



July 27, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, you love us faithfully as our generous parent, our patient teacher, our constant friend. We live by the hope of your promises, seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit, by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Song of Freedom

Gerald Peterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Show us your steadfast love,

O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**The Lord will speak peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
and God's glory will dwell in our land.

Let us worship our God together!

† HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Hymnal #240

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we continue to pray. (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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymnal #465

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6-19

SERMON

“Stuck in the Middle”

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

Coming Down
Holy Treble Makers

Wes Homner (arr. by Tom Fettke)

† 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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

See back page of bulletin

†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

God of Grace and God of Glory

Jason W. Kruger

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

27 - 31 ABC Sale work days

3 Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 am

August

1-2 ABC Sale, 8 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 by Mike and Karen Smith, "In celebration of our 53rd Wedding Anniversary!"

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:

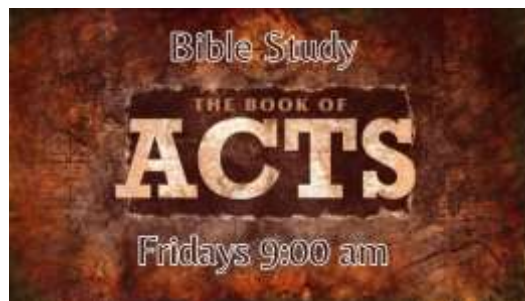
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



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

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 July.



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,



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN





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.

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.**



FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COMMUNITY WIDE FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 10 AM – 12 PM

Join us in supporting Isaiah 58 Ministries' Freedom From Hunger community-wide food drive. Together, we can help ensure that families in our community have access to the food they need. Requested food items are peanut butter, beef stew, spinach & greens, chili, canned fruit, and oatmeal.

Drop off your donations at one of the designated collection sites:

- Southminster Presbyterian Church – 10126 East Watson Rd
- Parkway UCC – 2841 N. Ballas Rd
- Hope UCC – 6273 Eichelberger
- Gethsemane Lutheran Church – 3600 Hampton Rd.
- Afton Christian Church – 9626 Tesson Ferry Rd.

For more information, visit www.i58ministries.org or contact Brenda at brenda@i58ministries.org.



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.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 376

Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
 3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now

to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, No turn - ing
 I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low,
 to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus?

Optional choral ending
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 back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.



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 & Amy Shelton
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