



**August 24, 2025**  
**Worship Bulletin**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Here I am, Lord*

John Carter

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our rock and our fortress.

**The Lord is our refuge and strength.**

God is our hope and our trust.

**Let us praise the Lord together!**

## † HYMN

**“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

**Hymnal #667**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving, but we forget and yield to fear. We put our trust in the things we can touch in the world and neglect your promises. We confess we are a divided people fostering separations and widening rifts in our families, in our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage. We continue to pray through our savior, Jesus Christ. (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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## TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

## † HYMN

**“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”**

**Hymnal #488**

## SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10

## SERMON

**“The Best Laid Plans”**

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

OFFERTORY

How Beautiful

Twila Paris

Patty Livesay – vocalist, Ethan Forte – cello, JeeHye Lee - piano

† 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, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Hymnal #69

†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

*Joyful Jig*

Patricia Lou Harris

†In body or spirit, please rise.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August

- 24** Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 24** Congregational Meeting, following worship
- 24** ABC Sale Potluck Celebration, following congregational meeting
- 25** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 28** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 31** Fifth Sunday Family Worship

### September

- 1** Church office closed for the Labor Day holiday
- 3** Bell & Choir practice resume, 6 pm & 7 pm
- 10** Children & Youth activities resume, 5 pm & 6 pm
- 13** Troop 631 Mum Sale Pick Up, 10 am
- 14** St. Mark Discover Sunday, 9:30 am
- 21** Pet Parade, 3 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 door at the office entrance and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are donated by Becky and Randy Pierce in memory of Boots and Bob Berry.

**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:

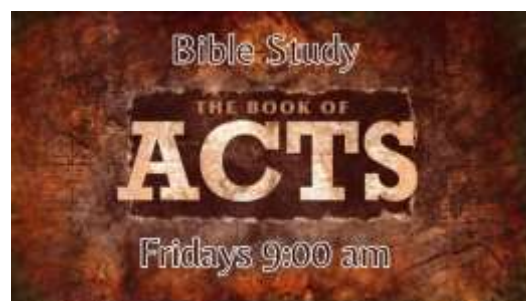
**In-person:** During Sunday Worship Service

**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](http://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.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We have a new year and a new book coming for Men's Tuesday Bible Study. We will use Max Lucado's book, You Are Never Alone. It uses the Gospel of John as a source of God's active presence in our lives. We will start our study beginning September 9th at 7:30am. All men are welcome! You can purchase the book on Amazon. If you have questions call or email Bruce Cranston.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE – AUGUST 31

You are invited to join us for Family Worship! Children will remain in church after Time With Children. There will be activities for families and popsicles after the worship service.





## COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We will continue to collect pens, pencils, and other school supplies through Sunday, August 31. School supplies collected will be donated to PCHAS.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



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

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### 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.

## Discover Sunday



## September 14<sup>th</sup>

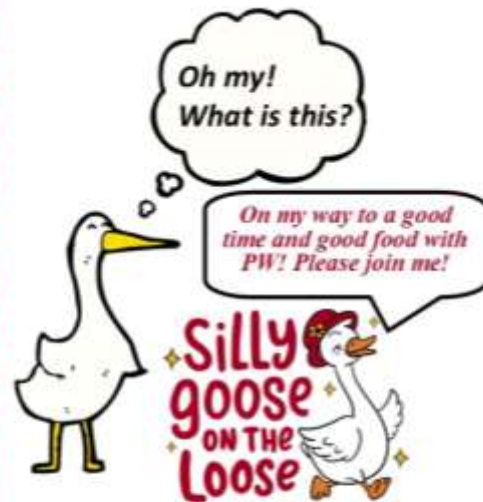
## MOVING TOWARDS COMPLETION! PLASTIC CAP & LID RECYCLING PROJECT



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



**Presbyterian Women's  
2025 Fall Brunch  
Saturday, September 6  
10:00 a.m.**

The PW Board invites you to gather with us for fellowship, fun, delicious food, and reflection. As we open the door to a new year of service and study, this is a time to catch up with friends and make new ones. We guarantee smiles and a few laughs along the way.

For your enjoyment, we welcome...

**The Silly Geese**



and to ponder...

**LIFE IS NOT A FAIRY TALE.  
IT'S BETTER!**

PW Callers will be reaching out soon to take your reservation. You can sign up at the PW Table in the Narthex.

# BOOKCLUB

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**.

## SEPTEMBER GO GETTER LUNCHEON

Go Getters will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at Charro's Restaurant at noon.

We hope you can join us for lunch and good times together!

The address is 14839 Clayton Rd, Chesterfield.

Please let Judy Richardson know if you plan to attend.





## 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  
*Accompanist & Organist:* JeeHye Lee  
*Special Music:* Patty Livesay, Ethan Forte & JeeHye  
*Lee Liturgist:* Clay Douglas