



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

Worship Bulletin
February 22, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of wilderness and nighttime, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 4:1-11

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

† HYMN

“LORD, Who throughout These Forty Days”

Hymnal #166

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting you include us by grace in the family of faith. We continue to pray in Jesus’ name. (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

“When We Are Tested”

Hymnal #783

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

“The Loneliest Test”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LORD’S DAY 8

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A. Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; and God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

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A. Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word:² these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

† **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****"Be Still, My Soul"****Hymnal #819**† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**† **BENEDICTION
RESPONSE****"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"**

The **LORD** now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
 to make of all the earth a better place to live.
 The angels are not sent into our world of pain
 to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
 Help us, **O LORD**, we pray, to do your will today.

POSTLUDE

† In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS**February**

- 22** Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 23** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 24** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 25** Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm
- 25** Adult Bell & Choir Practice, 6 & 7 pm

- 26** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 27** Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 28** Trivia Night, 5 pm

March

- 7** Spaghetti Supper, 4 pm
- 13-14** PW Retreat

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:

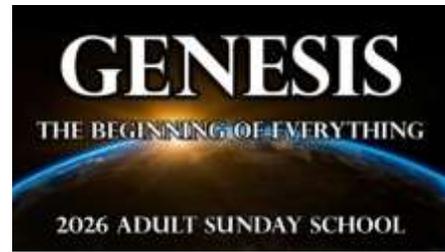
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



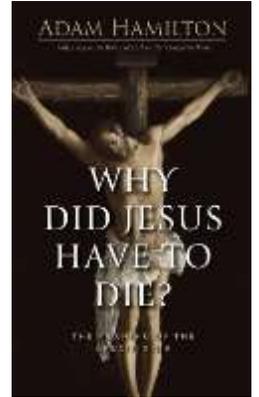
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



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 Balius. 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

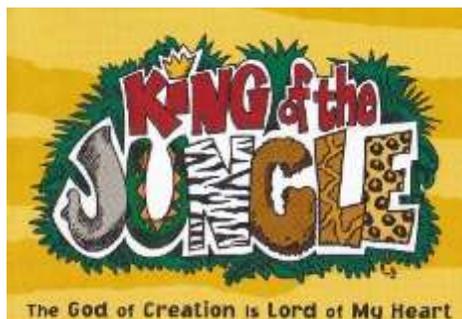
Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am – 11:00 am, except for the first Sunday of the month when the nursery is open but there is no attendant present.

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



St. Mark Women's
29th Annual Retreat
March 13-14, 2026

*Be the Light
in the Darkness*

We welcome
**Reverend
Hannah Zyla**
House of Figs
Speaker

Reservation forms are now available
at the PW Table in the Narthex.
Please reserve your place
at the table by March 7.



SAVE THE DATE!
Circle of Concern Golf
Tournament
May 18, 2026



**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

SAVE THE DATE

28
FEB

Benefiting St.
Mark Youth
Mission Trip

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.

CANDY SALES

Presbyterian Women is once again offering delicious hand made chocolate candy just in time for Easter! Orders will be taken on March 8, 15, and 22 with pick up on March 29 (Palm Sunday). The candy is \$10 per 6 oz. box. Cash, check, and credit card accepted. All proceeds go to PW Missions.



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Donating flowers is a great way to celebrate or commemorate a person, milestone, event or to simply share some of God's gifts of beauty in the sanctuary.



Thank you to those who have signed up to donate. The flower chart is in the Narthex. If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship service, please sign the flower chart, complete the form provided and place the form along with a check in the "Drop Box" in the Pastor's Hallway. Your flowers can be taken home by you after the service.



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! You may use the QR code to purchase tickets online or make a donation.



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1. Deut. 6:4 – “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.”

2. Isa. 61:1 – “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners”

Ps. 110:1 – “The Lord says to my lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.’”

Matt. 3:16–17 – “And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matt. 28:19 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

1 John 5:7–8 – “There are three that testify:[a] 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.”

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