



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

May 5, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ first loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show your love to the world. Amen.

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Oliver Holden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

† HYMN

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Hymnal #331

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we do not love you or each other with our whole hearts. We see your law as a burden and not a blessing. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. We continue to pray in Jesus' name.
(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Hymnal #750

Sing Twice

SCRIPTURE

I John 5:1-6

SERMON

“Fighting the Law”

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.

OFFERTORY

All Creatures of Our God and King
Chancel Bells

Linda R. Lamb

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #609

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

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymnal #826

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“He Lives”

See Below

POSTLUDE

March Pontificale

William Stickles

† *In body or in spirit, please rise.*

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me, and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

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| 5 Membership Exploration Class, 8:50 am | 12 Youth Led Worship, 10 am |
| 5 Confirmation Class, 9:00 am | 14 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm |
| 6 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 17 Food Truck Friday, 5:30 pm |
| 7 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 19 Confirmation Celebration, during worship |
| 7 Yoga, 6:30 pm | 19 Church Picnic, following worship |
| 9 Chair Exercise, 10 am | 20 Circle of Concern Golf Tournament |
| 10 Friday Bible Study, 9 am | 22 Book Club, 9:30 am |
| 12 Equal Exchange Fairly Traded in the Narthex | 26 Graduate Recognition, during worship |
| | 26 Weather Drill, following worship |

WELCOME TO ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are pleased to have you join us this morning. Your presence enriches both us and this experience of worship together. It is our prayer this will be a time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate in our life together here at St. Mark.

TO OUR GUESTS: We hope you enjoy your visit today. Whether this is your first visit, or you have been coming to St. Mark and are considering joining the church and you would like to know more about St. Mark, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, please contact the church office, 636-394-2233.

TO ALL: Listening devices are available from a sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary. Large print bulletins and hymnals are also available upon request from an usher.

Devotional Booklets, *These Days* are available in the lobby at the 'Mark' entrance.

Please be aware that, as St. Mark works to increase safety and security, all doors to the building are locked Sunday morning once worship has begun. Those who arrive late should approach the 'Mark' door and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

TO MEMBERS: Please wear your NAMETAG at church. Don't have one? Stop by the church office where you will find a form to fill out in the "Name Badge" mailbox.

WAYS TO GIVE: There are several convenient and easy ways to contribute to St. Mark:

In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

Mail: Please make check out to St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 601 Claymont Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011

Online: To donate, use the **QR Code** here to be directed to our giving page on discoverstmark.org.



PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

The pastors are generally available: Pastor Dave - Monday through Thursday from 8:15 am – 1 pm. Pastor MP - Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9 am – 12 pm. Both are available at other times by appointment. Please contact the church office to confirm their availability or to schedule an appointment.

APRIL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Sunday In Person	Sunday Online	Total Attendance
April 7	169	81	250
April 14	164	114	278
April 21	155	106	261
April 28	167	93	260

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the next class of elders, deacons, endowment and next year's Nominating Committee. We have a lot of talent in our church community and what better way is there to join in, make a difference and expand your circle of friends than participating in the work of the church! The forms are available at the Welcome Desk to suggest candidates, even yourself. Please leave at the Welcome Desk or the Nominating Committee mailbox in the church office. Your energy and talents are needed, so please prayerfully consider.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

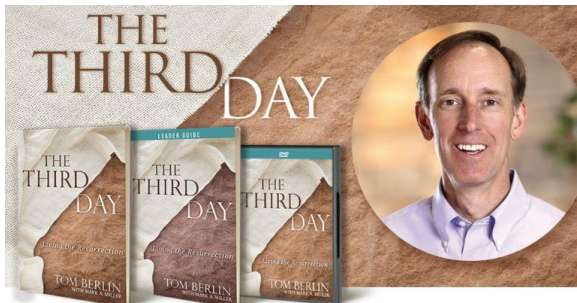
Volunteers are needed to staff the office on Monday and Friday mornings and several other days to cover vacations this summer. If you are interested in helping 8:45 am – 12 pm by answering phones and admitting visitors into the building, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA9A92BA5FFC25-49397591-office> to use the SignUp Genius page or contact Stacey Caplinger at 636-394-2233.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



ST. MARK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets in room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. All men are welcome! You may contact Glen Corlett or Bruce Cranston for more information.



Upcoming Friday morning Bible study April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and May 10rd, and 17th.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Third Day: Living the Resurrection

On the third day, he rose again. In *"The Third Day: Living the Resurrection"*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK - 5th grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

NURSERY

Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 11:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN

Please be sure to sign in your student(s) for Sunday School! Parents will receive a card after Time With Children with a QR code for access to the sign in. Please register your student(s) so that we can contact you via text if needed and return your card at pick up.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!

