



CHURCH OVERVIEW 2026



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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OUR VISION

God calls St Mark Presbyterian Church to be a vibrant, open, diverse community of faithful, active believers. Through Spirit-filled worship, passion for God’s Word, and joyful work in service to others, we demonstrate the new life given in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OUR MISSION

God calls St. Mark Presbyterian Church to transform lives in Jesus Christ. Relying on the Holy Spirit, we create a caring community through worship that inspires, learning that leads to responsible living and service that meets the needs of others. We commit ourselves to Christ’s Great Commission “...to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded” (Matthew 28:19-20). Rejoicing in our faith we invite everyone to share in Christ’s ministry of hope.





Living
Last
Supper

OUR CHURCH

St. Mark Presbyterian Church, founded in 1962, is a vibrant congregation in West St. Louis County, Missouri. We are building on our over 60-year history of serving God. We are a warm and caring church, nestled in a neighborhood, mission-minded with a strong commitment to sharing God’s love with our neighbors and our world. Preschoolers, youth, adults, senior citizens and everyone in between find St. Mark a welcoming place to serve, learn and grow.



PW and Youth make Christmas cookies

OUR COMMUNITY

St. Mark Presbyterian Church is in Ballwin, Missouri. The church was a planned part of the Claymont subdivision. Ballwin is consistently ranked on various “best places to live” lists due to its exceptional quality of life, community-centered amenities, top-rated schools, affordability, and strong focus on safety. Ballwin, and the neighboring communities of West St. Louis County, provide convenient access to excellent grocery stores, pharmacies, major retailers, restaurants, medical services, fitness and recreational opportunities. [Explore our larger community.](#)



Vlasis Park, Ballwin, MO

OUR VALUES

Because we are passionate about Jesus, we take the Bible seriously and its call to reconciling love. We are a Big Tent congregation with a diversity of opinions but united in the One we worship. St. Mark offers love, acceptance, grace, and support for everyone.

Our congregation wants visitors and members, of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, to feel welcomed and encouraged to share in the growth of our church and its missions. As the Holy Spirit guides us in nurturing our relationships with one another, our relationship with God grows.



Worship service



Youth serve as liturgists



Adult Education/Bible Study

OUR WORSHIP, MINISTRIES, AND MISSIONS

Sunday morning begins with 8:50 am Adult Education/Bible Study, followed by a traditional worship service at 10:00 am with an excellent music program. Children's Sunday School is offered after the Children's Message. Children and Youth meet on Wednesday evenings during the school year for fellowship and Bible Study. Both groups have special activities throughout the school year and summer months.



World Communion Sunday



Many children from outside our church attend our VBS



Chancel Choir



St. Mark has several ministries including Music Ministry (choir and handbells), Men’s Bible Study, Presbyterian Women, Senior Ministry, Adult Education, Children’s Ministry, Youth Programs, and Ministry. We provide time, talent, and offerings to many local, regional, and international missions addressing hunger, poverty, disabilities, education, medical needs, and social justice.



Equal Exchange sales support long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sustainable between small farmers and consumers.

OUR PRESCHOOL

Claymont Preschool is an outreach program of St. Mark. The church has been providing quality early childhood education to children in the area since 1962. We welcome all children, regardless of their religious affiliation, national or ethnic origin.



Preparing Preschool Garden

OUR STAFF

Staff members are collaborative, collegial, and supportive of each other, often reaching out to help with a project. Under the encouragement of the Senior Pastor, staff feel comfortable sharing their opinions and creative ideas. Staff receive the support and assistance of church committee members and volunteers; all focused on fulfilling our mission with compassion and joy.



Director of Children's Ministry at annual fall festival.



Office Staff

OUR SENIOR PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess began his ministry at St. Mark during the summer of 2017. Pastor Dave is a native Missourian, and previously served congregations in Southern California, Lower Alabama, and Southwest Missouri. He is passionate about Reformed Theology and sharing the good news of God's providential love.

His wife, Sarah, is an English teacher at a local high school. They have two daughters studying at the University of Missouri and a son in high school. When Dave is not at St. Mark, he enjoys hiking, exploring history, and rooting on the Cardinals, Blues, and Mizzou Tigers.



OUR FELLOWSHIP



Clockwise from top left:

- ◆ Jingle Mingle Churchwide Social
- ◆ Fellowship Committee Kitchen Crew
- ◆ PW Annual Christmas Boutique
- ◆ ABC Annual large scale "rummage sale" benefiting local church mission projects
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa
- ◆ Giving Thanks Dinner



OUR FUTURE

We are excited to welcome an Associate Pastor to our church leadership team. It is important that they be approachable, an excellent listener and communicator, and have a good sense of humor. Our priorities for this position are:

Youth and Family Ministries

We seek an Associate Pastor who can creatively inspire, motivate, care for and lead our congregation in all aspects of ministry, especially in serving our youth, children, and families. The Associate Pastor will:

- ◆ Revitalize and expand the youth ministry
- ◆ Connect youth with caring adults and train adult volunteers
- ◆ Teach Confirmation classes, with adult mentors, every two years.
- ◆ Provide support and supervision for the Director of Children's Ministries

Health and Healing Ministries

St. Mark is recognized as a place of care, compassion and support. The Associate Pastor will:

- ◆ Provide a pastoral presence for the Board of Deacons and be a resource for caregiving efforts.
- ◆ Work alongside Senior Pastor to support church volunteer efforts.

Mission and Outreach

St. Mark is committed to its long history of supporting missions locally, nationally, and internationally. The Associate Pastor will:

- ◆ Serve as the clergy liaison for the Mission Committee.
- ◆ Make connections with neighbors and embody St. Mark's welcoming spirit- both inside and outside the church.

Pastoral Presence

St. Mark strives for meaningful worship experiences and personal connection. The Associate Pastor will:

- ◆ Participate in Sunday morning worship services.
- ◆ Preach approximately seven times a year.
- ◆ Make hospital and home visits as needed.
- ◆ Participate in the work of the presbytery.

[Further information is available on PCUSA Church Leadership Connection.](#)

QUALIFICATIONS

- ◆ Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or equivalent theological degree from an accredited seminary.
- ◆ Ordination or eligibility for ordination in PC(USA).
- ◆ Experience in pastoral care, faith formation, outreach, and youth ministry.



Youth collect canned goods for Souper Bowl Sunday

Presbyterian Women annual retreat



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