



July 20, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way. Enable us to live and love in the way you taught us, so we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Credo

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love the Lord your God,
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**
Love your neighbor as yourself,
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**
Do this and you will live!
Let us worship God!

† HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymnal #12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are your children, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. We do not defend the weak or uphold the poor. We do not commit to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy; we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect. Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice to living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path and bring us back to you.
(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

† HYMN

“Christ Be Beside Me”

Hymnal #702

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-28

SERMON

“Seeing Clearly”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

† 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

"When Peace like a River"

Hymnal #840

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION
RESPONSE

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Hymnal #80

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

Heavenly Sunlight

George H. Cook

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

21 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
24 Chair Exercise, 10 am
25 Friday Bible Study, 9 am
27 - 31 ABC Sale work days

August

1-2 ABC Sale, 8 am
3 Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 am
8 Outdoor Jazz Concert, 6 pm
17 Blood Drive, 8:30 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.

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 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:

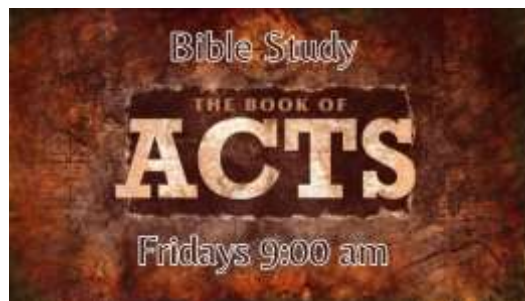
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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. 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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



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

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.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

JULY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Mac-n-Cheese
- Canned Chicken and Sardines
- Peanut butter
- Laundry Detergent*



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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

In the Narthex on
July 13
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.

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

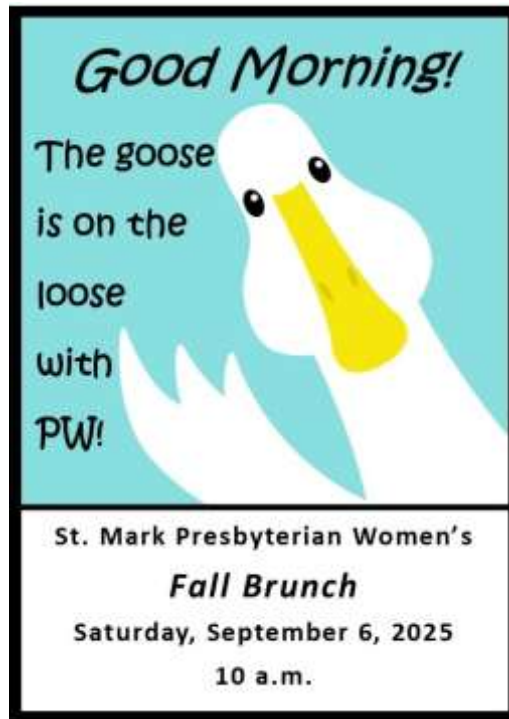
Plastic in our world is not going away anytime soon, so let's keep it out of the landfill and turn it into a new picnic table for Mound Ridge!
We need:

- 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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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.



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.



ABC Sale August 1 & 2

Workdays: July 27-31

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 27-July 30**
- 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, highchairs, or cribs
- Christmas trees
- hazardous waste (even if unopened): such as paint, chemicals, oil, household cleaners

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.

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 of the odds and ends paper products in our kitchen and from your home! If you have paper plates, cups or napkins from a party that are leftover, 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 27.

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
Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee
Special Music: Declan Phipps & Ethan Forte
Liturgist: Cay Noble