessing the building.

Please email your request for an appointment and reason for your visit to [smpoffice@discoverstmark.org](mailto:smpoffice@discoverstmark.org)



Wearing a mask is  
**MANDATORY** for  
entering the building

Social Distancing  
of a minimum  
of 6ft is required



If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or been around anyone who has COVID-19, you are asked to stay home for the safety of other visitors and staff.