



Worship Bulletin
April 12, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your Son and our Savior.
Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

† HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Hymnal #233

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen. (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 will be dismissed to Sunday School downstairs in rooms 17, 18 & 19.)

† HYMN

“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”

Hymnal #256

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

SERMON

“Wounds, Scabs, & Scars”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 15

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OFFERTORY

LENTENE WATER CHALLENGE CELEBRATION

Christ is Alive!

Chancel Choir

Brian Wren

† 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

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Hymnal #286

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION
RESPONSE

“Christ is Alive”

Hymnal #246

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

POSTLUDE

†In body or spirit, please rise.

April

UPCOMING EVENTS

12 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

15 Children & Youth Activities, 5:30 & 6 pm

12 Lenten Water Challenge Celebration

15 Adult Choir & Bell Practice, 6 & 7 pm

12 Reception for Ethan & Scott, following worship

16 Chair Exercise, 10 am

13 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

17 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

14 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

22 PW Book Club, 9:30 am

15 Pot Luck & Program, 5 pm

26 King of the Jungle Children's Performance, 4 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.

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.

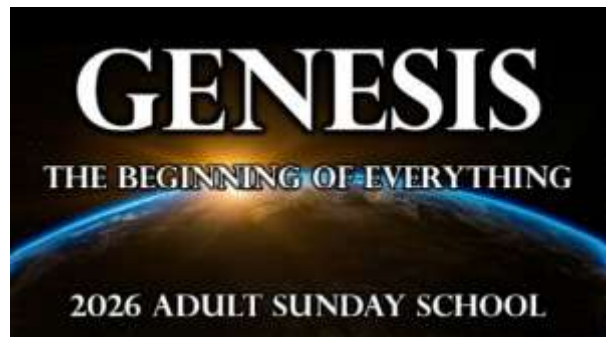


NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the next class of Elders, Deacons, Endowment, and next year's Nominating Committee. Forms are available at the welcome desk or by using the QR code. Please prayerfully consider and suggest candidates for leadership as St. Mark continues to fulfill its Mission in the future.



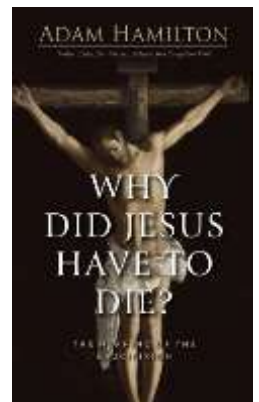
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



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 Balius. 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.



THANK YOU, ST. MARK!

Thank you to all who volunteered or donated items for the Jerusalem Festival and Bunny Breakfast! These annual events were a great success due to all of you!



Online registration is open!

VBS MEETING – APRIL 19

Please join us for lunch and planning discussion in room 102 immediately following worship.



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 the Children's Musical Performance on April 26 at 4 pm, with a reception immediately following.

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





EQUAL EXCHANGE / FAIRLY TRADED

in the Narthex on April 12

Spotlight on Palestinian Medjool Dates:

These dates are grown by a 12-member farmer cooperative in the Jordan Valley, established in early 2000. Water shortages in the area forced farmers to seek out crops that needed less water to grow. Medjool dates not only require less water but can grow using the slightly salty water that sits under reservoirs of fresh water. These farmers work closely with the [Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee \(PARC\)](#) who provide technical assistance, processing facilities, quality testing, and exporting services. PARC is a nonprofit that promotes sustainable economic development of 41 farmer cooperatives, helps to improve water supply & critical infrastructure, & provides social services for women, children, and families in the West Bank. PARC explains what it's been like for farmers at

<https://www.info.equalexchange.coop/articles/parc-update-march-2025>

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted

APRIL FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Condiments
- Dinner Helper
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Snacks (8-12 servings)
- Mouthwash, razors & women's incontinence briefs (L&XL)



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.

MID-WEEK POTLUCK & PROGRAM



Wednesday, April 15, 5 pm

Bring a dish to share and stay for an informative program!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet on April 22 to discuss **The Woman Who Knew Everyone** by Meryl Gordon There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information



Our music director, Ethan Forte, is getting married! Please join us in celebrating Ethan and Scott Lunte's upcoming nuptials by attending a reception in their honor on Sunday, April 12 in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. We'll have punch and tasty treats for everyone to enjoy as we extend our congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple. There will be a basket available for cards if you wish to extend a personal note to Ethan and Scott as they begin their married journey.



Mark your calendars! **Sunday, May 17**, our St. Mark community will be worshipping outdoors at Wildwood Community Park, with our annual PICNIC occurring

right after the service. We'll provide the hot dogs, brats, burgers and drinks, and we invite you to bring your favorite side dishes and desserts to share with one another. Because there won't be electrical outlets available, please refrain from bringing anything that needs to be heated up. It's been quite some time since we've held a worship service or picnic offsite, and we look forward to this opportunity for faith, fun and fellowship with one another!



MEAL PACKING EVENT – JUNE 20 AT 10 AM

Let's fight hunger together. Individuals, families, kids, everyone can do this. Can't stand long or need to sit? There is a place for you! Sign up to volunteer or donate!



LORD'S DAY 15

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A. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.¹ This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,² he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

1. I Pet. 2:24 – "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

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,"

Isa. 53:12 – "Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors."

2. I John 2:2 – "and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

I John 4:10 – "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Rom. 3:25 – "whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;"

Q38. Why did he suffer "under Pontius Pilate" as judge?

A. So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge,¹ and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.²

1. Luke 23:14 – "and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people, and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him."

John 19:4 – "Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.'"

2. Ps. 69:5 – "O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you."

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2 Cor. 5:21 – "For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Gal. 3:13 – "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"

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1. Gal. 3:10] – "For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.'"

2. Deut. 21:[23] – "his corpse must not remain all night upon the tree; you must bury him that same day, for anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse. You must not defile the land that the Lord your God is giving you for possession."

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