



Worship Bulletin
February 1, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Our Father, make us Trustworthy, for there are those who trust us. Make us Loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals. Teach us to be Helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfness. Make us Friendly, for there are so many who need a friend. Train us in Courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor. Make us Kind for kindness is the oil in the cogs of life's machinery. Insist upon our Obedience, for victory comes only to the one who obeys. Make us Cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in the path of life. Train us in Thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future. Make us Brave; brave in the dark and brave in the light; but save us from becoming fakers in bravery. Help us

A Scout's Prayer

to be Clean – clean in thoughts, in speech, and in deed. And may we remember that our bodies are Thy holy temples, and that any abuse thereof is to tamper with Thy Great Plans. Above all, O God, help us to be Reverent toward all things which Thou hast made for our enjoyment when we are in Thy great out-of-doors, among the trees, along the streams, and on the hillsides. May we know it was Thee who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains to endure to all ages. In all these things we ask that Thou wilt help us. And may we never forget the Scout Oath to which we all have pledged ourselves, so that through Thy help we may live these points of our Scout Law. Amen.

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord

Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR SCOUTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

† HYMN

“This Is My Father's World”

Hymnal #370

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have not turned from the ways of evil to follow where you rightly lead us, nor have we been faithful in nurturing those trusted in our care. We confess our shortcomings and ask your forgiveness and beg to be renewed in energy and enthusiasm for the building of your kingdom on earth. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.

(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

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Children's Sunday School will meet in Fellowship Hall)

† HYMN

“Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”

Hymnal #319

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:1-6

SERMON

“Old Sweatshirts”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 5

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A. **One who is a true¹ and righteous human,² yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.³**

OFFERTORY

Answer to the Call
Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

† 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!

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

† HYMN

"My Hope is But in Nothing Less"

Hymnal #353

†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

Postlude in D minor

Vockner

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February I

- I Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- I Scout Sunday
- I Chili Cookoff, following worship
- 2 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 3 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 4 Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm
- 4 Chancel Choir & Bells practice, 6 & 7 pm

- 5 Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 6 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 8 Souper Bowl of Caring
- 8 Annual Congregational Meeting, following worship
- 11 PW Mid-Winter Gathering, I & 6:30 pm
- 15 Discover Mission Sunday
- 18 Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7 pm
- 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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Nancy Sutch in memory of David Sutch.

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

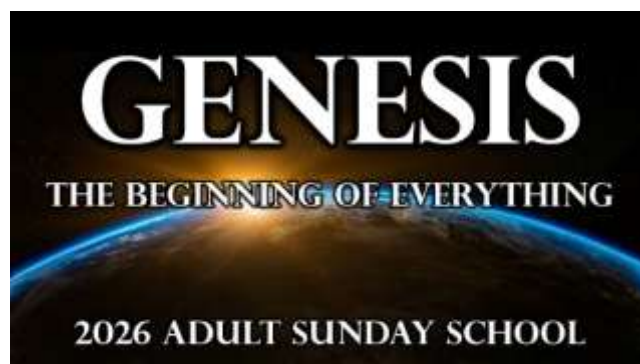
Mail: Please make check out to St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 601

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



Sundays at 8:50

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY



The Friday Bible Study Group will start a new book by Adam Hamilton called "Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion" on Friday, January 16 at 9:30 AM in Room 102 or via Zoom. If you have questions or want to receive the weekly Zoom link, please see Donna Schiro. Join us, won't you? *"The author introduces readers to several theories about how Jesus' death brings us into a right relationship with God - in Christian doctrine this is called 'atonement'. Hamilton shows us how each of these theories can complement each other and work together to give us a fuller and deeper understanding of why Jesus died and what his death means for us."*

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 FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Dinner helpers
- Pasta sauce & condiments
- Lotion
- Kid's pull-ups
- Tampons
- Mouthwash



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 / FAIRLY TRADED IN THE NARTHEX ON FEBRUARY 8

Through fair trade, small-scale farmers are better able to support their families and stay on their land with better income.



**Gift your
chocolate
lover this
Valentine's
Day!**

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.

WANTED
Winter Coats

COLLECTION
*****EXTENDED*****
THROUGH END OF
FEBRUARY

New and gently used clean winter coats AND cold weather clothing are still needed -- especially adults size XL and up. The larger sizes are helpful with layering.

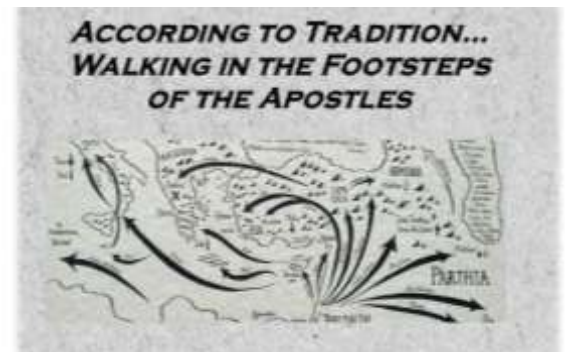
Dog and Cat coats are accepted, too, so our furry friends stay warm. Please place your donations in the foyer.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet February 24 to discuss the book, *The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.



PW MID-WINTER GATHERING
FEBRUARY 11 – 1:00 & 6:30 PM



Tuesdays at 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For information, contact Debbie Hames.



**REGISTRATION FOR
CLAYMONT PRESCHOOL
AT ST. MARK 2026-7
SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!**



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.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 5

Q12. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

A. God requires that his justice be satisfied.¹ Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.²

1. Exod. 20:5 – "You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me"

23:7 – "Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and those in the right, for I will not acquit the guilty."

2. Rom. 8:3–4 – "For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

Q13. Can we make this payment ourselves?

A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.¹

1. Job 9:3 – "If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand."

15:15 – "God puts no trust even in his holy ones, and the heavens are not clean in his sight;"

Matt. 6:12 – “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Q14. Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?

A. No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of.¹ Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God’s eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.²

1. Heb. 2:14 – “Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,”

2. Ps. 130 – “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word, I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Q15. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

A. One who is a true¹ and righteous human,² yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.³

1. 1 Cor. 15:21 – “For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human,”

2. Jer. 33:15 – “In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

Isa. 53:9 – “They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.”

Ps. 53 – “Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt; they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good. God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all fallen away; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon God? There they shall be in great terror, in terror such as has not been. For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly; they will be put to shame, for God has rejected them. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.”

2 Cor. 5:21 – “For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

3. Heb. 7:[15–]16 – “It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, 16 one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent but through the power of an indestructible life. “

Isa. 7:14 – “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.”

Rom. 8:3 – “For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,”

Jer. 23:6 – “In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

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Liturgist: Troop 631 Sr. Patrol Leaders Max
Chung & Evan Barry, Girl Scout & St. Mark
member Olivia Hargrove