



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

Worship Bulletin
March 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

J. Birch, www.faithandworship.com

“Remind us often Lord, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self-sufficient in our ways, that for such as us and better and worse you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue as from this lofty perch we fall.”

PRELUDE

Lenten Supplication

Tom Birchwood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 108)

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
and we will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

† HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father, you call us your children and give us the greatest inheritance imaginable, but we squander your good gifts and chase after worthless items. We seek approval from others and fail to accept fully your promises. We prefer the easy familiar destructive paths and avoid the eternal road because your cross is too heavy to bear. Forgive us. Restore us. Bring us home to your loving arms. 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

“As the Deer”

Sing Twice

Hymnal #626

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:1-9

SERMON

“Secondhand Saviors”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 11

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A. Because he saves us from our sins,¹ and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.²

Q30. Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus.¹ Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.²

† **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****“When Peace like a River”****Hymnal #840**† **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

The Greatness of the Lord

Richard Miles

† In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS**March**

- 15** Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 16** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 17** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 18** Potluck & Program, 5 pm
- 18** Adult Choir & Bell Practice, 6 & 7 pm
- 19** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 20** Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

- 29** Palm Sunday & Jerusalem Festival

APRIL

- 2** Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 7:30 pm
- 3** Journey to the Cross, 11 am
- 3** Good Friday Worship Service, 3 pm
- 4** Bunny Breakfast, 10 am
- 5** Easter Sunday Celebration, 10 am

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Mark & Stacey Caplinger in memory of Mark's parents, Dick & MaryAnne Caplinger. Flowers are also donated by Norm & Valery Steiner in memory of Norm's parents, Russ and Gloria Steiner.

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.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Hunger, Disaster, Development

How do you show love?

Jesus calls us to love one another — with the kind of love that is shared freely with all people. This is our calling as Christ's Church: to love others as Jesus loved us. To love every person we encounter despite the many walls that separate us.

In this country and around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years. Your gifts help those who are fighting for basic needs and seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. Your gifts bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most.

Remember Micah 6:8—What does the Lord require of you? ...to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.

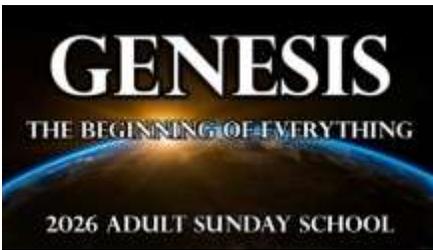
Fish Banks are available to all during the Lenten Season! Fish Banks are a fun way for children, youth, and families to live out their faith during Lent as they participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. It's wonderful to know that our coins and dollars will bring relief to people when they are experiencing a crisis. We can be like the boy who gave his loaves and fish (John 6:9-13). God will multiply our gifts!



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Church with Your
Per Capital Offering.

The 2026 Per Capita
is \$40 per member.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

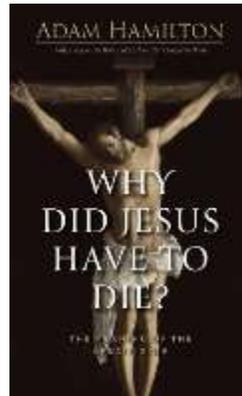


Sundays at 8:50 am

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

every Friday at 9:30am in Room 102 or via Zoom

We will meet every Friday in March studying from Adam Hamilton's new book, "Why did Jesus have to Die? The meaning of the Crucifixion." Please join us as we explore several theories on Atonement (At One with God) of why Christ died on the cross.



Please see Donna for the Zoom link, if needed.

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 Barius. We meet in room 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!



JERUSALEM FESTIVAL FOOD DONATIONS!

Please sign-up at the welcome desk in the Narthex to bring your donations for the festival. We are asking for Breads, Dried fruit, Cheese, & Grapes. Thank you for donating in past years and we appreciate your donations that will be enjoyed at this year's festival! All donations need to be left in the kitchen/kitchen refrigerator by March 28.





Online registration is open!

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.



Here's a great visual of our VBS egg carton igloo! One of the VBS fun activities will be building this egg carton igloo – please donate all of your egg cartons (it doesn't matter what material or color). If you can, please take off any labels. This is a great way to recycle as the Easter egg coloring comes

closer. Please leave cartons in the Narthex under the Children and Youth table.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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 Pac n 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 YOUTH



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

CANDY SALES

Presbyterian Women is once again offering delicious handmade 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.



EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Lilies may be purchased now through March 22 for \$9 each. Order forms can be found by the Flower Chart. Call Mickey McKnight if you have questions.



Donna Schiro will lead the program "Carry On" following the meal with a presentation and discussion on Christ's Disciples and how they picked up the cross and followed Christ after his death and resurrection. What did it cost them to "Carry On", what does it cost us today?



THE LAST SUPPER

It's that time of year again! Maundy Thursday is approaching and St. Mark will once again produce a dramatization of Jesus and the 12 Disciples as they reenact the story of the Last Supper using scripture, historical context, and Leonardo DaVinci's portrait as source information. In support of the drama, we need "disciples", "crew (committee members)", and set decorations (plants, baskets, urns, vases, etc.). All support and interested persons are welcome! Please reach out to Donna Schiro if you can help in any way. Remember to invite your friends and family to this inspirational worship experience during Holy Week.



Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 4, at 8 am to help spread mulch in the landscape beds around the church. We hope to see you there!

"Many hands make like work"

LORD'S DAY 11

Q29. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

A. Because he saves us from our sins,¹ and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.²

1. Matt. 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Heb. 7:25 – “Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

2. Acts 4:12 – “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Q30. Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus.¹ Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.²

1. 1 Cor. 1:13 – “Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”

1 Cor. 1:31 – “in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Gal. 3[:1–4] – “You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? 4 Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing.”

Gal. 5:4 – “You who want to be reckoned as righteous[a] by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.”

2. Heb. 12:2 – “looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Isa. 9:6 – “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Col. 1:19–20 – “For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.”

Col 2:10 – “and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.”

John 1:16 – “From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”

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