



Worship Bulletin
April 19, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O God who knows everything we require before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

PRELUDE

Christ Arose!

Roger C. Wilson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. All glory is due to the Lord!

† HYMN

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Hymnal #610

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we seek after things, but we have not sought after you. We expect generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We are not gracious or grateful. We fail to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' 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

† HYMN

“When We Are Living”

Hymnal #822

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:21-30

SERMON

“Life, Death, and Other Hard Choices”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 16

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A. By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,¹ so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us,² but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.³

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A. To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.¹

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly

Joel Raney

† **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**

"My Life Flows On"

Hymnal #821

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

"Christ Is Alive"

Hymnal #246

RESPONSE

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

Resurrection

William Stickles

† In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

19 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

20 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

21 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

22 PW Book Club, 9:30 am

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

23 Chair Exercise, 10 am

17 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

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

May

17 Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic, 10 am

18 Circle of Concern Golf Tournament

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.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Randy and Becky Pierce, "in honor of their family's spring birthdays".

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.

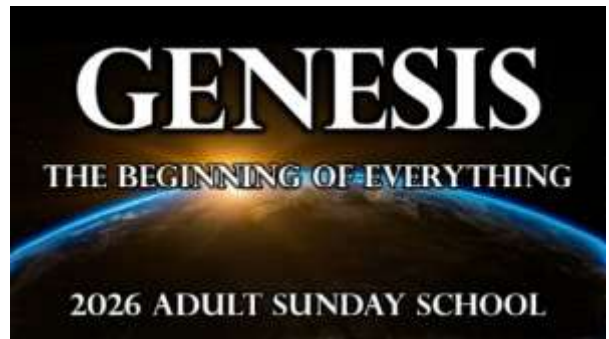


NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES

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.



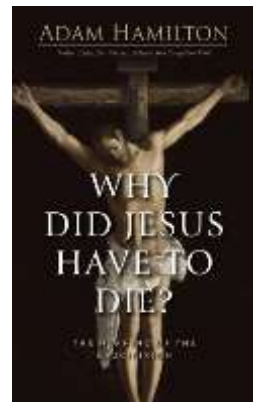
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



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

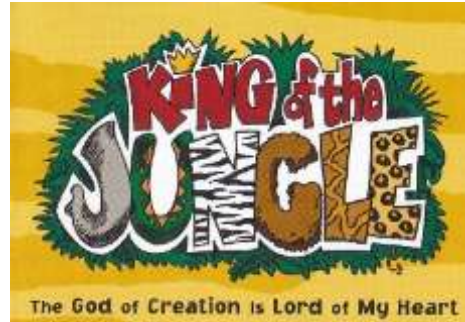
SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN IN!

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.



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.



Online registration is open!

VBS MEETING – APRIL 19

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

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



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.

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.

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!



ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES POP-UP BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

We are excited to host a **Pop-Up Bridal Boutique** on **April 24 –25** at our new space on Chippewa. This event features a beautiful collection of new, never-worn wedding **dresses** generously donated by The Wedding Gallery—the same partners who helped make our new building possible.



This is a unique opportunity for brides (and those who love them!) to find stunning dresses at a fraction of the cost, while also supporting a ministry rooted in compassion, dignity, and community care.

Friday, April 24 | 5:00–8:00 PM First Peek Event
Early access to the collection, \$20 entry fee (applied toward any dress purchase)

Saturday, April 25 | 9:00 AM–6:00 PM Main Event, open to all with free entry

Dresses originally priced from \$500 to \$4,000 will be available at 50% off or more.

LORD'S DAY 16

Q40. Why did Christ have to suffer death?

A. Because God's justice and truth require it:¹ nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.²

1. Gen. 2:17 – “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

2. Heb. 2:9 – “but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

Heb. 2:15 – “and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.”

Phil. 2:8 – “he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.”

Q41. Why was he “buried”?

A. His burial testifies that he really died.¹

1. Acts 13:29 – “When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.”

Matt. 27:60 – “and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.”

Luke 23:50[–53] – Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.”

John 19:38[–42] – “After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body.”

Q42. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.¹

1 John 5:24 – “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.”

Phil. 1:23 – I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;”

Rom. 7:24 [21–25] – “Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”

Q43. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,¹ so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us,² but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.³

1. Rom. 6:6-8 – “We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.”

Rom. 6:11–12 – “So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.”

Col. 2:[11–12] – “In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.”

2. Rom. 6:12 – “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.”

3. Rom. 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.”

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1. Isa. 53:10 – “Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. 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.”

Matt. 27:46 – “And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”

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