



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

**Worship Bulletin**  
**March 1, 2026**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Gracious God, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and cares for us, too, help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings. Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you until we find what we seek after all: your kingdom, your peace, your presence. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Tell it to Jesus*

Shelton Ridge Love

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 115**

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

**Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord!

**He is their help and their shield.**

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!

**He is their help and their shield.**

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

**He is their help and their shield.**

## † HYMN

**“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”**

**Hymnal #35**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Merciful God, you are our judge, for you alone know us fully. You know the sins we hide from others: the unkind thought, the unspoken word of grace, the helping hand not offered. You alone know how we harbor jealousies and resentments; hoard resources for ourselves; and hold onto prejudices, judging others. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your marvelous light so that we live before others as you intend. We seek your tender mercy, for you also love us as a mother loves her little child. In your Son’s name 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**

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

## † HYMN

**“Father, I Adore You”**

**See back of bulletin**

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

## SERMON

**“Pigeon Feathers”**

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 9

Q26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,<sup>1</sup> who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,<sup>2</sup> is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.<sup>3</sup> I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,<sup>4</sup> and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.<sup>5</sup> God is able to do this because he is almighty God<sup>6</sup> and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.<sup>7</sup>**

OFFERTORY

Faithful Shepherd  
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

## † 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

**"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"**

Hymnal #661

## †CHARGE AND BLESSING

## †BENEDICTION

**"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"**

## RESPONSE

**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

*This is My Father's World*

arr. Todd Beaney

†In body or spirit, please rise.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March

- |   |  |       |                                  |
|---|--|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am             | 6     | Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am      |
| 2 | Prayer Circle, 9:30 am                   | 7     | Spaghetti Supper, 4 pm           |
| 3 | Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am               | 11    | PW Book Club, 9:30 am            |
| 4 | Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm | 13-14 | PW Retreat                       |
| 4 | Adult Bell & Choir Practice, 6 & 7 pm    | 18    | Potluck & Program, 5 pm          |
| 5 | Chair Exercise, 10 am                    | 29    | Palm Sunday & Jerusalem Festival |

## 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](http://discoverstmark.org).

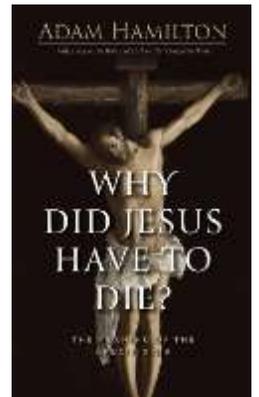


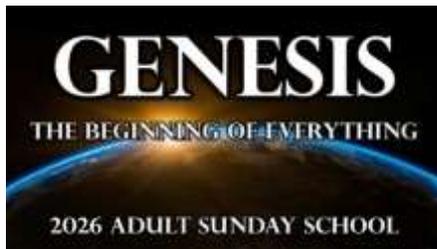
## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### 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."*





Sundays at 8:50 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 Balius. We meet in rm 102 every Tuesday at 7:30. All are welcome!



Online registration is open!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH



Youth 6<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us for food, fun, faith, and fellowship! If you have any questions, call the church office.

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### MARCH FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Sardines
- Chili
- Cooking oil (48 oz or smaller)
- Shampoo
- Razors and shaving cream
- Dish soap



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.



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





## EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED IN THE NARTHEX ON MARCH 8

### Spotlight on Cashews and Mango:

Gebana is a Fair-Trade organization that purchases organic mangoes and cashews from 17 different rural co-ops and associations in the South of Burkina Faso. Women serve as the majority of the workforce, and Fair-Trade social premiums have benefited the entire community through adult literacy classes, new water sources, bicycle purchases, and cereal banks. Cashews and mangoes are processed in a factory owned by the co-op, which employs hundreds of local workers.

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.

## 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.



PW is collecting for Newborns in Need during the month of March. Newborns In Need is a charity that

specializes in the needs of babies facing health or economic crisis in St. Louis. It is a local and national nonprofit organization.

**New and gently used baby items** such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts, sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers are accepted and may be placed in the Pan Play by the PW table.

**Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.** Make checks out to Newborns In Need and ask for a tax receipt. Mail to: **Newborns In Need** c/o Judy Giovanoni, 310 Oxford Ridge Ct., Ellisville, MO 63021. For more information, call Shirley Boeker or Louis Grothe.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

# BOOKCLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet March 11 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.

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.



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.



## Go Getter Luncheon March 10 at 12 pm

Join us for Lunch at Salt + Smoke  
in Ellisville at 12 pm.

Please let Judy know of your plans to  
attend and bring a friend!



### 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.



### THE LAST SUPPER

Let's get going...growing...the beards!!!! The  
dramatization of The Last Supper, based on DaVinci's  
portrait, will be a part of Holy Week services  
(Maundy Thursday, April 2) again this year. If you are  
interested in participating, or if you have any  
questions please speak to Donna Schiro.

### LORD'S DAY 9

Q26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in  
God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and  
earth"?

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and  
earth and everything in them,<sup>1</sup> who still  
upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel  
and providence,<sup>2</sup> is my God and Father because  
of Christ the Son.<sup>3</sup> I trust God so much that I  
do not doubt he will provide whatever I need  
for body and soul,<sup>4</sup> and will turn to my good  
whatever adversity he sends upon me in this  
sad world.<sup>5</sup> God is able to do this because he is  
almighty God<sup>6</sup> and desires to do this because  
he is a faithful Father.<sup>7</sup>**

1. Gen. 1

Ps. 33:6 – "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and  
all their host by the breath of his mouth."

2. Ps. 104

Ps. 115:3 – "Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he  
pleases."

Matt. 10:29 – "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not  
one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father."

Heb. 1:3 – "He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact  
imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his  
powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat  
down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

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

Rom. 8:15 – "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall  
back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When  
we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"

Gal. 4:5-7 – "in order to redeem those who were under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you  
are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,  
crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child,  
and if a child then also an heir, through God."

Eph. 1:5 – "He destined us for adoption as his children through  
Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

4. Ps. 55:22 – "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain  
you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

Matt. 6:25-26 – "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your  
life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your  
body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the  
body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they  
neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your  
heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than  
they?"

Luke 12:22 – “He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.’”

5. Rom. 8:28 – “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

6. Rom. 10:12 – “For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.”

7. Matt. 6:32 – “For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”

Matt. 7:9 – “Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?”

## 265 Father, I Adore You

*True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. John 4:23*

3 Part Round



1. Fa - ther, I a - dore You, Lay my life be - fore You, How I love You.
2. Je - sus, I a - dore You, Lay my life be - fore You, How I love You.
3. Spir - it, I a - dore You, Lay my life be - fore You, How I love You.

TEXT and MUSIC: Terrye Coelho

MARANATHA  
Irregular meter

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