



Worship Bulletin
January 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

According to Thy Grace

Todd Beaney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 40)

Wait patiently for the Lord;
and God will lift us from desolate pits.
The Lord will set our feet upon a rock.
God puts new songs in our mouths,
a song of praise to our God.
Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

† HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Hymnal #839

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mothering God, we chase after foolish things and spend our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. (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

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

Hymnal #488

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-10

SERMON

“Reborn to be Wild”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 3

Q6. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. **No. God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.**

Q7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. **The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition.**

Q8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. **Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.**

OFFERTORY

Her I Am, Lord
Chancel Choir

Daniel L. Schutte
arr. Ovid Young

† 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

"For Everyone Born"

Hymnal #769

Verses 1, 3, 5

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Hymnal #408

RESPONSE

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Lau

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 18 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 19 Church office is closed for the MLK Holiday
- 20 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 21 Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm
- 21 Chancel Choir & Bells practice, 6 & 7 pm
- 21 Potluck and Program, 5 pm
- 22 Chair Exercise, 10 am

- 28 PW Book Club, 9:30 am
- 28 PW Mid-Winter Gathering, 1 & 6:30 pm

February

- 1 Scout Sunday
- 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 Claymont Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011

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



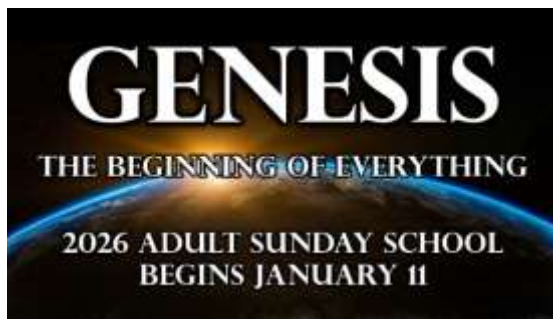
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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 Balis. 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

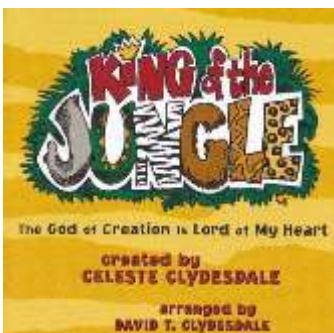
Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am – 11:00 am, except for the first Sunday of the month when the nursery is open but there is no attendant present.

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.



Join us for Kids Praise Club and musical rehearsal weekly on Wednesdays, at 5:30pm!

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

BOOKCLUB

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.



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.



CALLING ALL SCOUTS, CUB SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, ADVENTURE GUIDES & PRINCESSES AND ADULT SCOUTERS OF ALL AGES!

If you participate in scouting, or a similar program, St. Mark will be celebrating SCOUT SUNDAY 2026 on Sunday, Feb 1. Whether your unit is sponsored by St. Mark, or not, plan to show off your unit pride by coming to church in your best dress uniform. Come early, between 9:15 and 9:30, and help as an Usher or Greeter.



Cleveland Rocks! Join us for a night of trivia and entertainment on Saturday, February 28th, 2026. Registration is now open through February 15th, 2026.

The cost is \$200 per table, 8 people per table— that's just \$25 per person! Tables paid in full at time of registration.

Doors open at 5 pm and trivia starts at 6 pm. There will also be a silent auction, games, and prizes. Participants may bring their own beverage of choice – water and soda will be provided.

Look for the registration forms on the Youth Table in the Narthex and on the St. Mark website, www.discoverstmark.org.

All proceeds benefit the 2026 St. Mark Youth Group Summer Mission Trip to an economically challenged area that is rebuilding in Cleveland, Ohio.

Donations are also needed! We are currently seeking donations of gift cards, tickets to local sporting events, theater shows, or music venues for silent auction baskets. Donations of bottled water and cans of soda are also needed. Please contact Heather Neal for more information.



LORD'S DAY 3

4.006 6 Q. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. No. **1 God created them good and in his own image,² that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.³**

1. Gen. 1:31 – “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

2. Gen. 1:26–27 - Then God said, “Let us make humans^[a] in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^[b] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans^[c] in his image, in the image of God he created them;^[d] male and female he created them.

3. 2 Cor. 3:18; - And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Col. 3:10; - and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

Eph. 4:24 - and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

4.007 7 Q. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. **The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. 1 This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition. 2**

Gen. 3;

Rom. 5:12, - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—

Rom. 18–19 - Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

1. Ps. 51:5; – Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Gen. 5:3 – When Adam had lived one hundred thirty years, he became the father of a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

4.008 8 Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. **Yes, I unless we are born again by the Spirit of God. 2**

1. John 3:6; - What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Gen. 6:5; - The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

Job 14:4;15:16, [35]; - Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can.

how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, one who drinks iniquity like water! They conceive mischief and bring forth evil, and their belly prepares deceit.”

Isa. 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2. John 3:5 - Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.



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