



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

July 28, 2024
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of light, you call us to see you as you revealed yourself in the scriptures. Help us feel your illuminating presence in our world and understand what an impact that makes in all that we do.
Amen.

PRELUDE

Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring

arr. Jan Sanborn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!

We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.

Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

† HYMN

"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"

Hymnal #192

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, how is it that we feel today the world is in deep darkness, and submerged in sickness, sin, evil, and ignorance? We ask that you forgive our contributions to these feelings of hopelessness and helplessness. Encourage us to remember that Christ was also born into this fallen race and yet became the saving light of truth and love. With Christ as our guide, we too can shine and rekindle a spark of hope in the soul of all - so that whosoever believes by grace and through faith, will be removed from the kingdom of darkness, and placed into the brightness of God's eternal light. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORY TO GOD

Hymnal #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hymnal #630

SCRIPTURE

John 8:12-19

SERMON

"I AM: The Light of the World"

Pastor Donna Schiro

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

OFFERTORY

Sonata in C

Jean Baptiste Breval

JeeHye Lee, piano & Ethan Forte, cello

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **HYMN**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Hymnal #744

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

“Live into Hope”
Verse Four

Hymnal #772

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Hyfrydol”

David Lasky

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

28-31 ABC Sale Work Days

2-3 ABC Sale, 8 am

August

1 ABC Sale Work Day

18 Blood Drive, 8:30 am

Backpack & Bible Sunday, during worship
Mission Trip Sunday, during worship
Youth - Ballwin Days, 12 pm

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Mike & Karen Smith, "in celebration of our 52nd Wedding Anniversary".

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.



WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PASTOR

We welcome Donna Schiro to the pulpit this morning! Donna is an Ordained Ruling Elder trained by the PCUSA to serve as a Commissioned Pastor. She served Trinity Chapel Presbyterian Church in Cuba MO for the past few years and now serves several churches in our Presbytery as Pulpit Supply. Donna was the first Christian Education Coordinator hired at St. Mark. She and her family have been members here for almost 30 years and are proud to call this church their home.

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.

DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG?

If you need a new nametag, an order will be placed soon. The cost is \$10. Please complete a name tag form, found in the church mailbox marked Name Tags and give a check to office staff or place in the drop box in the Pastors' Hallway.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Ritual of Friendship pads are located at the end of each pew in the sanctuary. Please sign your name and pass to the person sitting next to you during worship. Attendance is important so please sign in to help keep our records up to date.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

Join us in September **YOUTH WEDNESDAYS**

ON PAUSE FOR SUMMER



Youth 6th grade -12th. Youth Wednesdays will resume in September. BUT keep your eyes open for youth hangout opportunities in July, and August! If you have any questions, contact pastor MP mpanco@discoverstmark.org or call the church office.

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.



**YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER
AUGUST 18TH, 12-5:00**

Sunday Aug. 18th, we need youth to participate in Ballwin Days 12-5pm. Please RSVP a two-hour time-slot that you can be there. You will act as "salespersons" at the water and sport drink stand. All tips will go to the St. Mark youth group mission fund. If you want to buy or do anything you need to bring your own cash. Extra volunteer service hours can be earned on Fri-Sat (see Liz O.) RSVP to Pastor MP ASAP!

MISSION AT ST. MARK



JULY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- **Canned Meat** (no tuna please)
- **Canned Pasta with Meat**
- **Meal "Helpers"**
- **Multipurpose Cleaners***
- **Dish Soap***



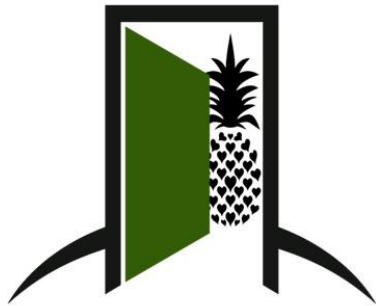
"Dollar" and "big box" discount stores are good sourcing options.

All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries.

*Non-food products such as cleaners and dish soap cannot be purchased with food stamps.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

What's behind the **green** door?



Find out as we
Open Doors with PW
at the
Presbyterian Women's
2024 Fall Brunch
Saturday, September 8
10:00 a.m.

The PW Board invites you to be our guests for a get together with fellowship, delicious food, entertainment and reflection.

This is a time to catch up with friends and make new ones.

As always, we guarantee smiles and a few laughs along the way.

Watch for more information in the August Messenger!



ST. MARK BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday Aug. 18, 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Any month is a good month to celebrate all kinds of affection: for friends, for family & for community.

American Red Cross blood donors

have the biggest hearts. Blood donation is a selfless way to communicate love to friends, family & community who may not survive without it. Will you sign up to help the national blood need today? Just one blood donation can help save up to three lives!

Make an appointment for Aug. 18th at

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/Donate/Blood> and enter:

Saintmarkpres.



ATTENTION HANDYMEN AND DO-IT- YOURSELFERS!

The St. Mark Property Committee is actively seeking volunteers to fill various limited roles on an "occasional & as

needed" basis throughout the year. If you are "semi-retired or an early retiree" (or someone who is just interested in helping out occasionally) and have some DIY skills, please contact a member of the Property Committee and/or plan on visiting our Discover Sunday table to learn more about what this involves and how you might share some of your time and talent with St. Mark.



BLOCK YOUR CALENDARS - 2024 ABC SALE!

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

The ABC Sale is St. Mark's primary fundraiser to support our local mission partners. It's time to start boxing up your treasures! The sale is also a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community. Please share posts about the sale on your social media accounts.

WANTED: MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Various departments have openings, which include sitting roles, as well as sale day greeters (standing or sitting). To find your perfect volunteer role match, contact Joyce Blackwell or Pam Ladley, ABC Sale Co-Chairs.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP WITH THE ABC SALE!

The "ABC Café" would love to share your home baked cookies, brownies and quick breads with our amazing volunteers! We are also hoping to use up all the odds and ends of paper products in our kitchen and from your home! If you have paper plates, cups or napkins from a party that are left over, we would love to use them up for you!! Please deliver baked goods and paper products to the kitchen clearly marked "ABC SALE" on Sunday, July 28th.



**ABC Sale August 2 & 3
Workdays – July 28 – August 1
100% of Net Proceeds to Local Mission Partners!**

YES, PLEASE!

- items typically sold at a thrift store
- donation receipts will be available during drop-off hours
- snacks, cookies and quick breads to "fuel" our volunteers
- **Drop off donations July 28-July 31**
- Want to volunteer?– Contact ABC Sale Co-Chairs: Joyce Blackwell, Pam Ladley

SORRY, NO THANK YOU ...

- large furniture, large appliances, TVs (Doesn't fit in a compact SUV...it's a NO!)
- encyclopedias or magazines
- car seats, strollers, highchairs, or cribs
- Christmas trees
- hazardous waste (even if unopened): such as paint, chemicals, oil, household cleaners

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland



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Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee
Special Music: JeeHye Lee & Ethan Forte
Liturgist: Clay Douglas