



July 6, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O God, you send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people living out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call upon the Lord! I asked for help and was healed.

The Lord gives liberty beyond measure. Praise God!

Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

God turned our mourning into dancing!

Our hearts sing without ceasing!

O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

† HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymnal #39

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you catch us in our sinful behavior. **We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded by our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we have stories to share of the good things you do for us. We are overwhelmed by the pains of this world and do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in 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

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Hymnal #415

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:7-16

SERMON

"Dog Day Determination"

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

The Gift of Love
Amy Polak & Chris Polak, vocalists

American Folk Tune arranged by Hal Hopson

† 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

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymnal #826

†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

The Joyful Trumpet

Gene Clarke

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 7 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 9 Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 11 Friday Bible Study, 9 am
- 13 Equal Exchange in the Narthex
- 14 -18 VBS, 9 am – 12 pm daily

27 - 31 ABC Sale work days

August

- 1-2 ABC Sale, 8 am
- 3 Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 pm

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 'Mark' door and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Chris and Troy Hargrove, "Happy Birthday, Olivia!"

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:

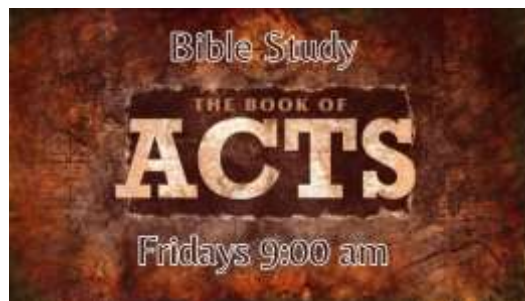
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual directory. This book is provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please the church office by July 7.

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.

VBS AT ST. MARK

VBS AT ST. MARK – JULY 14-18



VBS MISSIONS! During the week of VBS "Road Trip" – our mascot "Scout" thought it would be a great idea to collect some items for our furry friends for our mission partners at Isaiah 58, Circle of Concern & PCHAS. We will also be collecting school supplies to be distributed by our Missions team. You will find clearly marked bins located at our registration tables in the foyer of our church entrance.

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:

- 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 – bring a dish to share & stay to help decorate!
- July 12 - All day
- July 13 - 12pm - 4pm

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

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!

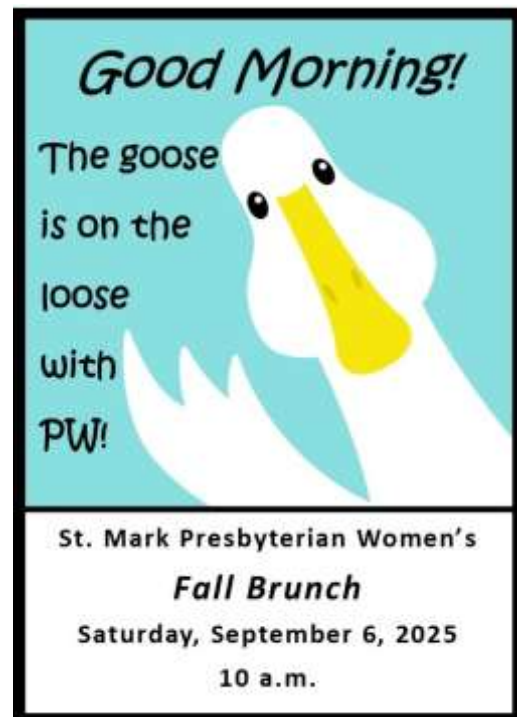
Plastic in our world is not going away anytime soon, so let's keep it out of the landfill and turn it into a new picnic table for Mound Ridge! We need:



- 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





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
Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte



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Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee
Special Music: Amy Polak & Chris Polak
Liturgist: Victoria Sherman