



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) • BALLWIN, MO

**Worship Bulletin
January 11, 2026**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you remain constant through all of our striving, and patient with our ceaseless prayers. We seek your wisdom, yearn for your justice, and crave your blessing, for our own sakes and for the sake of the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ, who prays with us. Amen.

PRELUDE

Just as I am

Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Colossians 3:12-13)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, let us clothe ourselves with compassion.

May we be kind, humble, meek, and patient.

Let us bear each other's burdens.

Help us to forgive others as the Lord forgives us.

Come! Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymnal #475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you loved us,

Forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,

Forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope,

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 will meet in Fellowship Hall)

† HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

Hymnal #482

SCRIPTURE

Romans 3:9-20

SERMON

“Falling Short”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day Two

Q4. How do you come to know your misery?

A. The law of God tells me.

Q5. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37–40: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. "And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Q6. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
Chancel Choir

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby
Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp

† 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

† HYMN

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Hymnal #69

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

"Peace on Earth"

Sussex Carol

RESPONSE

Peace on the earth, Good will to all,
the angels sang from Heav'n above.
Peace on the earth, Good will to all,
we go to share God's peace and love.

POSTLUDE

Pastorale

Douglas E Wagner

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 11 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 12 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 13 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 13 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm
- 14 Children & Youth Activities, 5 & 6 pm
- 14 Chancel Choir & Bells practice, 6 & 7 pm
- 21 Potluck and Program, 5 pm

- 28 PW Book Club, 9:30 am

- 28 PW Mid-Winter Gathering, 1 & 6:30 pm

February

- 1 Chili Cookoff, following worship
- 8 Souper Bowl of Caring
- 15 Discover Mission Sunday
- 28 Trivia Night, 5 pm

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.

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 Clayton Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011

Online: To donate, use the **QR Code** here to be directed to our giving page on discoverstmark.org.



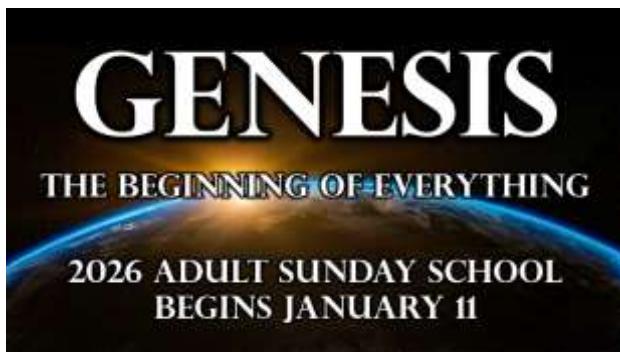
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

The Heidelberg Catechism was published in 1563 and was soon accepted by Reformed churches throughout Europe. It is designed to provide instruction for young people, give a pastoral guide for preaching, and shape a faith that is lived, not just learned.

The questions and answers are divided into 52 Lord's Day sections, and we will be using them as our Affirmation of Faith throughout 2026. Over the course of this year, we will cover the essentials of the Christian faith and look at practical applications for our lives.

You can access a Heidelberg Catechism Q&A page with footnotes for each week in the bulletin (if space is available) and on the Worship page at discoverstmark.org. All are encouraged to ponder the questions ahead of each service.



FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Fridays at 9:30 am.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will begin a new study exploring the Holy Spirit. We will be using The Promise of The Holy Spirit by Paul Balias. We meet in rm 102 every Tuesday at 7:30. All are welcome!

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.

MISSION AT ST. MARK JANUARY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Beef stew & canned greens
- Coffee & hot chocolate
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent (50 oz or smaller)



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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

In the Narthex on January 11

St. Mark supports this mission to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just, environmentally sustainable, and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between small farmers and consumers. Cash, Credit, Debit, Digital wallet payments accepted.



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, **adult sizes for men and women in particular**. Our mission partners will ensure someone in need receives your gift of warmth. Dog and cat coats are appreciated too!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet Wednesday, January 28, at 9:30 am. We are reading *Patriot* by Alexei Navalny. There is an option to participate virtually as well as in person. Please contact Judy Richardson for a Zoom invite to participate virtually.

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MID-WINTER GATHERING

Wednesday, January 28, 2026
1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

ACCORDING TO TRADITION... WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLES



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

No road trip would be complete
without lots of travel snacks.

A reminder: Not for women only!
Sign up for the Gathering
at the PW Table in the Narthex!



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.



**CALLING ALL
CHEFS AND
TASTERS!!** The
Annual St. Mark
Chili Cookoff will
take place after the
worship service on



Sunday, February 1. For those who seek to win the treasured traveling trophy, a contestant sign-up sheet will be at the coffee center over the next few weeks. Of course, we need tasters to determine which chili will be the winner by voting with your dollars. All proceeds raised will go to Claymont Elementary to help with student lunch accounts and other needed supplies for the children throughout the year. Thanks to your generosity, last year we raised over \$950.00! Who will be the winner this year? The competition will be fierce!



We all know the story of the Garden of Eden. There was Adam and Eve, lots of animals, and plenty of pleasing things to eat. There was also a wily serpent, a curious tree, and a forbidden fruit. We'll discuss the original sin in the story and how this story has impacted our understanding of wickedness since the beginning of creation. Please join us for this tempting program on Wednesday, January 21.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A, Week 2

Part I: Misery
LORD'S DAY 2

4.003 3 Q. How do you come to know your misery?

A. The law of God tells me. I

I. Rom. 3:20

For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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4.005 5 Q. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

A. No. I

I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor. 2

I. Rom. 3:10; 3:23;

as it is written:

“There is no one who is righteous, not even one; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

I John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

2. Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot,

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else,



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Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
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