



January 3, 2021

EPIPHANY

10:00 Am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of every nation, by the light of a wondrous star you led wandering magi to the humble infant Jesus, revealing to them your salvation for the world. In the miraculous and the mundane, in union with all who have glimpsed the light of your grace, lead us to Christ, that we may offer our worship and serve him with sincerity of heart; for he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Joyful Processional

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A star has risen

Star of Wonder, star of night!

A child is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The herald angels sing!

Let us follow the star to Bethlehem

And bring our gifts to the newborn Christ.

† **HYMN**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Hymnal #151

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, God of night, you are holy light in dark places; you are holy darkness when all is too bright. Forgive us, O God, when we turn away from your light; when we follow our own ambitions instead of your call, when we respond to your presence with fear rather than joy. Forgive us, O God, when we do not comprehend the depth of your Christmas love, the meaning of your powerful story, or the call you place on each of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, empower us to follow the star once more. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

† **HYMN** "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" **Hymnal #107**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "Traveling with '2020' Vision" Rev. MP Panco

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From a Brief Statement of Faith 11.1-11.6
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Quelle est cette Odeur Agreeable (What Is That Lovely Fragrance)* arr. Page

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread & Cup
Prayer After Communion

† **HYMN** "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" **Hymnal #833**

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Peace On the Earth" Sussex Carol



POSTLUDE *Angels from the Realm of Glory* arr. Long

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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Parish Associate: Rev. Carol DeV Vaughan
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 Smith



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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

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 [durgess@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.

ABC SALE RESULTS FOR 2020

Drum roll please..... over \$13,000 was raised for our local mission partners!!! This year, the ABC sale moved from the physical church building to two “digital” platforms. ONE: St. Mark members generously donated to the Virtual ABC Sale. TWO: Jackie Morgan selflessly gave her time and talents all year long to sell small items donated by members of our congregation, netting over \$6,000 in online sales. Your giving has meant that we have been able to continue to meet the financial needs of our mission partners during a most challenging year – thank you! Mission partners supported include: BBJ, Isaiah 58, Lafayette Industries, Mound Ridge, Peace Meal, Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services, and UKirk.

THANK YOU! DECEMBER DROP-OFF. Christmas Alternatives – Our 20th

Year! Thank you for your continued support of Christmas Alternatives! Donations are in the process of being tabulated and results will be shared in early 2021.

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!

DONATION DRIVE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1-3PM

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS - Oh my, the harsh weather and economic struggles make it incredibly challenging for many to afford basic personal care products. Did you know that SNAP/EBT/WIC/Food stamps *cannot* be used for personal care products? During January we will collect deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, lotion, and laundry detergent.

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



Sunday, February 7, 1-3PM

SM The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired movement working across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Mobilizing grassroots resources, The Souper Bowl of Caring has created over \$160 million worth of support that stays completely local. Once again, St. Mark Youth will be collecting food for our local mission partners, Circle of Concern, and Isaiah 58 Ministries. We look forward to seeing you before kickoff on Sunday, February 7th!

SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR 2021

St. Mark and the Red Cross are pleased to announce the Blood Drive schedules for the New Year 2021. For years St. Mark has participated in this very valuable community service. St. Mark has regularly held four Blood Drives a year. The 2021 schedule is as follows:



February 28

April 25

August 15

October 24

These four Blood Drives will be held on Sundays from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

For members who regularly give blood, please add this schedule to your 2021 calendar. For members who have been thinking about giving for the first time, let this year be the beginning of a new habit in your life. A member of your community may be the one who receives your blood because of cancer, transplant surgery, other life-saving surgeries, genetic blood disorders, various illnesses and a multitude of various accidents.

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

The Deacon's Health & Wellness Committee looks forward to seeing our past donors & renewing old friendships & hopefully meeting new donors & making new friendships in this coming new year.

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