



Stewardship Celebration Sunday
Worship Bulletin
November 16, 2025

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you come to seek and save the lost. You cover us with mercy and uphold us in times of trouble. Even when evil is all around, you show us a vision of justice and empower us with your own Spirit, so that we do not lose hope. All thanks and praise to you, O God, for you come to save us and set us free. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 11:23-25

The desire of the righteous ends only in good;
the expectation of the wicked in wrath.
Some give freely, yet grow all the richer;
others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.
A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives water will get water.
Come, let us worship our generous God together.

† HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymnal #14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. Yet we struggle to be faithful and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy. We withhold when you direct us to give; we hold grudges when you command us to forgive. Wipe away our sin, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised, and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
(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

“Freely, Freely”

See back of bulletin

SCRIPTURE

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Luke 19:10

SERMON

Taking the Next Steps: Practice Generosity

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen 8:14-8-15

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

OFFERTORY & PRESENTATION OF 2026 FINANCIAL PLEDGES

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

† 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

"Come! Live in the Light"

Hymnal #749

†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

Postlude in C

Eugene Thayer

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

16 Adult Bible Study, 8:50 am

16 Stewardship Celebration Sunday

17 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

18 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

19 Pot Luck & Program, 5 pm

19 Chancel Bell & Choir Practices, 6 & 7 pm

19 Children & Youth Activities, 5 pm & 6 pm

20 Chair Exercise, 10 am

23 Giving Thanks Meal, 11 am

27 & 28 Church Office Closed

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 Jerry and Joyce Dressel.

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.



A NOTE ON GIVING

If you plan to give a financial gift from a brokerage account, please contact the church office to ensure proper allocation to the Capital Campaign fund or the yearly operating budget. Thank you for your generosity.

Taking the Next
STEPS

S – Seeking God’s Guidance
T – The Starting Blocks
E – Engage with Gratitude
P – Practice Generosity
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You are invited to join the choir in preparing for this year's Christmas Cantata. The choir will rehearse Cantata music Wednesdays at 7pm. The Cantata will take place Sunday, December 14.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



SUNDAYS AT 8:50

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.



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.

The Zoo Lights are open from 5 – 8:30 pm. Families are encouraged to meet at the entrance at 6 pm for a group photo. The cost is \$8 per participant. Ticket requests must be received by December 1. You may sign up at the youth table or contact Jen Melter or Liz Oglesby.



MISSION AT ST. MARK

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.

HONORING FAMILY AND FRIENDS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE GIVING

Finding the perfect, meaningful gift for someone who has many wonderful possessions is a difficult task! With this in mind, the newly formed Mission Committee at St. Mark created "Christmas Alternatives" in 2001.



Purchasing a gift through Christmas Alternatives honors the recipient and will help lift a family out of poverty. That family will in turn help another community member. Every gift is another word in an ongoing story of hope that will help create a cycle of change for generations to come.

The "shopping list" will be available in December's Messenger and bulletins and on the welcome desk. Displays will be in the Narthex on December 7, 14, & 21st.

Midweek Church Potluck

November 19 - 5:00 PM



THANKFULL

Reclaiming Gratitude

Wed., Nov. 19 - 6:00 PM



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

BOOK CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club meets December 10. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.



Start your holiday season with a little "Jingle Mingle"! The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us right after the Children's holiday program on Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the Narthex. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share as we take some time in a festive, yet relaxed atmosphere to enjoy fellowship with one another before the hustle and bustle of the holidays kicks into high gear. We're sure to have a "jolly" good time!



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.



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.



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.



GIVING THANKS MEAL

St. Mark's annual GIVING THANKS dinner will be held on Sunday, November 23,

immediately after the worship

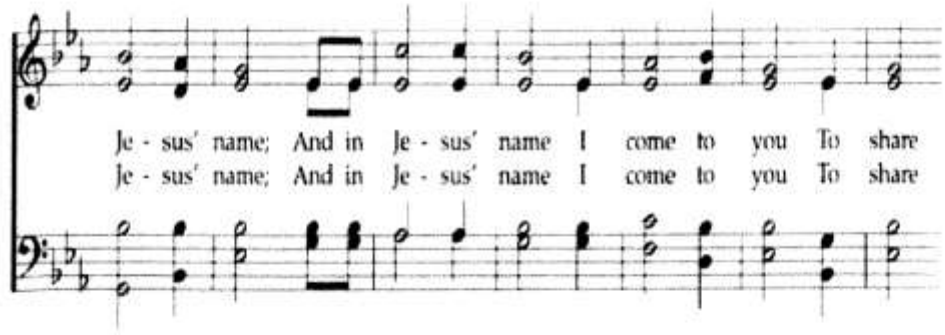
service. Please join us as we all gather together to share in fellowship, good conversation and laughter while enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with one another. We invite you to bring your favorite dessert to share...we'll take care of everything else!!

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!

Freely, Freely



1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name; I've been born a - gain in
2. All pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In earth and heav'n in



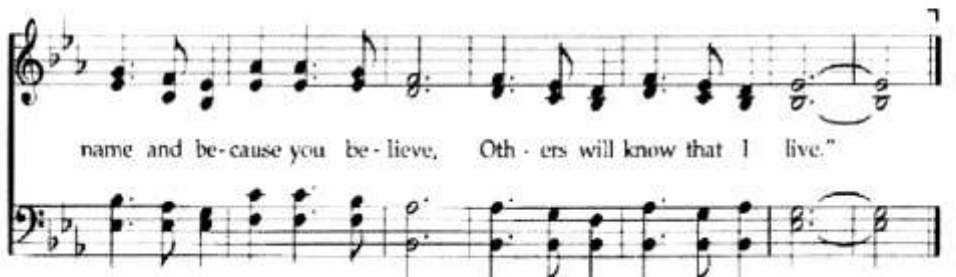
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share



Refrain
His love as He told me to. He said, "Free - ly, free - ly
His pow'r as He told me to.



you have re - ceived; Free - ly, free - ly give. Go in My



name and be - cause you be - lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live."

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
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Dir. of Music: Ethan Forte
Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Liturgist: Liz Oglesby