



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Worship Bulletin
February 15, 2026**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, help us find ways to revel in the mystery of Christ's glory and then descend back down the mountain to begin the journey to the cross, the tomb, and the Resurrection that will begin in just a few days. Amen.

PRELUDE

Slane

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stacey Elster (Lafayette Industries)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clarice Hutchens (Newborns in Need)

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth.

We come to remember God's glory revealed.

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God!

† HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymnal #268

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Brenda Booth (Isaiah 58 Ministries)

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief.

Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. (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)

Aleisha Mullenix (PCHAS)

† HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Hymnal #725

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Beth Powell (St. Mark Adult Mission Trip)

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:12-29 NRSVUE

Kayla Luker (Mound Ridge)

SERMON

“Faith That Shines”

Donna Schiro, Parish Associate

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A. No. Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.¹

Q21. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;¹ it is also a wholehearted trust,² which the Holy Spirit³ creates in me by the gospel,⁴ that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.⁵ These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.⁶

Q22. What then must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel,¹ a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

Q23. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Scott Splater (Peace Meal)

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Calloway (Marion Medical Mission)

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

“LORD, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

Hymnal #192

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

Ronny Oglesby (St. Mark Youth Mission Trip)

**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

Marche Heroïque

William Stickles

†In body or spirit, please rise.

February

- 16** Church office is closed for President's Day
- 17** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 18** Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm
- 18** Ashes on the Go, 9 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18** Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7 pm
- 19** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 20** Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 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.

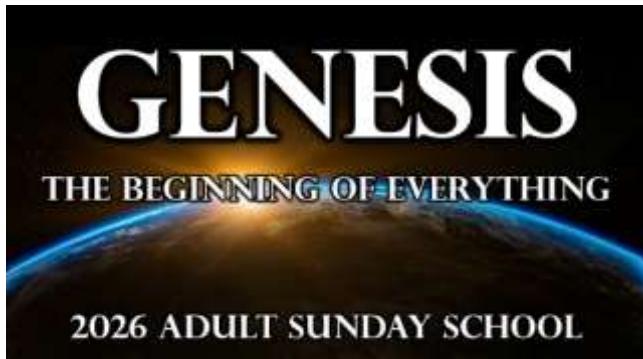
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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

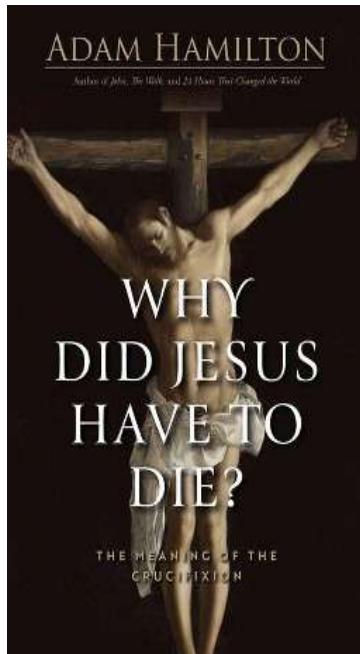


Sundays at 8:50 am

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 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.



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



Join us on February 22 after worship for Children's Ministries first mission of the year! We will have pizza and take off to do some shopping for Isaiah 58! Can't make it? Bring these items during the month of February: Dinner helpers, pasta sauce, condiments, lotion, kid's pull-ups, and mouthwash.

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.



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 Erdich. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.



Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's annual Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to your generosity,

we raised over \$680 to help with unpaid student lunch accounts at Claymont Elementary. The competition was fierce with 14 contestants vying for the prized trophy. Coming in at 4th place was Jim Humrich, 3rd place went to Brad Kelling, 2nd place to Valery and Sarah Steiner, and 1st place was awarded to Sam Burgess!



Saturday, March 7, 4-8pm

All you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, and desserts. There are vegan and gluten free options. Dine in and carry out available - \$10 – and children 5 and under are free!



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 7

Q20. Are all people then saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?

A. No. Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.¹

1. John 1:12 – “But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.”

John 3:36 – “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.”

Isa. 53:11 – “Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Ps. 2:11[–12] – “Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling”

Rom. 11:17 – “But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree,”

Rom. 11:19 – “You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.'”

Heb. 4:2 – “For indeed the good news came to us just as to them; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.”

Heb. 10:39 – “But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.”

Q21. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;¹ it is also a wholehearted trust,² which the Holy Spirit³ creates in me by the gospel,⁴ that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.⁵ These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.⁶

1. Heb. 11:1, 3 – “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.”

James 2:19 – “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder.”

2. Rom. 4:16[–25] – “For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us.”

James 1:6 – “But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind;”

Rom. 5:1 – “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Rom. 10[9–10] – “because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.”

3. 2 Cor. 4:[6, 13] – “For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Eph. 2[8, 18] – “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—”

Matt. 16:17 – “And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.’”

John 3:[5–]13 – “Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.’”

Gal. 5:22 – “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,”

Phil. 1:29 – “For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well”

4. Rom. 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Rom. 10:17 – So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

5. Heb. 2[:9–11] – “but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

Rom. 1[:16] – *ibid*

Heb. 10:38 – “but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.”

Hab. 2:4 – “Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.”

Matt. 9:2 – “And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.’”

Eph. 2:7–9 – “so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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6. Eph. 2[:8] – “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—”

Rom. 3:24–25 – “they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;”

Gal. 2:16 – “yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.”

Q22. What then must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel,¹ a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

1. John 20:31 – “But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

Matt. 28:20 – “and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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