



Worship Bulletin
October 12, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of Wisdom, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to receive your Word today. Lead us in wisdom and courage as we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray, AMEN.

PRELUDE

Praise God!

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Come; let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens! AMEN.

† HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymnal #307

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always.

(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

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"

Hymnal #458

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 2:8-15

SERMON

"The Word of God is Never Chained"

Donna Schiro

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpts from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit...
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERTORY

All Loves Excelling
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

† 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

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Hymnal #724

†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

Where Jesus is 'Tis Heaven

J.M. Black

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 13 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 16 Chair Exercise, 10 am |
| 14 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 17 Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 am |
| 15 Pot Luck & Program, 5 pm | 19 Fall Festival, 11 am |
| 15 Bell & Choir Practices, 6 pm & 7 pm | 26 Blood Drive, 8:30 am |
| 15 Children & Youth Activities, 5 pm & 6 pm | 26 Reformation Sunday and Pipes & Pies |

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 on October 5 were donated by Robyn Mikes in memory of Denny.

Today the flowers are donated by Gary and Sherry Naylor in celebration of Amy and Matt Van Slyke's 20th wedding anniversary and by Shirley Goff and family in memory of husband and father Ron Goff.

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.





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.



Join us from 11:15 am – 1:30 pm for food, root beer garten, Good Turn Daily Band, bounce house, pumpkin decorating, balloon artists, and more!

EQUAL EXCHANGE

In the Narthex on October 12
Hot Cocoa Season is Almost Here!



EE supports “regenerative” agriculture, a shift beyond of life with a healthy planet, rejecting massive profits and unfettered growth as the ultimate goals. Regenerative Ag emphasizes restoring ecosystems, building equitable systems, and fostering long-term well-being.

If you'd like to learn how you can be part of the Citizen-Community, check out EE resources or sign up to keep informed of webinars, events, etc. at <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/pages/join>
Cash, Credit, Debit, Digital Wallet Payments Accepted.

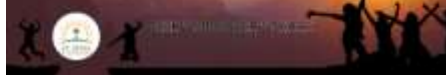
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

YOUTH WEDNESDAYS

Join us on

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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.



This year's annual luncheon in support of Presbyterian Children's Home and Services will be held on Wednesday, October 30th at the Sheraton Westport Chalet. If you'd like to attend with other St. Mark members, please contact Pam Ladley.



The apple picking event scheduled for this Sunday has been cancelled due to insufficient participation. Future youth and family events will be posted in the newsletter and worship bulletins.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Dinner Helpers & Canned Chicken
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Snacks
- Canned Tomatoes



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.



PIPES AND PIES

Fall has arrived, and that means our annual “Pipes and Pies” celebration

is just around the corner! On **Reformation Sunday, October 26**, the sanctuary will be filled with the sound of bagpipes as we celebrate the tradition and heritage that grounds our faith. It's also the time for us to celebrate Dave's anniversary with St. Mark with slices of pie! The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us by bringing in your favorite pies to share with one another after the worship service. It's sure to be a wonderful (and tasty) celebration for all!



ST. MARK BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendar for the next Red Cross Blood drive being held on Sunday, October 26 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm in Gleason Hall. Register at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>. Enter code: Saintmarkpres.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet Wednesday, October 29, at 9:30 am. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in person. Contact Judy Richardson for a Zoom invitation to participate virtually.

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

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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!

GLPW Fall Gathering
October 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
at St. Mark

St. Mark PW will host women from throughout the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbyterian for the 2025 GLPW Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 25.

Pastor MP Panco is returning to be our keynote speaker as we focus on keeping our light burning brightly as we share the spirit and mission of Presbyterian Women. Indeed, it is the **Fire of our Foremothers** that we **pass on** in our daily lives. It will be a time to broaden our horizons about Presbyterian Women beyond St. Mark.

Since we are the hostesses for this event, we are seeking volunteers who will serve in a variety of ways. Please check the opportunities at the PW Table in the Narthex. We will need volunteers to help at the Gathering. We also need nut breads, coffee cakes, fruit etc. for the welcoming coffee time.

Plan now to take part in the Gathering! You can sign-up at the PW Table in the Narthex. The cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch and Gathering resources. Please sign-up by Sunday, October 12. You may also contact the Church Office, Judy Richardson or Mary Beth Powell for further information.

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.



For more information about the Mound Ridge Trivia Night, scan the QR code.



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!

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
 Liturgist: Cole Lester