



ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

November 15, 2020
10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of righteousness, you overcome those who abuse their power and lift up those who suffer. Even now, when evil seems to hold sway, we know you will have the last word. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome all your children into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

PRELUDE

I'll Praise My Maker

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift up our eyes to you, O Lord our God,
as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Help us to walk in the light as you are in the light.
Come! Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Hymnal #716

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you show us the ways of justice and nurture us with love, but we do not live according to your will. We cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. We are hungry for power and privilege and forget your commandment to care for one another. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond with kindness, that we might turn to you again and walk with you in the light. We pray all of this 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

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

“Multiplying Returns”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ascribe to the Lord
Christine Polak

Edwards

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† **HYMN**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Hymnal #833

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Hymnal #306

POSTLUDE

Praise Be to God

Powers

† *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: Glenn Knopf



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Our website is your online resource for the church calendar, blog, video, and employment opportunities. Please make sure to bookmark it and check in regularly.

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/>

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study is back! St Mark's Men's Bible study will begin meeting on Tuesday November 10th 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.

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 or Pastor Dave at 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.

ANGEL TREE

This year, because of heightened concerns over the pandemic, Circle of Concern has requested that instead of purchasing gifts, donations be made that they would convert into gift cards for the Circle Families. Many of you who have donated each year may have already received this information through the Circle of Concern newsletter. If you would like to sponsor Circle clients through the Holiday Adoption program, the following are three ways you can respond:

- 1) Visit www.circleofconcern.org and click on the Holiday Adoption link on the homepage to complete your online donation;
- 2). Drop off your check made out to Circle of Concern on November 15th at St. Mark during our drive-up donation drop;
- 3). Mail a check directly to Circle of Concern (address below) with Holiday Adoption written on the memo line:

Circle of Concern
112 St. Louis Avenue
P.O. Box 444
Valley Park, MO. 63088

Last year we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 5 families with total gift value of roughly \$4,000 through our Angel Tree giving. Thank you for your continuing support! ~ Children's Ministries



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:

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| 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 | |

STOP THE
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



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.