



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PC(USA) • BALLWIN, MO

**Worship Bulletin
February 8, 2026**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and scream out loud, Why? Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity; we allow our suffering to lead us into despair. Yet, wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Lord, Have Mercy

Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

(**1 Peter 10-12**)

Those who desire life and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.
Let us worship our God together!

† HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymnal #687

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as siblings, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. (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

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Hymnal #250

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-4

SERMON

“The Promise: Paradise, Patriarchs, and Prophets”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 6

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A. So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity¹ and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.²

Q18. Then who is this mediator—true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ,¹ who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.²

Q19. How do you come to know this?

A. The holy gospel tells me. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise;¹ later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets² and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law;³ and finally God fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.⁴

OFFERTORY

Holy and Mighty
Chancel Choir

Peter Choplin

† 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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Hymnal #65

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Hymnal #408

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

Forest Green

arr. David Lowe

† In body or spirit, please rise.

February

- 8** Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 8** Souper Bowl of Caring
- 8** Annual Congregational Meeting, following worship
- 9** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 10** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 11** Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11** Chancel Bells & Choir Practice, 6 & 7 pm
- 11** PW Mid-Winter Gathering, 1 & 6:30 pm
- 12** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 13** Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 15** Discover Mission Sunday
- 18** Ashes on the Go, 9 am
- 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 Stacey & Mark Caplinger in memory of Harold Weimholt, Stacey's father.

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.

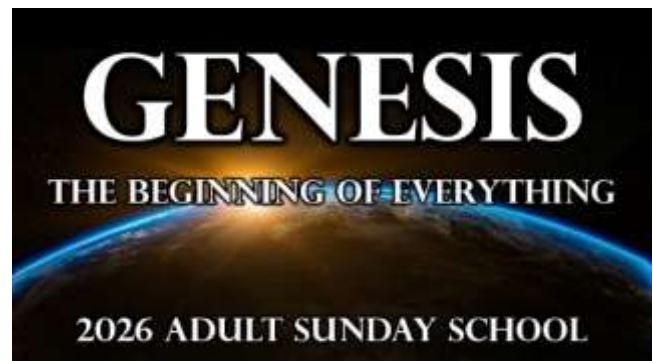
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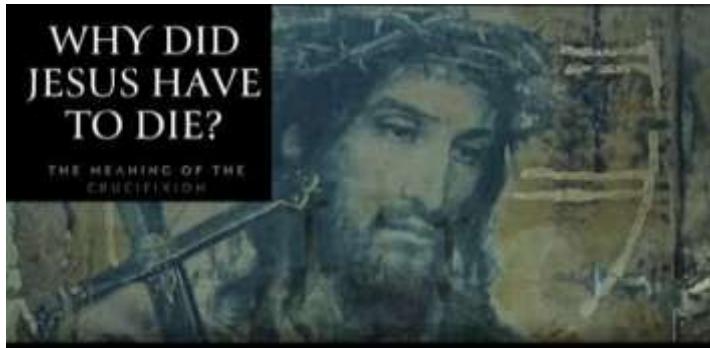


ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



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

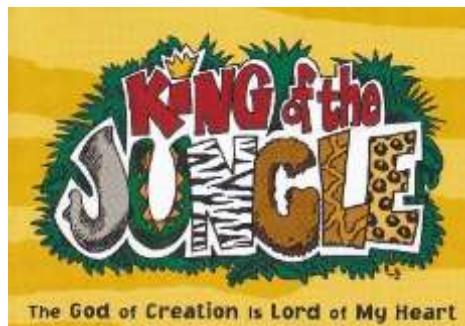
Nursery Care, for ages 0 – 2 years, is available Sunday mornings from 8:30 am – 11:00 am, except for the first Sunday of the month when the nursery is open but there is no attendant present.

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!

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.



**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.

Super Bowl Party



**Sunday, February 8 - 5:00 PM
Burgess House**



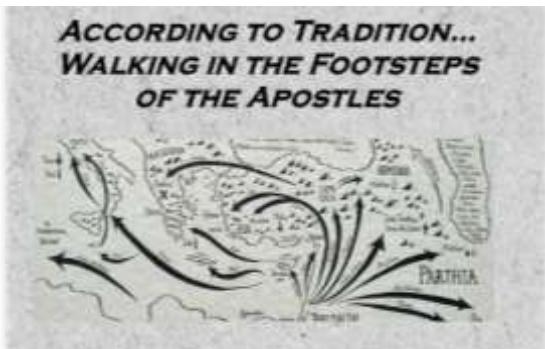
Go Getter Luncheon
February 10 at 12 pm

Join us for a catered lunch and Valentine Bingo in the Narthex!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOKCLUB

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.



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

**Join Us For The
Lenten Water Challenge**

DISCOVER MISSION
SUNDAY

February 15



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.

LORD'S DAY 6

Q16. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

A. God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin;¹ but a sinful human could never pay for others.²

1. Rom. 5:12, 15 – “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”; “But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.”

2. 1 Pet. 3:18 – “For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,”

Isa. 53:3–5 – “He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering[a] and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.”

Isa. 53:10–11 – “Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. 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.

Q17. Why must the mediator also be true God?

A. So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity¹ and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.²

1. Isa. 53:8 – “By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.”

Acts 2:24 – “But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.”

I Pet. 3:18 – “For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,”

2. John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

I John 1:2 – “this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—”

I John 4:12 – “No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.”

Q18. Then who is this mediator—true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ,¹ who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.²

1. Matt. 1:23 – “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel”

I Tim. 3:16 – “Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.”

Luke 2:11 – “to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

2. I Cor. 1:30 – “He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,”

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1. Gen. 3:15 – “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

2. Gen. 22:18 – “and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Gen. 49:10–11 – “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,

until tribute comes to him; and the obedience of the peoples is his. Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine and his robe in the blood of grapes;”

Rom. 1:2 – “which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,”

Heb. 1:1 – “Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,”

Acts 3:22–24 – “Moses said, “The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out from the people.” And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days.”

Acts 10:43 – “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

3. John 5:46 – “If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.”

Heb. 10:7 [1–10] – “Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

4. Rom. 10:4 – “For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”

Gal. 4:4 – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”

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