



ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

January 10, 2021
10:00 am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. When we are lost in the wilderness or tossed about on the chaotic waters, help us to remember our baptisms and the truth that your love conquers all. Thank you for giving us this day, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

PRELUDE

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls us together this day yearns for all people to hear and to be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Come; let us worship our God together!

† HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymnal #475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We fail our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so we may begin again with renewed strength. We continue to pray 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

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

“Remember Your Baptism”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Question 70

Q. What does it mean to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

A. It means to have the forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood which he shed for us in his sacrifice on the cross, and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified as members of Christ, so that we may more and more die to sin and live in a consecrated and blameless way.

OFFERING

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† **HYMN**

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

Hymnal #488

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Come! Live in the Light”

Hymnal #749

POSTLUDE

Praise Be to God

Powers

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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: Pam Ladley



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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.

JOIN US AFTER THE VIRTUAL SERVICE TODAY FOR A SPECIAL EVENT!

As the regular worship service completes on YouTube, we will move to Zoom to ordain and install our new elders and deacons and complete the service.

On **Saturday** (1/9) an email with a link for the Zoom portion of the service was sent out. Please be part of this special event in the life of our congregation.

New Officers & Retiring Officers---December 2020

ELDERS

Jason Neal
Clayton Douglas
Kim Michel
Joyce Blackwell
Elizabeth Peterson

DEACONS

Wendy Phipps
Robyn Mikes
Michelle Rochow
Karl D'Arcy
Ryan Melter
Alex Lambie
Alanah Feagan

CURRENT RETIRING ELDERS

Shelley Lester*
Judy Vroman*
Loren Polak*
Cathy York*
Kate Dolson

CURRENT RETIRING DEACONS

Lauren Arnet
Christy Brewer
Christine Polak
Nikki Douglas
Debbie Hames (completing 5 years)
Mark Michell
Ingamarie Northrip

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 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.
Deacon's Health & Wellness Committee

Unfortunately, Troop 631 is forced to break a tradition that dates back over 50 years -- **Spaghetti Supper is officially canceled!** As a socially distanced alternative for the largest fundraiser for the scouts every year, the scouts are offering gift certificates to Waterway Carwash.

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET:

- A certificate for a **FULL SERVICE** carwash at the regular walk-in price of \$20. You don't pay anything extra for the fundraiser!
- Redeemable at any Waterway Carwash in St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Cleveland, or Chicago.
- The coupons do not expire! Use them whenever you wish.
- Upgradeable - This card can be used toward a more expensive service.
- For large SUVs, etc., large vehicle upcharges are waved if you are using this coupon.
- Fully transferable. Makes a great gift throughout the year.

WHAT THE SCOUTS GET:

The scouts get to keep 50% of sales for their fundraiser!!!

Due to the unusual circumstances, for sales and more information please contact the chairs of this event, **Eric and Jessica Bachman**. They will arrange payment and either mail or deliver your certificates personally!



The scouts appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing everyone again at Spaghetti Supper 2022!!!! **Act fast – this fundraiser ends on Jan 31st!**

Chuck Livesay, Chartered Organization Representative