Look for our Summer Sundays and VBS Volunteer Table on May 19 before and after the morning service! Find out how to simply give of your time one hour/once a month during the summer months AND/OR how to "say YES TO VBS!" and join our team the week of July 15-29 from 9 am - 12:00 pm. Latisha Gilliland will be available to answer any questions you may have - we are so excited about what God is going to do in St. Mark Children's Ministry!



REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY! JULY 15-19

Use this QR Code or go to discoverstmark.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth 6th grade and up are meeting Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm (unless noted otherwise) for food, fun, fellowship, and faith! If you have any questions, contact Pastor MP or call the church office.



Our last class takes place May 5. On May 12 we will meet in Gleason Hall with the elders for a time of fellowship and continental breakfast. Students will be confirmed on May 19.

Youth Mission Team Meetings
May 15, 22, 29, & June 5 – 6-7:30 pm



MISSION AT ST. MARK

MAY FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Cooking Oil & Seasoning
- Laundry Detergent, 40-90 oz bottles



All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries. *Dollar & discount stores are good sourcing options.



St. Mark Recognized as Top 100 Supporting Customer by Equal Exchange

EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIRLY TRADED

In the Narthex on May 12th

Through fair trade, small-scale farmers are better able to support their families and stay on their land with better income and support from their co-operatives. St. Mark supports this mission to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just, environmentally sustainable, and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers and consumers (that's us!). Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile, and Tap Payments Accepted.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SAVE THE DATE!

You are invited to join our 2nd Annual Meal Packaging Event with St.

Mark Presbyterian Church in the movement to end hunger on Saturday, June 22 from 10 am to 12 pm in Gleason Hall. Come and join us as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to package 15,000 meals that will



be sent to feed people around the world. The event is for all ages and abilities. Please use the QR code or go to this website to register:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/stmarkpresb2024>.
It starts with a meal.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Book club will meet Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30 am. The book for this month's discussion is **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napolitano. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in person. Please contact Judy Richardson for a Zoom invite to participate virtually.



ST. MARK ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual St. Mark Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 19, immediately after church in the church parking lot. The Fellowship Committee will provide the traditional hot dogs and brats, with a new addition to the menu...shredded beef sandwiches!!! Also, back by popular demand, POTLUCK! We are inviting all the members of the congregation to bring in their favorite side dishes and desserts to share with one another. Due to lack of easy electrical access, no crockpots, please. Fun is sure to be had by all; think about joining in on the pie-eating contest, or perhaps a corn-hole tournament. For more information, contact Lisa Marsh. Most importantly, COME ONE, COME ALL, AND COME HUNGRY!!



ADULT MISSION TRIP: JULY 20-27 – SPIRIT LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA

Mission trip activities include light construction such as building wheelchair ramps, painting of houses, roofing, and minor repair of elder and persons with disability housing depending on the experience and skill levels of the teams. Each afternoon a portion of the team will help with summer day camp activities. If you have questions or are interested in joining the mission team contact: **Pastor MP ASAP!**



BLOCK YOUR CALENDARS - 2024 ABC SALE!

**Workdays: July 28 -August 1, Sale Days:
August 2 & 3**

Start saving your treasures! As always, the sale is a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community. This is our largest fundraiser of the year to support our local mission partners.

WEATHER WARNING DRILL

There will be a weather warning drill immediately following worship service on Sunday, May 26. Details and instructions will be shared with the congregation prior to the drill.

Go Getter Luncheon
May 14 at 12 pm

The luncheon will be held at
 The Hearth Room,
 265 Lamp & Lantern Village.

Please let Jan Graves or Judy
 Richardson know of your
 plans to attend.

Food Truck Friday
May 17 - 5:30 PM

Activities for All Ages!

Meet New Friends!



Metro West
 Fire Protection District
 St. Louis County, MO

**Hands Only CPR
 & Stop the Bleed**
June 1 - 9:00AM

Free Event - Registration Deadline, May 26

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Orthopedic Specialists

CIRCLE OF CONCERN
18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE!
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

Hosted by St. Mark Presbyterian Church
 Benefitting the programs of Circle of Concern
 Contact Bob Steward if you'd like to volunteer!



The Metro West Fire Protection District will offer a training at St. Mark on Saturday, June 1, at 9 am. The training includes:

- **HANDS ONLY CPR** - If performed immediately, the chance of a cardiac arrest victim's survival is doubled.
- **STOP THE BLEED** - Bleeding is the number one cause of death after injury, but it is preventable.

Participants must be 12 years or older and the training is free of charge. Registration by May 26 is required. Use the QR code to register or call the church office at 636-394-2233.



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 Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
 Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
 Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Susan Talley



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Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
 Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
 Special Music: Chancel Bells
 Liturgist: Victoria Sherman