



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC(USA) • BALLWIN, MO

September 21, 2025
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

PRELUDE

More Love to Thee

Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name sake.

We come to worship our saving Lord together!

† HYMN

“In My Life”

Hymnal #468

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have sought you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins for your name sake. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #581

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

“I Surrender All”

See back of bulletin

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

“A Bit Much”

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

God's Peace
Chancel Choir

B.F. White

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Hymnal #700

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We Will Walk with God"
Sing Twice

Hymnal #742

We will walk with God, my brothers;
we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters;
we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

POSTLUDE

He'll Understand and Say "Well Done"

James Denton

†In body or spirit, please rise.

September

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 21 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am | 24 Bell & Choir practices, 6 pm & 7 pm |
| 21 Confirmation Meeting, 11:15 am | 24 Children & Youth activities, 5 pm & 6 pm |
| 21 Pet Parade & Blessing, 3 pm | 25 Chair Exercise, 10 am |
| 22 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 26 Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am |
| 23 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 28 Congregational Meeting, following worship |
| 24 Pot Luck and Program, 5 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 Carolyn McBee and Patty Livesay, "In loving memory of our parents. Celebrating our mom's birthday today and their wedding anniversary earlier this September."

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.



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS - Presbyterian Children's Home and Services

Half of the twenty-five percent of the Peace and Global Witness Offering that is collected at St. Mark is sent to Presbyterian Children's Home and Services.

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services has numerous initiatives. One of those works with older foster youth who are aging out of the system. They are supported through group homes, apartment residences, life skills training, gaining employment, and becoming prepared for independent adult living.

The program is not an emergency shelter and only accepts clients through an application, interview, and assessment process. With limited supervision, a transitional living curriculum is used to help struggling youth grow and accomplish their goals. The program aims to provide them with an effective, results-driven bridge between living in foster care and living on their own.

Be part of that process by participating in the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. Use the envelope in your monthly packet or just make a note on your check in the offering plate.



Plan on attending the congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, September 28. The purpose of the gathering is the election of officers for the coming year. The meeting will be hybrid to allow folks to attend remotely.

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.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Tuesday Bible Study is reading 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. All men are welcome to join us for Bible study every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am! 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 – 5th grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

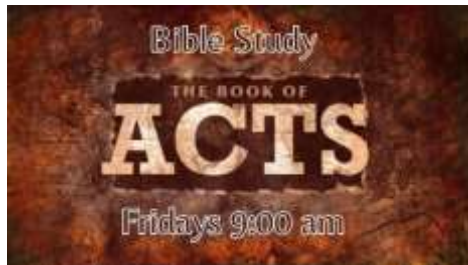
NURSERY

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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Midweek Praise Club, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

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.

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.





MISSION AT ST. MARK

SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY

CRITICAL NEEDS

- Sardines & Chili
- Cooking Oil
- Shampoo*
- Razors & Shaving Cream*
- 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 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club meets September 24th to select books for the coming year. Please submit nominees that you have read and enjoyed to Judy Richardson.

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.



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.



PRESBYTERY-WIDE PW FALL GATHERING AT ST. MARK

You are invited to join us for the program, “The Fire of Our Foremothers” on Saturday, October 25. The day begins with chair exercise at 8 am, followed by a continental breakfast. The program and worship begin at 10 am, featuring Reverend MP Panco as keynote speaker. The day concludes as we gather for lunch at 12:30 pm. Registration forms are on the PWV table in the Narthex.



OCTOBER GO GETTER LUNCHEON

**Go Getters will meet on Tuesday, October 14
at Mimi's Cafe at noon.**

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

**Please let Judy Richardson know if
you plan to attend.**



I Surrender All 366

Offer yourselves to God. Rom. 6:13




1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Hum-bly at His feet I bow,
3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;
4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;




I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.
May Thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, May I know Thy pow'r di - vine.
Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ing fall on me.



Refrain



I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all.
I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all.



All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
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Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
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Liturgist: Henry Deets