

September 7, 2025 Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on paths of true life. Help us to choose your way again and again, that we might revel in your love and reflect it to all we meet. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE Epilogue on "Grafton" Anthony Glamanco

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 139

O, Lord you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works.

In life and in death, we are yours.

† HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymnal #223

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we fail to put our whole trust in you. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, so that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings you alone can give. (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

† HYMN "Jesus Paid It All" See back page of bulletin

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:25-33

SERMON "At What Cost?" Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism Question One

O. What is our chief end?

A. Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.

OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Chancel Choir

Jim Strathdee

† 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.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread & Cup
Prayer After Communion

† HYMN

"We Will Walk with God"

Hymnal #742

Sing Three Times

†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

Crown Him With Many Crowns

George Job Elvey

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

8 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

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

Children & Youth activities, 5 pm &6 pm

IO Bell & Choir practice, 6 pm & 7 pm

II Chair Exercise, 10 am

12 Friday Morning Bible Study, 9 am

13 Troop 631 Mum Sale Pick Up, 10 am

14 St. Mark Discover Sunday, 9:30 am

17 September Potluck & Program, 5 pm

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 Rosella Gleason in memory of the Reverend Doctor Howard Gleason.

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:

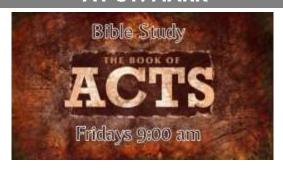
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service **Mail**: Please make check out to St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to St. Mark

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 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.



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 $PreK - 5^{th}$ 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.

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



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.



EQUAL EXCHANGE

In the Narthex on September 14
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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOKCLUB

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.



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.

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.



E631



FALL MUM SALE

Pick up on Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 AM - 1 PM, St. Mark Presbyterian Church Parking Lot.





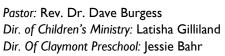


SEPTEMBER POTLUCK AND PROGAM

The mission committee is sponsoring the September 17th potluck. The educational program will be presented by Kirsten King of Equal Exchange via zoom. Join us to learn about the Equal Exchange organization and regenerative cocoa farming and chocolate production Then enjoy an Equal Exchange chocolate tasting!

Jesus Paid It All 210





Parish Associate: Donna Schiro



601 Claymont Drive Ballwin, MO 63011 (636)394-2233

website: discoverstmark.org

Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee Special Music: Chancel Choir Liturgist: Loren Polak