



**August 31, 2025**  
**Worship Bulletin**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.  
Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in our faith,  
call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*O God Beyond All Praising*

Anna Laura Page

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,  
**rather than honor.**  
God calls us to love the unknown,  
**rather than the familiar.**  
We come to this time of worship,  
**trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**  
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

## † HYMN

**“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”**

**Hymnal #645**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your Spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We continue to pray in Jesus’ name.** (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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children will remain in church with their families.)

## † HYMN

**“I Will Call upon the Lord”**

**Hymnal #621**

Sing Twice

## SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

## SERMON

**“You Do You”**

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

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Patty Livesay – vocalist, Ethan Forte – cellist, JeeHye Lee - pianist

## † THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;0.  
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

“Though I May Speak”

Hymnal #693

## †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 in F

Charles Callahan

†In body or spirit, please rise.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August

**31** Back to Basics Sunday School, 8:50 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

**9** Men's Bible Study resumes, 7:30 am

**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 & Blessing, 3 pm

**28** Sunday School Teacher Training, 11:15 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 Vicki Chabot in celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary today!

**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:

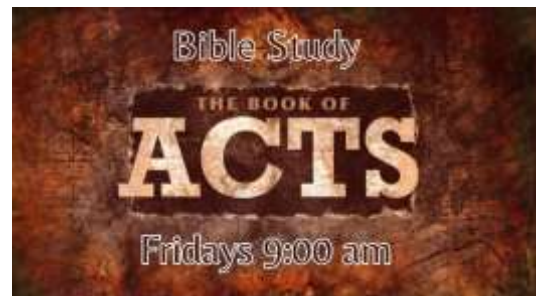
**In-person:** During Sunday Worship Service

**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](https://discoverstmark.org).



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Bible Study continues 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.







### 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.

### RENEWAL TEACHER TRAINING LUNCHEON

There will be a one-time training for all teachers and also those who would like to be a part of our Team immediately following worship on September 28 from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm.

### 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.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### 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.



Oh my!  
What is this?

On my way to a good  
time and good food with  
PW! Please join me!

**Silly  
goose  
ON THE  
Loose**

**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.

**NEWBORNS IN NEED**  
*One heart one mission*

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

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.



**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.

**Discover Sunday**



**September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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.



*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:* Jack Carter