



August 3, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy One, you see us for just who we are, and yet you love us with a parent's love. In your enduring love for us, we see both our guilt and our acquittal. Gracious God, continue to guide us and teach us to walk in your ways. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are children of God, learning to walk.

Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

Come! Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Hymnal #716

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways because you love us, but we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. (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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Sunday School is in rooms 17, 18, 19 in the lower level.)

† HYMN

“Live into Hope”

Hymnal #772

SCRIPTURE

“Finding Faith in a Factory Town”

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

Steppin' in the Light
Ethan Forte & JeeHye Lee

Eliza Hewitt

† 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.**

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

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Hymnal #80

RESPONSE

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

POSTLUDE

Epilogue in “Silver Street”

Lani Smith

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS**August****3** Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 am**4** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am**8** Friday Bible Study, 9 am**8** Outdoor Jazz Concert, 6 pm**17** Blood Drive, 8:30 am**17** Blessing of the Backpacks & Bible
Sunday, during 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 main 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 door at the office entrance and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Judy Richardson.

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:

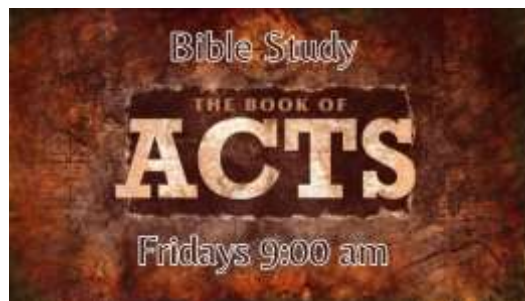
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Bible Study continues through the summer months under the leadership of Donna Schiro. We meet on Friday mornings at 9 am in Room 102. Come and be a part of the fun and fellowship, in person or via Zoom, as we study God's Word.



Everyone is invited to join us for this All-Church education opportunity each Sunday in August at 8:50 am in Fellowship Hall. You might be new to the faith, or you might have attended for years and still have questions. Pastor Dave will lead a five-week study of the essentials of the Christian faith, the Reformed Tradition, and the Presbyterian Church. This is an excellent opportunity to build and strengthen faith. Everyone is welcome and childcare will be provided. Please contact Pastor Dave with any questions.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in joining St. Mark, Pastor Dave encourages you to attend the "Back to Basics" class in August. This is a great way to learn about the church and discover new ways to participate. At the conclusion of the course, there will be an opportunity to meet with the church session about membership. Please contact Pastor Dave with any questions.

USHERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to serve on teams of 6-8 as ushers. Teams serve one month at a time. Men, especially, are needed as a number of women have already volunteered. Please contact Roy McBee if you are interested.



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, except for the first Sunday of the month when the nursery is open but there is no attendant present.



COLLECTING SCHOOL & PET SUPPLIES

If you did not have the opportunity to donate pet supplies and/or pens, pencils, or other school supplies during VBS, you may do so through Sunday, April 3. School supplies collected will be donated to PCHAS.



Join us on Sunday, August 17th during the 10 a.m. Worship service for "Blessing of the Backpacks." We will be praying a blessing over students, teachers, administrators, homeschoolers and parents! A special tag will be given to each student so don't forget to bring your backpack that morning!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Keep an eye out for youth and family activities throughout the summer. Youth Wednesdays will resume in September.

MISSION AT ST. MARK EQUAL EXCHANGE IN THE NARTHEX ON AUGUST 10



Many Equal Exchange products are grown in remote tropical forests that provide habitat to endangered species. Partnering farmers who use regenerative and organic practices helps preserve these important ecosystems that the farmers also call home.

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

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Snacks (8-12 servings)
- Boxed potatoes and rice
- Baking items
- Baby Wipes & Adult Wipes *



All year long, we collect food and hygiene items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries. Please place your donations on the mission table outside the church office. *Non-food products cannot be purchased with food stamps.

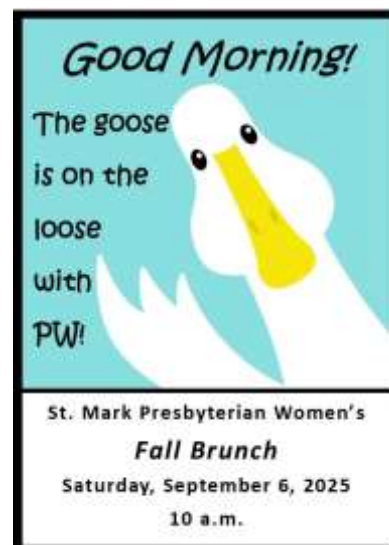
MOVING TOWARDS COMPLETION! PLASTIC CAP & LID RECYCLING PROJECT

As was announced during worship earlier this month, our recycling project is coming to a close. If you saved any plastic caps or lids, please deposit them in the bin near the Youth table in the Narthex by the end of August.



Thank you for your support - after August please continue to be a good earth steward by recycling those caps and lids in your single stream recycling bins!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG?

If you need a new name tag, an order will be placed soon. The cost is \$10. Please complete an order 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 by **September 1**.



A SPECIAL SUMMER TREAT!

On Friday, August 8, pack a picnic along with your favorite beverages and comfy lawn chairs, and come prepared to be thoroughly entertained by Mark Reynoso and his Jazz Quartet from 6:00-8:00 pm on St. Mark's upper parking lot. The weather may be hot, but the music is guaranteed to be "COOL"...mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a great night!

ST. MARK BLOOD DRIVE



Please come out and support our blood drive on Sunday **August 17 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in Gleason Hall**. St Mark Blood Drive volunteers look forward to welcoming you

as a first-time donor and welcoming back past donors. We look forward to your participation and seeing you there. Just one blood donation can help save up to three lives! Make an appointment for Aug. 17th at

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

Give Aug 1 to 28 for \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: rcblood.org/Test



Scan to schedule an appointment.



THANK YOU ST. MARK!

Wow! What an incredible week of "being the church"

for each other, for our shoppers, for the environment, and for our mission partners! Sales and expenses are still being tallied and will be announced August 10th. With great gratitude for your time, talent, and treasures!

ABC Sale volunteer potluck celebration will be Sunday, August 24th following worship.

Joyce Blackwell & Pam Ladley Co-Chairs

Discover Sunday



September 14th

TROOP 631 FALL MUM SALE

Use the QR Code to order 9.5" potted monster mums for \$15 each.
A variety of colors are available.



Pick up on Saturday, Sept. 13,
10 AM - 1 PM, St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. Of Claymont Preschool: Jessie Bahr
Parish Associate: Donna Schiro



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Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
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Liturgist: Loren Polak