



Worship Bulletin
October 19, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of creation, God of help, and God of hope: Meet us this morning as we present our whole selves to you today. Celebrate our joys, see our hurts, and set us right in all ways for your purposes in this world; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 121)

We lift up our eyes this morning.

We remember your promise.

**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is the shade at your right hand.

**The Lord will keep our going out and coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

† HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

Hymnal #175

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you love us, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you, **forgive us.**

(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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Hymnal #66

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

“Till the Answer Comes...”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession Chapter One

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

OFFERTORY

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Chancel Choir

Helen Howarth Lemmel

† 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 Saw the Light"

Good Turn Daily will sing the verses & the congregation joins in the chorus.

Chorus:

**I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

"I Saw the Light"

RESPONSE

Chorus Only with Good Turn Daily

**I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

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| 19 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am | 23 Chair Exercise, 10 am |
| 19 Fall Festival, following worship | 24 Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 am |
| 20 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am | 25 GLPW Fall Gathering, 8:00 am |
| 21 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am | 26 Blood Drive, 8:30 am |
| 22 Children & Youth Activities, 5 pm & 6 pm | 26 Reformation Sunday and Pipes & Pies |
| 22 Chancel Bell & Choir Practices, 6 pm & 7 | 26 Stewardship Season Begins |

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 Judy Richardson.

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.



2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS OCTOBER 26





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



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.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



SUNDAYS AT 8:50

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."

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

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.



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.



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

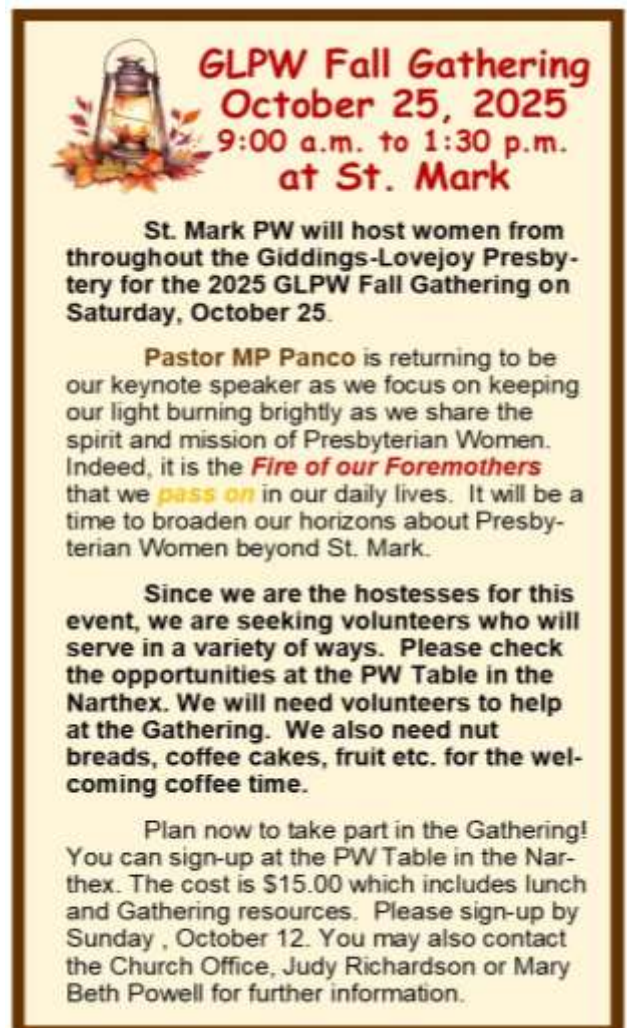


Please mark your calendar for the next Red Cross Blood drive being held on Sunday, October 26 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm in Gleason Hall. Register at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>. Enter code: Saintmarkpres.

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.





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.



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 or 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!



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!



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



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 & Good Turn
Daily
Liturgist: Lynne Dauve