



All Saints' Sunday
Worship Bulletin
November 2, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the Way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRELUDE

We Gather Together

Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 147)

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

† HYMN

“For All the Saints”

Hymnal #326

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. (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 (Children's Sunday School is in Fellowship Hall)

† HYMN	“Fight the Good Fight”	Hymnal #846
SCRIPTURE		Hebrews 12:1-4
SERMON	Taking the Next Steps: The Starting Blocks	Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Second Helvetic Confession 5.077	
	JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, AND THE TRUE AWAITED MESSIAH. For we teach and believe that this Jesus Christ our Lord is the unique and eternal Savior of the human race, and thus of the whole world.	
OFFERTORY	Heaven’s Choir Chancel Choir	Pepper Choplin
† 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!	
REMEMBERING THE SAINTS		
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	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Celtic Grace Chancel Bells	Susan E. Geschke
† HYMN	“Guide My Feet”	Hymnal #741
	v.1- Guide my feet, v.2 – Hold my hand, v. 3 – Stand by me, v. 4 – I’m your child	
†CHARGE AND BLESSING		
†BENEDICTION	“We Will Walk with God”	Hymnal #742
RESPONSE	Sing Twice	
	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	Forward Through the Ages	Lyndell Leatherman
†In body or spirit, please rise.		

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 2 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am
- 2 All Saints Sunday
- 3 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 4 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 5 Children & Youth Activities, 5 pm & 6 pm
- 6 Chancel Bell & Choir Practices, 6 & 7 pm

- 6 Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 7 Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 11-12 PW Christmas Boutique
- 16 Stewardship Celebration Sunday
- 19 Pot Luck & Program, 5 pm
- 23 Giving Thanks Meal, 11 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.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Valery and Norm Steiner in memory of Valery's Dad, Jack Leonard.

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.

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.



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Kaye Raiford, December 11, 2024
Dave Morgan, December 21, 2024
Arthur (Dick) Wallace, January 15, 2025
David Sutch, January 25, 2025
Ethel McLuen, March 25, 2025
Connie Bollinger, March 31, 2025
Jayne Baggett, April 1, 2025
Carol Hardy, July 18, 2025
Pat Etling-Tuttrow, July 28, 2025
Nancy Kinder, October 27, 2025



2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a study of the books called "Angels" by Vinita Hampton Wright.

"What - or who - are angels? Where did they come from, and what is their purpose? What is their relationship to us as human beings? This study will explore numerous Bible passages that reveal the services these heavenly beings perform, the part they play in spirituality, and how they differ from other beings in God's created order."



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



SUNDAYS AT 8:50

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

Use this QR code to sign in for Sunday School. Scan the code to access the attendance form and enter the required information. We ask that you have your student registered before Time With Children so that we can contact you via text in the event that you are needed.



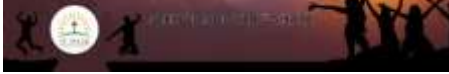
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

YOUTH WEDNESDAYS

Join us on

November 5, 12, & 19

6:00 - 7:00 pm



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 NOVEMBER 9 & AT THE PW CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Kirsten from Equal Exchange followed up on questions from the chocolate tasting potluck:

1. What happens to the white pulp (mucilage) that surrounds the cacao bean?

The white mucilage is used up in the fermentation process. It surrounds the cacao, and its sugars are fermented by the natural yeasts and bacteria in the air to contribute to a high-quality cacao flavor. The mucilage slowly dries around the beans during the fermentation process and is completely dried in the drying process, so there is not any left over.

2. Who arranges the transportation of the cacao beans from the country where the beans are grown to Switzerland (for manufacturing)?

Equal Exchange and our cacao processing partner in Switzerland arrange for transporting the beans from the country of origin to Switzerland.

3. What are the timeframes for cacao beans to go through the fermentation and drying processes?

The fermentation process takes about 5 days. The drying process depends on the weather but generally takes about 5-7 days.

4. Who purchases EE products?

Churches of many different denominations and synagogues offer Equal Exchange products. Retailers that sell Equal Exchange products include natural food stores, food cooperatives, and family-owned stores.

NOVEMBER FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned Chicken & Rice
- Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Toothpaste
- Snacks
- Dish Soap

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.



Many people in our region lack enough warm clothing to stay protected throughout winter. New and gently used clean winter coats and clothing are needed for men, women, and kids, all sizes, and styles. Our mission partners will ensure someone in need receives your gift of warmth!

Dog and cat coats are appreciated. Most shelters don't allow animals, so let's give the furry family members some love and warmth, too.

Please place your donations in the bins in the office foyer.



THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The Angel Tree will once again be making an appearance in the Narthex. Please select an angel or two to help provide a Merry Christmas for one or more children.

This year, Children's Ministries has selected Isaiah 58 as the recipient, and they have provided a wish list for our Angel Tree. Especially needed are gifts for teens. Please return your gift (\$20-25 range) and place it under the tree with the angel attached by Sunday, November 30th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save the Date!

St. Mark Presbyterian Women

Christmas Boutique

Christmas Decorations and Ornaments
Handmade Holiday Items Children's Items Jewelry
Embroidered Items Original Artwork and Crafts
Doll Clothes Floral Arrangements
Herbal Products Personalized Items Jams & Jellies
Fresh-Baked Delicacies Many More Unique Gift Ideas

Angel Street Café

Join us for lunch or dinner!
Enjoy St. Mark's Famous Chicken Salad, homemade soups
and heavenly cakes and pies.
It's a great way to launch the holiday season with family
and friends.

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Wednesday, November 12, 2025
10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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THE ANNUAL USO HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Once again, leftover Halloween candy will be collected to give to our troops. All collected candy will go to the James S. McDonnell USO right here at Lambert Airport. The candy will be put to good use since the McDonnell USO is one of the busiest facilities in the world and they are especially busy with young troops, and their families, traveling during the holidays. The collection box will be in the office until Nov 9th. This is a great way to get that load of excess calories out of your pantry and give it to where it will be appreciated!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**How you can help with the
Christmas Boutique and the Angel**

Street Café, November 11 & 12!

- *Make chicken salad, bean soup, or broccoli soup.
- *Bake specialty desserts or bake a pie of cake for the dessert table.
- *Create a yummy treat for the bake sale.
- *Help with set up after church on Sunday, Nov. 10.
- *Work a shift on Tuesday and/or Wednesday.
- *Help with take down on Wednesday afternoon.
- *Shop 'til you drop!
- *Bring your friends to lunch!
- *Come back for supper!

Midweek Church Potluck
November 19 - 5:00 PM

THANKFULL
Reclaiming Gratitude
Wed., Nov. 19 - 6:00 PM



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

St. Mark will continue our tradition of beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias for our Sunday service on the 21st and Christmas Eve service.

We will begin taking orders on October 19th. Please consider ordering one or more to bring home to your family and friends. The poinsettias may be taken home after the Sunday service or after the Christmas Eve Service. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel. Please make your check payable to *St. Mark Presbyterian Church* and place the order form and check in the "Drop Box" in the Pastor's Hallway. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 16th. The cost is \$7 per plant. Plants are sourced from a locally owned greenhouse. If you have questions, please contact Mickey McKnight.



Grief is a journey we are never prepared to take. Have you lost a spouse, family member, or close friend? Are you finding it difficult to talk about your loss? Do you feel nobody understands? GriefShare is a place you can come with caring compassionate people to walk with you on your grief journey. Be with people who are experiencing similar feelings. Let us help you. GriefShare meets weekly for 13 weeks. It is very helpful, but not required to attend all the sessions. Our next session starts Tuesday January 13, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For information, contact Debbie Hames.



The Holidays are fast approaching and the hustle and bustle of this happy season will soon begin. For some people, however, this time of year is anything but happy. The holidays have a completely different feeling when you have lost a loved one. Going out to parties, being with people is not what you want to do. Join us for Surviving the Holidays. It is a one-time two-hour session, Tuesday December 2, that will try to help you find the tools to get through the holidays. Please join us. For more information contact Debbie Hames.



GIVING THANKS MEAL
St. Mark's annual **GIVING THANKS** dinner will be held on **Sunday, November 23**, immediately after the worship

service. Please join us as we all gather together to share in fellowship, good conversation and laughter while enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with one another. We invite you to bring your favorite dessert to share...we'll take care of everything else!!

As we enter into the busy holiday season, we often reflect on all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, while realizing that many of our neighbors are in need. This year we are seeking items that are the most requested by, yet rarely donated, for holiday meals. The next time that you are at the grocery store, please consider helping Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 stock their shelves with ingredients that their clients can use to cook and bake favorite recipes for their friends and families throughout the holidays so they can enjoy some of their most treasured treats. These items include **baking mixes (cookies cakes, brownies, quick breads), baking spices (cinnamon, ginger), baking powder, baking soda, chocolate chips, shortening, sugar, vanilla extract**. All donations can be placed on the tables located in the lobby outside the church office. Many, many thanks for your generosity and willingness to make the holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate!

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: Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells
Liturgist: Sam Burgess