



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

February 28, 2021
10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him. By your grace, may we accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Aria

Mahnke

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

† HYMN

“Be Still My Soul”

Hymnal #819

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we are not sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus, but we do not take his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON

“The One You Feed”

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

Assurance
Sarah Vlodek, vocalist

arr. Beck

† THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Hymnal #726

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Shalom to You”

Eslinger

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

Knapp

† 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: Alice Crippen



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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/>

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Special Offering occurs during Lent with emphasis on Easter—it started at St. Mark with the Ash Wednesday service on February 17. It provides funds for Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), and the Self Development of People (32%). These funds are used in over 100 countries worldwide. Use the designated envelope in your packet, or you can simply indicate OGHS on your check. Please consider prayerfully your gift.



LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE

Unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation kills more people annually than all forms of violence, including war. In the world, 663 million people do not have access to clean water. About half of the world's population who lack clean water live in Africa.

Marion Medical Mission has played an active role in the fight against dirty water. Since 1990, they have built over 31,000 wells in Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia providing over four million people with a sustainable source of safe drinking water. Without Christ, that would not have been possible! With Him, all is possible. And by His power, we believe that countless millions of others will receive life-giving water.

For the past 19 years, St. Mark has supported Marion Medical Mission through our Christmas Alternatives Gift Fair. During the past three years, St. Mark member donations have funded the construction of 30 wells.

We began our third annual Lenten Challenge on Ash Wednesday.

Pastor Dave has encouraged his congregations for the past 12 years to drink only clean tap water for the 40 days of Lent. Giving up the morning trip to Starbucks or the evening glass of wine might be a tall task for some, but it will help us comprehend how much money we spend on beverages.

Moreover, we can use the money we save to support more wells in Africa. We are blessed to have clean water in our community, and this challenge helps us to understand the needs of those who have less, and support groups who are working to provide living water for all God's children. -- Christine Polak, Mission Committee

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!

PRAYER GROUP

Copies of the church Prayer List are available in the church office in the Prayer Circle mailbox. If you would like prayers for someone or to receive the Prayer List by email, please notify the church office or email Pat Marshall.

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

DRIVE-THROUGH DONATION 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. 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!

UKIRK STUDENTS – SPRING SUSTENANCE DRIVE THROUGH GIFTS - MARCH 21, 1-3PM



- funds for DoorDash gift cards (\$25 each)
- microwave popcorn
- microwave mac-n-cheese

For any of you who have college students and teenagers, you know their food preferences are quite diverse and they really love selecting their food through DoorDash. Funding these gift cards are our top priority! **Checks should be made to St. Mark Presbyterian Church with "Ukirk" in the memo line.**

This timing is critical as students will not have a spring break this spring to minimize exposure to and transmission of Covid-19. On top of that, mid-terms quickly transition to finals.

Our mission partners are incredibly grateful for St. Mark's ongoing generosity and have been good stewards of your donations. Please see the March edition of the Messenger for an update from Pastor Max on Ukirk activities during this academic year.

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

2/17 Day 1 – Matthew 1-2	3/05 Day 15 – Mark 6-7	3/22 Day 29 – Luke 22-24
2/18 Day 2 – Matthew 3-4	3/06 Day 16 – Mark 8-10	3/23 Day 30 – John 1-2
2/19 Day 3 – Matthew 5-7	3/08 Day 17 – Mark 11-13	3/24 Day 31 – John 3-4
2/20 Day 4 – Matthew 8-9	3/09 Day 18 – Mark 14-16	3/25 Day 32 – John 5-6
2/22 Day 5 – Matthew 10-12	3/10 Day 19 – Luke 1-2	3/26 Day 33 – John 7-8
2/23 Day 6 – Matthew 13-14	3/11 Day 20 – Luke 3-4	3/27 Day 34 – John 9-10
2/24 Day 7 – Matthew 15-16	3/12 Day 21 – Luke 5-6	3/29 Day 35 – John 11-12
2/25 Day 8 – Matthew 17-18	3/13 Day 22 – Luke 7	3/30 Day 36 – John 13-14
2/26 Day 9 – Matthew 19-20	3/15 Day 23 – Luke 8-9	3/31 Day 37 – John 15-16
2/27 Day 10 – Matthew 21-23	3/16 Day 24 – Luke 10-11	4/01 Day 38 – John 17
3/01 Day 11 – Matthew 24-25	3/17 Day 25 – Luke 12-13	4/02 Day 39 – John 18-19
3/02 Day 12 – Matthew 26-28	3/18 Day 26 – Luke 14-16	4/03 Day 40 – John 20-21
3/03 Day 13 – Mark 1-3	3/19 Day 27 – Luke 17-19	
3/04 Day 14 – Mark 4-5	3/20 Day 28 – Luke 20-21	



Get ready for spring Boy Scout Troop 631 Lawnmower Tune Up

TROOP 631



ACE
The helpful place.

When: Saturday, April 3 9AM—3PM

Where: Parking Lot of Rick's Ace Hardware—
Ellisville

(15870 Clayton Road at the Intersection of
Clayton and Clarkson)

Cost: FREE! (Donations Gladly Accepted)

Services Included: Oil change, spark plug service (cleaning, re-gapping; replacement necessary), air filter service (cleaning, replacement if necessary), blade sharpening, mower deck cleaning. Walk behind mowers only (no riders or zero-turns). Mower must start at the time of check-in.

All proceeds to offset the cost of summer camp.

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.