



June 1, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

J. Birch, faithandworship.com

Every creature, every plant, every rock and grain of sand proclaims the glory of its Creator, worships through colour, shape, scent and form. A multi-sensory song of praise. Creator God, may we join with the whole of your creation, in praising you, our Creator, through the fragrance and melody of our lives.

PRELUDE

Arabesque

David Paxton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPWARD MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
Let the many coastlands be glad!
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all peoples behold his glory.
Come! Let us worship our God together!

† HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymnal #260

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from all evil, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. (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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Hymnal #452

Sing Twice

SCRIPTURE

John 17:20-26

SERMON

“Upward: From Known to Knowing”

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.

† THE DOXOLOGY

**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.**

Hymnal #606

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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymnal #263

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Hymnal #648

RESPONSE

**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

Praise With the Trumpet

Gerald Peterson

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

1

Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am

2

Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

5

Chair Exercise, 10 am

6

Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am

8

Capital Campaign Celebration

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Capital Campaign 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 are donated by Robyn Mikes "Remembering Denny."

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 Thirty-four

"Wednesday Evening Potlucks" – Pastor Dave

Monday, Day Thirty-five

"Fair Trade Store" – Pastor Dave

Tuesday, Day Thirty-six

"Growing in Faith: The Youth Lounge at St. Mark"
– Pastor MP

Wednesday, Day Thirty-seven

"A Fixing Faith" – Pastor Dave

Thursday, Day Thirty-eight

"A Place of Welcome, Fellowship and Acceptance"
– Julie Norhrip

Friday, Day Thirty-nine

"Remember Your Baptism" – Pastor Dave

Saturday, Day Forty

"Go Out and Be the Church" – Pastor Dave

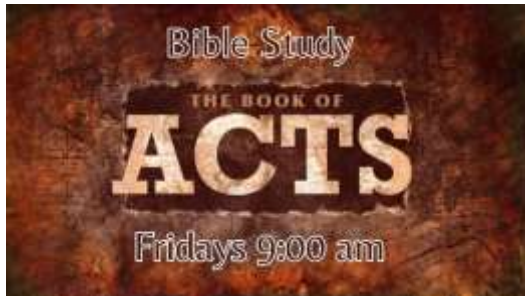
PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Pentecost Special Offering---Young Adult Volunteer and Ministries with Youth

Twenty-five percent of the Pentecost Special Offering is used to support the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. This is a faith-based year of service in sites across the U.S. and around the world that has been changing the lives of young people ages 19-20 for nearly three decades. YAVs work with local agencies to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the meaning of their Christian faith.

Another 25% is directed to the Support of Ministries with Youth. This includes support of the Youth Triennium, held every three years. This event draws over 3,000 high-school-age youth, their leaders, and young adults from the U.S. and internationally for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation. The 2025 event will be July 28-31, 2025, in Louisville.

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.

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

JUNE FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Snacks (8-12 servings)
- Sunscreen*



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 June 8

St. Mark – Top 100 Organization!!!

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



LENT WATER CHALLENGE – 14 WELLS!!!

Worldwide, more children are killed by unsafe drinking water than bullets. In Sub-Saharan

Africa, women spend 16 million hours every day transporting water and 50% of all hospitalizations are due to water borne illnesses. Thanks to your generous gifts of \$6,750 for the 2025 Lent Water Challenge, FOURTEEN rural villages in Africa will work with a Marion Medical Mission Field Officer and other volunteers to site, dig, and build clean water wells.

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.



BLOCK YOUR CALENDARS – 2025 ABC SALE!

Workdays: July 27 thru July 31

Sale Days: August 1 & 2

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

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Joyce Blackwell or Pam Ladley, Co-Chairs.

LET RECYCLE TOGETHER IN 2025 ... PLASTIC CAPS AND LIDS STILL NEEDED!



Plastic in our world is not going away anytime soon, so let's keep it out of the landfill and turn it into a new picnic table for Mound Ridge!

We need:

- caps/lids of all types from food grade containers and household items up to 8" in diameter
- look for the recycle symbol with number 2, 4, or 5

Please drop off your caps and lids in the collection bin near the Youth table in the Narthex

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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: Cay Noble