



May 25, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, your home among mortals on earth. All people and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for creation. You call us to move beyond our comfortable circles into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

Sing a New Song

Mary McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPWARD MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the peoples praise you.

† HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Hymnal #291

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess we are an anxious people who deny your blessings and fail to keep your word. Instead of sharing your fruits of the Spirit, we cut ourselves off from you and one another. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world. 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

**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

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

See last page of bulletin

SCRIPTURE

John 14:23-29

SERMON

“Upward: From Pain to Peace”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

I Believe
Chancel Choir

David Lantz III

† 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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Hymnal #835

†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

We Are All One in Mission

George Ratcliffe Woodward

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 25** Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am
- 26** Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 27** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 29** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 30** Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am

June

- 8** Capital Campaign Celebration Potluck Lunch, immediately following worship
- 15** Farewell Celebration for Pastor MP, immediately following worship
- 21** Rise Against Hunger Event, 10 am

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.

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 were donated last week by Troy and Olivia Hargrove celebrating Papa's birthday. Flowers this week are donated by Don and Cathy York "In honor of our twins Sam and Mia Pettitt graduating from SLU and LSU and grandson Kingston graduating from High School in Maryland."

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.



UPWARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



UPWARD DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday, Day Twenty-two

"Choir Loft" – Judy Richardson

Monday, Day Twenty-three

"Rise Against Hunger" – Pastor MP

Tuesday, Day Twenty-four

"Cutting the Chalah" – Patty Gingrich

Wednesday, Day Twenty-five

"the Open Door" – Pastor Dave

Thursday, Day Twenty-six

"The Sanctuary's Ceiling Windows at St. Mark" – Sharon Cardwell

Friday, Day Twenty-seven

"The Archives" – John Northrip

Saturday, Day Twenty-eight

"Pastor Pictures in Room 102" – Sharon Tharp

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

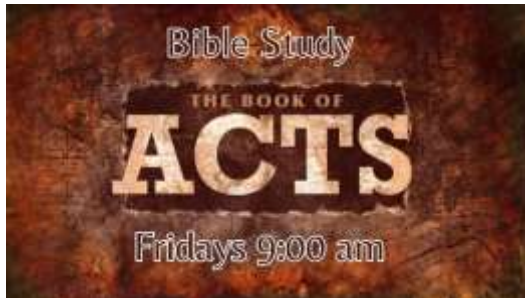
The Presbyterian Children's Home and Services

A huge part of PCHAS focus is helping families in crisis stay together. Innovative social services that keep children and their families together are used. The families served face enormous threats to their unity: the death of a parent, divorce, illness, homelessness, violence and substance use. Each family is helped to tap their strengths to conquer the crises.

Additionally, PCHAS works with older foster youth. This includes group homes and apartment residences, life skills training, gaining employment and guidance as they prepare for independent adult living. Clients are accepted through an application, interview and assessment process.

St. Mark supports this work through the 40% of the Pentecost Special Offering that is retained. Be part of that support through your donation.

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.

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 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.

VBS AT ST. MARK

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 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 Road Trip Donations! Please pass by our Road Trip Donation Board today in the Narthex before or after the service. You simply take one of the items off of the board and return it with the item(s) at this same location. As always, we love your support and giving heart for our kids during VBS. Your donations are appreciated and are used and recycled all year long.

VBS Work Days! Please come and join our team (even for just an hour) as we work on various "behind the scenes" projects that make our preparations for this year's VBS Road Trip a breeze. Your time and talents are so needed during this time. Many hands make light work and our church is the best when it comes to working together for good! Here are the dates and times:

- June 4, 11, 18, 25 (4-6 pm)
- Sunday, July 6 (immediately after the service to help move furniture in Sanctuary and Narthex)
- July 7-10 - Call Latisha to schedule, 10am - 12pm & 4-6pm
- July 11 - VBS potluck 5pm
- July 12 - All day
- July 13 - 12pm - 4pm

Contact Latisha at lgilliland@discoverstmark.org for scheduling and more information.



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.

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 or call the church office.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!



June 21st, 2025

St. Mark Meal Packing Event

Register and donate using the QR code

Visit the table in the Narthex to make a donation. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Use the QR code to register!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

St. Mark has not one, but **TWO** celebrations that you won't want to miss!



Sunday, June 8, we will be celebrating not only Pentecost, but also St. Mark's birthday, AND the conclusion of our Capital

Campaign with a giant potluck luncheon after our worship service. The Fellowship Committee will provide grilled hot dogs and brats, and you're invited to share your favorite side dishes and desserts with one another. Fun, Fellowship, and Delicious Food are guaranteed!

Sunday, June 15, please join us as we wish a fond farewell to MP with a reception following the church service, featuring Ted Drewes frozen custard and fresh

fruit. We can't say goodbye without making sure we (and St. Louis) won't soon be forgotten, so we'll make sure to have a basket available for you to place any cards sending best wishes for MP's future ministry with a very lucky church in Ohio.



431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

chil - dren all are we. Let us

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow; to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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
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Liturgist: Joanna Carter