



August 10, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O God of promise, creator of the cosmos, you are the first light breaking through our void and the final light we shall eternally enjoy. Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we wait to welcome you, that you would find us clothed in love, dressed for action, and eager to receive you. Amen.

PRELUDE

Revive Us Again

Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.

† HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Hymnal #377

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. (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

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

† HYMN

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

Hymnal #661

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

SERMON

"T-Shirt Alumni"

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

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

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Hymnal #298

†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

Postlude Ciocoso on “Nicaea”

David Lasky

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

10 Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 am

10 Equal Exchange in the Narthex

11 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

14 Chair Exercise, 10 am

17 Blood Drive, 8:30 am

17 Blessing of the Backpacks & Bible
Sunday, during worship

24 Congregational Meeting, following worship

31 Fifth Sunday Family Worship

September

1 Church office closed for Labor Day
holiday

3 Bell & Choir practice resume, 6 pm & 7 pm

10 Children & Youth activities resume, 5 pm &
6 pm

14 St. Mark Discover Sunday, 9:30 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 Mickey and Roger McKnight in celebration of our newborn grandson, Sam, on July 26th.

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:

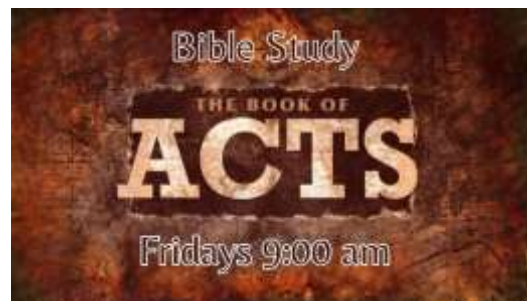
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



BELLS & CHOIR PRACTICE WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!

Practice will resume on Wednesday, September 3. The tentative practice schedule is 6 pm for Chancel Bells and 7 pm for Chancel Choir.

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.



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



Youth 6th – 12th grade. Join us for food, fun, faith, and fellowship! If you have any questions, call the church office.

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.

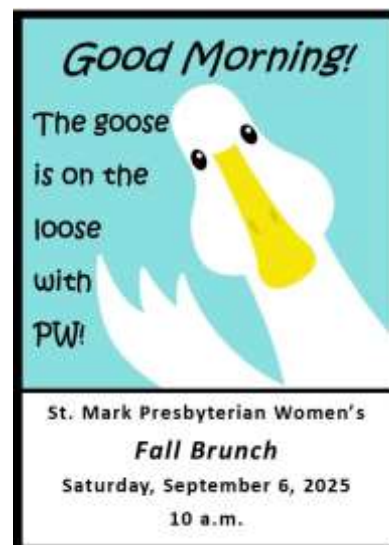
MOVING TOWARDS COMPLETION! PLASTIC CAP & LID RECYCLING PROJECT

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



BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet Wednesday, August 27 at 9:30 am. Judy Richardson will lead the discussion of the "The Paris Novel" by Ruth Reichl. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in person. Contact Judy Richardson for a Zoom invite to participate virtually.



PW is collecting for Newborns in Need during the month of September and again

in March. Newborns In Need is a charity that specializes in the needs of babies facing health or economic crisis in St. Louis. It is a local and national nonprofit organization.

New and gently used baby items such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts, sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers are accepted and may be placed in the playpen by the PW table.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Make checks out to Newborns In Need and ask for a tax receipt. Mail to: **Newborns In Need** c/o Judy Giovanoni, 310 Oxford Ridge Ct., Ellisville, MO 63021. For more information, call Shirley Boeker.

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**.

Discover Sunday



September 14th

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

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

and enter: Saintmarkpres or use the QR code.



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



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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Liturgist: Declan Phipps