



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

**Worship Bulletin**  
**March 8, 2026**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CENTERING PRAYER

Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRELUDE

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

arr. Mary McDonald

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Romans 5:8-10**

This is the good news of God's grace:

Though we were sinners,

**Christ died for us.**

Though we were enemies of God,

**God loves us.**

Once we were lost and dead—

**now Christ has become our life and salvation.**

Come! Let us worship our God together.

## † HYMN

**“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”**

**Hymnal #363**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.** (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

**“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

**Hymnal #438**

## SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-11

## SERMON

**“What's in It for Me?”**

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 10**

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Q28. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**A. We can be patient when things go against us,<sup>1</sup> thankful when things go well,<sup>2</sup> and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father<sup>3</sup> that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.<sup>4</sup> For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.<sup>5</sup>**

† **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****“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”****Hymnal #833**† **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

*Faith the Cornerstone*

arr. Roger C. Wilson

† In body or spirit, please rise.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****March**

- 8** Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 9** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 10** Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am
- 10** Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm
- 11** PW Book Club, 9:30 am
- 11** Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm
- 11** Bell Practice, 6 pm
- 12** Chair Exercise, 10 am

**13-14** PW Retreat**18** Potluck & Program, 5 pm**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 Luke and Bev Stahlberg.

**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).



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

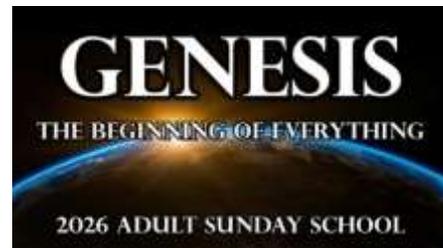
### One Great Hour of Sharing...a bit of history

The first ecumenical offering was taken in 1949. The leaders of several denominations organized an appeal for support providing relief and reconstruction to areas devastated by WWII, primarily Europe and Asia. The first designated Sunday for collections it was estimated that 75,000 churches participated.

While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than one hundred countries, including the United States and Canada. St. Mark is an active participant.

**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!

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



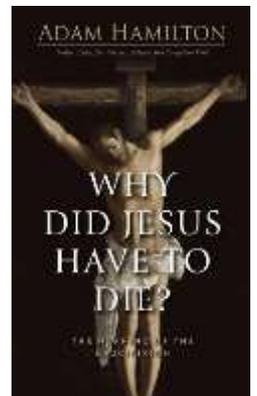
Sundays at 8:50 am

## 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 Balis. 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 – 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.



**Online registration is open!**



## 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.



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.



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

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### BOOK CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet March 11 to discuss the book, *The Measure* by Louise Erdich. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.



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.



## 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.

## LORD'S DAY 10

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1. Acts 17:25[–28] – “nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.”

2. 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. Jer. 5:24 – “They do not say in their hearts, ‘Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives the rain in its

season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.”

Acts 14:17 – “yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good, giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.”

4. John 9:3 – “Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.’”

5. Prov. 22:2 – “The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.”

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1. Rom. 5:3 – “And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,”

James 1:3 – “because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.”

Job 1:21 – “He said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’”

2. Deut. 8:10 – “You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.”

1 Thess. 5:18 – “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

3. Rom. 5:5–6 – “and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

4. Rom. 8:38–39 – “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

5. Job 1:12 – “The Lord said to the accuser, ‘Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!’ So the accuser went out from the presence of the Lord.”

Job 2:6 – “The Lord said to the accuser, ‘Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.’”

Acts 17:28 – “For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’”

Prov. 21:1 – “The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.”



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