



# ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

September 13, 2020  
*10:00 am Virtual Service*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CENTERING PRAYER

O God, who is our strength, you protected us from those who seek to oppress us. You shielded us from those who seek to destroy the good gifts you put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

### PRELUDE

*Sonata No. 4*

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### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give praise to God!  
**Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves...**  
It is God who forgives.  
**It is God who delivers.**  
Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

### † HYMN

*“Here in This Place*

**#401**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you. You forgave us – we have not forgiven others. You loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. We continue to pray in your awesome and holy name. (Silent Confession)**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON

“Wearing Out Our Welcome”

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*God's Mercy*  
Lisa Marsh, Soloist

Schakley

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† **HYMN**

“*When We Are Living*”

**Hymnal #822**

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Diapason Movement*

Green

†*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: Liz Sprague*

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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/>

## **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING 2020**

Peace Begins With Us. And today that is truer than ever. We have opportunities to witness to the Prince of Peace locally—within our own community or larger geographic area. Our awareness of conflict and injustices within our own community has grown. When we give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, 25% of that gift stays locally, bringing the power of reconciliation and the peace of Christ to our own community. During this Season of Peace, consider the difference your gift can make to challenges like these. The 25% portion that St. Mark retains has historically been distributed to Presbyterian Children's Home and Services and St. Martin Episcopal Peace Meal Program.

## **Congregational Meeting September 27, 2020—Virtual**

Following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on September 27, 2020, there will be a virtual (via Zoom) Congregational Meeting to elect officers and to amend the Bylaws to allow St. Mark to conduct meetings virtually.

The link for the Zoom meeting will be provided on Friday, September 25 via email to members. Once the YouTube worship service has ended, each individual will need to access their email for the Zoom link and meeting. We need a minimum of 58 members to have a quorum.

### **Agenda for the Congregational Meeting**

The proposed change to St. Mark Bylaws:

- It is moved that St. Mark Bylaws, Article V, #7 read:  
Meetings of St. Mark Presbyterian congregation, session, and committees should ordinarily be face-to-face. Telephone conference calls and electronic communications may be used for stated or called meetings, including voting on matters therein, unless a simple majority of the body requests a face-to-face meeting. Meetings held by conference call or electronically abide by the same policies and procedures as a face-to-face meeting.

The 2020 Nominating Committee (Patty Livesay and Cathy York, elders; Gregg Eisenberg, deacon; and Bruce Cranston, Alanah Feagan, Brian Hostetler, Julie Northrip and Jean Steward) presents the following slate of officers:

<b><u>Elders—Class of 2023</u></b>	.....	<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b>
Jason Neal		Elizabeth Peterson
Clayton Douglas		
Kim Michel		
Joyce Blackwell		

<b><u>Deacons---Class Of 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b>
Wendy Phipps	Alanah Feagan
Robyn Mikes	
Michelle Rochow	
Karl D'Arcy	
Ryan Melter	
Alex Lambie	

**Endowment**  
Jerry Dressel

**Nominating 2021**  
Ellen Hynes  
Becky Pierce  
Roger Stoll  
Scott Collier  
Amelia Burgess

## **HEALING THE BROKEN HEART OF AMERICA**

St. Mark is partnering with Second Presbyterian Church to provide a unique and important educational experience beginning on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM. We will discuss the history of racism in St. Louis, our region, and our country and explore ways to be instruments of positive change. We will work through Harvard professor, and Missouri native, Dr. Walter Johnson's book, The Broken Heart of America covering approximately a chapter per week. Reading the book is not essential to joining the class, but it provides some valuable information about our collective history. This weekly class will meet online every Wednesday through November 18, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion. Please contact Pastor Dave if you would like to join the class or if you have any questions.

## **FEELING DISCONNECTED?**

St. Mark has a long history of strong small group ministry, but it has been several years since we started new groups. We feel it is especially important to provide opportunities to connect during the age of COVID. We will start forming new groups in September, and **we want you to join us**. Please contact the church office at [smpoffice@discoverstmark.org](mailto:smpoffice@discoverstmark.org) if you are interested, and we will work on kicking off these new small groups in the very near future.

## **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.

# JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

Are you in grades K-5?

Do you want to.....

- ✓ Have Fun?
- ✓ Build Pinewood Derby Cars?
- ✓ Do Community Service?
- ✓ Have Thrilling Adventures?
- ✓ Make New Friends?
- ✓ Go On Field Trips?
- ✓ Learn Team Building?
- ✓ So Much More...



**THEN...**

**JOIN  
CUB SCOUTS!**



## **St. Mark Presbyterian's Pack 631 SCHOOL NIGHT TO JOIN SCOUTING**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.  
Claymont Elementary School, Front Courtyard  
405 Country Club Dr, Ballwin, 63011

For online option visit: **BeAScout.org**

# 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](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.