



*He is
Risen,
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Indeed!*

**Easter Sunday
Worship Bulletin
April 5, 2026**

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OFFERTORY

Rise Up Singing
Chancel Choir & Guest Musicians

Pamela Martin & Craig Courtney

† **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**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymnal #248

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

"Hallelujah Chorus"

George Frideric Handel

POSTLUDE

The Call of the Trumpets

Henry Purcell

† In body or spirit, please rise.

Thank you to our guest musicians whose talents contributed so much to the Easter Sunday worship service: Drew Davis – Trumpet, Chris Becker – Trumpet, Keely Abein – French Horn, Greg Hamilton – Trombone, Ryan Curtis – Tuba, Terry Smith – Flute, Devin Melter – Clarinet, Justin Morrow – Timpani / Percussion, Eleni Lieven - Handbells, Clarice Hutchens – Handbells, Beth Ke – Handbells.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

6 The church office is closed for the Easter holiday.

6 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

7 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

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

8 Adult Choir & Bell Practice, 6 & 7 pm

9 Chair Exercise, 10 am

10 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

12 Lenten Water Challenge Celebration

12 Reception for Ethan & Scott, following worship

14 Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm

15 Pot Luck & Program, 5 pm

22 PW Book Club, 9:30 am

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Pat Marshall “in thankfulness to God for his Son and in loving memory of Larry Marshall on his birthday “.

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.

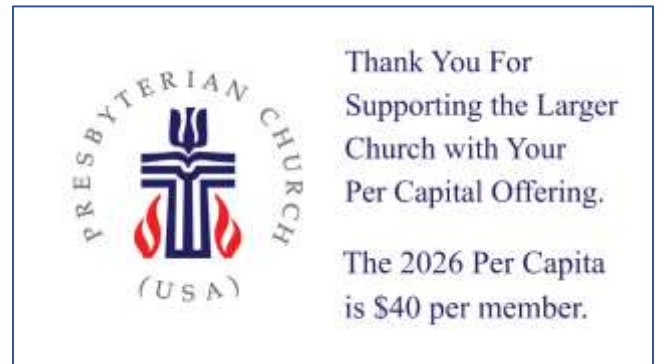


ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Easter Sunday is the culmination of our One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. These funds are used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. These programs serve within the United States and in over 100 countries internationally—from Chicago, Texas, California, and Maryland to Puerto Rico and many other locations.

We are the hands and feet to do Christ's work. We cannot be everywhere but through our support for One Great Hour of Sharing, we ARE everywhere. Please generously support that work.

Please return your Fish Banks this Sunday. It's wonderful to know that our coins and dollars will bring relief to people when they are experiencing a crisis.



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.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT MEET TODAY

Children will not have Sunday School today, allowing our teachers to attend Easter Sunday worship with their families. The Nursery is open and available to families during worship service.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

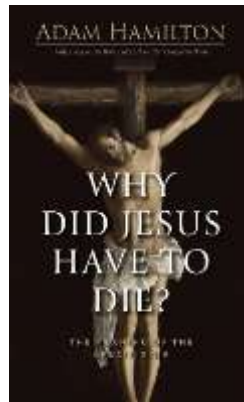


Sundays at 8:50 am

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 Balian. 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.



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 \(PARC\)](https://www.info.equalexchange.coop/articles/parc-update-march-2025) 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!



TROOP 631

LAWNMOWER TUNEUP APRIL 11, 8 – 11AM

Tune up services include blade sharpening, oil change, air filter cleaning, spark plug clean and gap, clean underside & deck. **Tune ups only – no repairs!** Appointments are encouraged, not required. You will receive a call/text when your mower is ready. All mowers will be ready for pick up by 1 pm.

Donations are appreciated and encouraged. Funds help our scouts attend camp and experience adventures that foster good citizenship, love of the outdoors, and leadership skills

Taking place at Primrose School,
15031 Manchester Rd.

Pre-register, schedule, & donate
ahead at this link:

https://bit.ly/T631_Mower



LORD'S DAY 14

Q35. What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is¹ and remains true and eternal God,² took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit,³ from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature⁴ so that he might also become David's true descendant,⁵ like his brothers and sisters in every way⁶ except for sin.⁷

1. John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 17:5 – “So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.”

Rom. 1:4 – “and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,”

2. Rom. 9:5 – “to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.”

Gal. 4[:4] – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”

3. Matt. 1:18, 20 – Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit.” “But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.’”

Luke 1:27, 35 – “to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.” “The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.’” Eph. 1

4. John 1:14 – “And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.”

Gal. 4:4 – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”

5. Ps. 132:11 – “The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: ‘One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.’”

Rom. 1:3 – “the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh”



6. Phil. 2:7 – “but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human,”

7. Heb. 4:15 – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.”

Heb. 7:26 – “For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.”

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A. He is our mediator¹ and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.²

1. Heb. 2:16–17 – “For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.”

2. Ps. 32:1 – “Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.”

1 Cor. 1:30 – “In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,”



EASTER LILIES

The beautiful Easter lilies in our Sanctuary were given by the following families in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and as a symbol of Christ's promise of eternal life.

Glen & Joan Corlett
Shirley Goff
Ellen Hynes
Bertha Larez
Shelley Lester
Roger & Mickey McKnight
Phil & Debbie Rahn

Judy Richardson
Linda Smith
Norm & Valery Steiner
Victoria Sherman & Bill Tucker
Nancy Sutch
Carol Weber
Melody Wintz-Hostetler
Cathy York

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Parish Associate: Donna Schiro



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Accompanist & Organist: JeeHye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells & Guest Musicians
Liturgist: Phillip Lobo