



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

February 21, 2021
10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER*

This world tempts us with bright lights, city streets, tempting sights and sounds.
This world tempts us with objects of desire, raises us up, knocks us down.
This world tempts us to believe its lies, challenges us to live them.
This world tempts us to reject our God, accuses us and hates us.
This world tempts us to disbelieve the truth that nothing can defeat us.

*J. Birch, www.faithandworship.com

PRELUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

Grichetchkine

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 25)

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

† HYMN

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

Hymnal #166

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways. We condone violence, benefit from systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

“Leaving Our Comfort Zone”

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 the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Have Come
Pam Ladley and Lisa Marsh, vocalists

Hakes

† THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Red Hymnal #376

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

Red Hymnal #296

POSTLUDE

Call of the Pipes

Young

†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: Linda Larimer



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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.

Office Hours **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:**
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please call 636-394-2233 or email smpoffice@discoverstmark.org prior to your visit.

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/>

CLAYMONT PRESCHOOL AT ST. MARK FALL 2021 REGISTRATION

It's time for parents and grandparents of St. Mark preschool aged children to start planning for Fall. St. Mark families are offered priority registration. Half-day classes are available for children who will be 2 years old before October 1, 2021, through pre-kindergarten. Classes meet 9:00 to 12:00 with extended day until 1:30 for older children. Currently, during COVID, there are 37 children attending Claymont Preschool. We expect this number will double before school returns in August. The Preschool enjoys a wonderful reputation for excellent caring teachers and superb kindergarten readiness, causing some classes to fill quickly, so we hope St. Mark members will take advantage of this early registration period.

Please call Lynne Dauve, 636-386-5437 (KIDS) or email ldauve@Discoverstmark.org for more information. Our registration form and other Missouri State required forms are available at DiscoverStMark.org.

We have a very limited number of openings in our Pre-K and 3 year old classes currently, so if you have a new neighbor or know of someone looking for a fabulous preschool, please recommend us to them!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

St. Mark Men Bible Study is inviting all men to gather weekly by ZOOM every Tuesday at 7 am to discuss the Gospel of John. We are using N.T. Wright's Book- John, 26 Studies For Individuals and Groups. It is ok to just drop in each week and listen in. If you are interested please email Bruce Cranston to obtain the link.

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.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

This serves as a reminder that the Circle of Concern is accepting curbside drop-off donations at their Headquarters at 112 St. Louis Avenue, Valley Park, MO 63088. Food donations are accepted on Monday and Tuesday from 9 am to 3 pm, and Thursday from 9 am to noon. Cash contributions may be made through St. Mark by designating Circle of Concern on the memo line.

Current needs include:

- Snack Items
- Canned Fruit
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Women's Incontinence Briefs, Size L/XL
- Cereal
- Canned Pasta
- Dinner Helpers
- Peanut Butter

DONATION DRIVE DROP-OFFS

The St. Mark Mission Committee will continue to coordinate and host drive through donation drop-offs once a month in the St. Mark parking lot during 2021. Our mission partners are incredibly grateful for St. Mark's ongoing generosity and have been good stewards of your donations. In our effort to keep everyone safe, we will continue to practice COVID-19 safety protocols for these contactless events. Behind our masks we are smiling with the joy of being in service to others and our gloved hands are warmed by your generosity!

FOUR GOSPEL READINGS IN 40 DAYS

We're reading through the four gospels over the next forty days, and we'd love for you to join us. Here is a handy guide for your convenience. We will also discuss these daily readings on the St. Mark Spark.

Four Gospel Readings in 40 Days

__ Day 1 – Matthew 1-2	__ Day 15 – Mark 6-7	__ Day 29 – Luke 22-24
__ Day 2 – Matthew 3-4	__ Day 16 – Mark 8-10	__ Day 30 – John 1-2
__ Day 3 – Matthew 5-7	__ Day 17 – Mark 11-13	__ Day 31 – John 3-4
__ Day 4 – Matthew 8-9	__ Day 18 – Mark 14-16	__ Day 32 – John 5-6
__ Day 5 – Matthew 10 -12	__ Day 19 – Luke 1-2	__ Day 33 – John 7-8
__ Day 6 – Matthew 13-14	__ Day 20 – Luke 3-4	__ Day 34 – John 9-10
__ Day 7 – Matthew 15-16	__ Day 21 – Luke 5-6	__ Day 35 – John 11-12
__ Day 8 – Matthew 17-18	__ Day 22 – Luke 7	__ Day 36 – John 13-14
__ Day 9 – Matthew 19-20	__ Day 23 – Luke 8-9	__ Day 37 – John 15-16
__ Day 10 – Matthew 21-23	__ Day 24 – Luke 10-11	__ Day 38 – John 17
__ Day 11 – Matthew 24-25	__ Day 25 – Luke 12-13	__ Day 39 – John 18-19
__ Day 12 – Matthew 26-28	__ Day 26 – Luke 14-16	__ Day 40 – John 20-21
__ Day 13 – Mark 1-3	__ Day 27 – Luke 17-19	
__ Day 14 – Mark 4-5	__ Day 28 – Luke 20-21	



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, February 28

St. Mark Presbyterian Church is hosting our first 2021 Blood Drive on **Sunday, February 28 from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM in Gleason Hall** at 601 Claymont Dr. Ballwin, MO. **Sign up for an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org/Donate/Blood](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/Donate/Blood) and enter the Sponsor Code "Saintmarkpres" or download the Blood Donor app to your iPhone.**

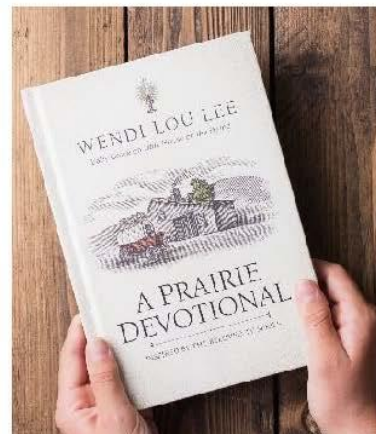
For those who give on a regular basis, welcome to a new year of giving. For community members who have been thinking about giving for the first time, let this year be the beginning of a new habit in your life.

The need is always very great to ensure blood is available during emergencies when every second matters and to ensure blood is available so needed surgeries are not delayed.

BE THE ONE WHO BRINGS HOPE AND HEALING TO THOSE PATIENTS IN NEED.

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St. Mark Women's Retreat—February 26-27, 2021. Let's be pioneers in the world of virtual retreating! To accommodate the state of the world, that is what we will do. It will be a virtual event! I bet that surprised you. It will be free. There is no registration fee for this event. We will have a guest speaker from California on Friday evening. Wendi Lou Lee, who played Baby Grace on *Little House on the Prairie*, will get us thinking about pioneering women. Group worship will start the retreat and we will conclude with worship by noon on Saturday. Presentations, activities and break out groups are planned for Saturday morning. Watch the church bulletin board and the PW site on [www:discoverstmark.org](http://www.discoverstmark.org) . ***The registration deadline is February 21.*** Retreat information will be on the PW section of the Discover St. Mark website. You can e-mail Mary Beth Powell for registration materials. Circle leaders will also have the information soon.



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.