



**May 11, 2025**  
**Worship Bulletin**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*The Strife is O'er*

Jason W. Krug

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISSION & UPWARD MOMENT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**The LORD is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

**Glory to God forever. Alleluia!**

## † HYMN

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

**Hymnal #643**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess we stray from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we dishonor you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.**

(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**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

## † HYMN

**“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Hymnal #187**

## SCRIPTURE

John 10:22-30

## SERMON

**“Upward: From Words to Work”**

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

Great Day!  
Chancel Bells

Bill Ingram

## † 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

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Hymnal #726

## †CHARGE AND BLESSING

## †BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Hymnal #648

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell everyone what God has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
rejoice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

*Recessional in C*

David Lasky

*†In body or spirit, please rise.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

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| <b>11</b> Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am                | <b>14</b> Chancel Bells Practice, 6 pm          |
| <b>11</b> Equal Exchange in the Narthex             | <b>14</b> Chancel Choir Practice, 7 pm          |
| <b>12</b> Prayer Circle, 9:30 am                    | <b>15</b> Chair Exercise, 10 am                 |
| <b>13</b> Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am                | <b>16</b> Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am      |
| <b>13</b> Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm                 | <b>18</b> Capital Campaign Lunch & Learn, 11 am |
| <b>14</b> Garden Planting, 5:30 pm                  | <b>18</b> VBS Volunteer Luncheon, 11 am         |
| <b>14</b> Youth Mission Team Meeting, 6 pm          | <b>19</b> Circle of Concern Golf Tournament     |
| <b>14</b> Capital Campaign Information Mtg, 6:30 pm | <b>20</b> Man Cave Movie Night, 5:30 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.

**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.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are donated by Norm and Valery Steiner in honor of Amanda and Sarah's Birthdays this month. Happy Birthday - Love, Mom and Dad!

**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](http://discoverstmark.org).



## UPWARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LUNCH & LEARN



The Upward Capital Campaign began on Sunday, April 27. We are excited about all the possible facility improvements throughout the

campus. You are invited to discover more about the projects at a series of "Lunch and Learn" events. We will discuss the form and function of each of these improvements and answer any questions you might have. The program will take place after Sunday worship on **May 18**. There will also be one midweek hybrid presentation on Wednesday, **May 14**. Please sign up for one of the programs at the Capital Campaign table in the narthex or fill out the form online by using the QR code.

## UPWARD DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday, Day Fifteen

"Friendship Pads" – Linda Larimer

Monday, Day Sixteen

"Finding Sacred Space" – Pastor MP

Tuesday, Day Seventeen

"The Soundboard" – Dale Weir

Wednesday, Day Eighteen

"Many Gifts" – Pastor Dave

Thursday, Day Nineteen

"The Spire" – Dale Weir

Friday, Day Twenty

"Awake! Awake!" – Pastor Dave

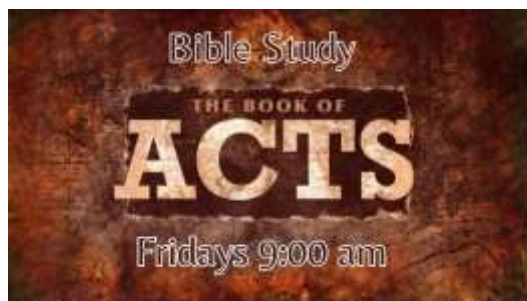
Saturday, Day Twenty-one

"Sanctuary" – John Northrip

## UPDATES FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to update your information. If your address or phone # has changed or you have dropped your landline, Sally Shepherd will be available after today's service to correct this information.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



**The Book of Acts.** Join us Fridays at 9:00 am as we read through and discuss the book of Acts. If you have any questions contact Pastor MP [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org).

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

St. Mark men's Bible study meets in Room 102 every Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are using the book, "12 Ordinary Men", by Joe MacArther. All men are welcome and can contact Bruce Cranston for more information.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



We will be taking our summer break starting in May. Keep an eye out for youth and family activities throughout the summer. Youth Wednesdays will resume in September. If you have any questions, contact pastor MP [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org) or call the church office.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### GARDEN PLANTING PARTY

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:30 pm for a Children's Garden Planting Party. Bring your own plant, bring a picnic or drive-thru. We will plant, play on the playground and pray for a great harvest! Susan Talley's memorial stone will be placed in front of the Children's Garden.



## VBS AT ST. MARK – JULY 14-18



You've saved the date - now it's time to write it in your calendar. You have been invited to go on the most fun and extraordinary road trip adventure ever. You won't be alone as our mascot Scout is coming along and we will learn Joshua 1:9 "The Lord your

God is with you wherever you go." We need early teams to sign up so - sign up today!



**Registration is open!** Use this QR code or go to [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org) to register!



**Volunteers are also needed!** If you can help for a few days or the entire week, use this QR code or go to the St. Mark website to register!

## VBS VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON MEETING MAY 18, 11AM -12 PM

Calling all VBS volunteers to a luncheon/meeting from 11 - 12 pm immediately after the worship service. We are meeting to help answer your questions about your part in this great July Event. If you haven't already registered to volunteer online at the [discoverstmark.org](http://discoverstmark.org) website or via the QR code in this bulletin, it is not too late. If you would like to register by form, you can pick up a form in the front office or at the Children's and Youth table in the Narthex.



Look for our Summer Sundays and VBS Volunteer sign up on the Welcome Center. Consider giving 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 14-18 from 9 am - 12:00 pm.

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### MAY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Mac -n- Cheese
- Canned Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal or Oatmeal
- Dish Soap\*



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

\*Non-food products cannot be purchased with food stamps.

### EQUAL EXCHANGE In the Narthex on May 11 Medjool Dates

- exceptionally large and luscious
- soft and chewy with strong caramel notes.
- enjoy as a sweet, healthy snack



- add to recipes while cooking or baking

Every time we serve Equal Exchange coffee at St Mark or sell Equal Exchange products we are making a strong statement about our values. We are proclaiming that our congregation believes that it's vital to keep small farmers on the land providing food for their families and having some economic control over their lives; that it's important to work with indigenous producers and women; that sustainable agricultural methods are a vital way to address climate change. Cash, Credit, Debit, Digital Wallet Payments Accepted.



St. Mark's inaugural Man Cave Movie Night premieres on Tuesday, May 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Dave is smoking pork, and we will have all the western fixins for the meal at 5:30 pm. The movie will begin at 6:00 pm. Bring a friend and an appetite for this special event.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Rise**  
**AGAINST HUNGER**



**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**St. Mark Meal Packing Event**

**Register and donate using the QR code**

## **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 with whom you have confirmed their agreement. Or submit your own name!

Forms are available at the Welcome Desk to leave in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the church office. Your energy and talents are needed, so please prayerfully consider.



*Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess*  
*Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco*  
*Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland*  
*Dir. Of Claymont Preschool: Jessie Bahr*



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*Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte*  
*Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee*  
*Special Music: Chancel Bells*  
*Liturgist: Joanna Carter*