

Worship Bulletin
May 24, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy One, you sent your Spirit to lead us in the paths of peace. Breathe into us the voice of prophecy. Breathe into us the power of forgiveness. Breathe into us the gifts of ministry, that we may serve your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit!

Grant us your peace.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Give us your power.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Grace us with your presence.

Let us worship God.

† HYMN

“Here in This Place”

Hymnal #401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit of God, we confess your church has too often resisted your movement, choosing comfort over courage, division over unity, and silence over the proclamation of your good news. We confess we neglect the cries of our neighbors, fail to embody the love of Christ, and trust more in our own strength than in your transforming power. Forgive us for the ways we grieve your Spirit through pride, fear, and complacency. Yet on this Pentecost day, breathe anew upon your people and kindle within us the fire of your love, grace, and truth. Renew your church, O God, that empowered by your Spirit we may seek your will, proclaim Christ boldly, and become instruments of your peace in the world.

(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

“As the Wind Song”

Hymnal #292

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:37-47

SERMON

“Burn On”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 21*

Q54. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God¹ through his Spirit and Word,² out of the entire human race,³ from the beginning of the world to its end,⁴ gathers, protects, and preserves for himself,⁵ a community chosen for eternal life⁶ and united in true faith.⁷ And of this community I am⁸ and always will be⁹ a living member.

Q55. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.¹ Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.²

Q56. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction,¹ will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.² Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.³

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

OFFERTORY

Blessed Be Your Name (with All Hail the Power)
Chancel Choir

arr. 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

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Hymnal #291

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

“Blessed Be The Lord”

RESPONSE

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

POSTLUDE

Go Forth in Faith

Lani Smith

†In body or spirit, please rise.

*Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 21 Q&A can be found at discoverstmark.org/worship

May

UPCOMING EVENTS

24 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

28 Chair Exercise, 10 am

24 Pentecost & Capital Campaign Celebration

29 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

25 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

31 Worship in Gleason Hall Begins

26 Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am

31 VBS Planning Meeting, Following Worship

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 Lauren, Jim, and Sammie Arnet in honor of Doug and Peggy Anderson's 50th wedding anniversary on May 22nd.

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.



Thank You for Supporting
the Capital Campaign



\$1,227,511 (72%)

has already been given!



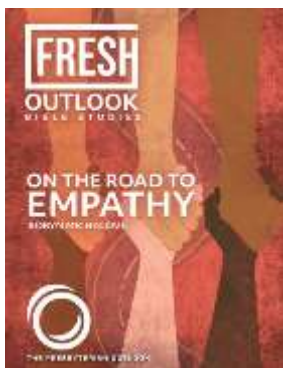
UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please email your changes to Patty at the Church Office pgingrich@discoverstmark.org or call the church office.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Sundays at 8:50 am



FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Friday, May 29 the Friday Bible Study group will begin a new study called "On the Road to Empathy". Why study empathy? Some leaders label empathy as "toxic" or "sinful," claiming it undermines judgment. In contrast, the Bible emphasizes sharing the feelings

of others. Romans 12:15 calls us to empathy: "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep." The road to empathy invites us to recognize how our socialization shapes our perceptions of one another and the narratives we construct about one another. Empathy can reshape these stories. Please join us on Friday mornings at 9:30 am in Room 102, or via Zoom (contact Donna Schiro – dschiro@discoverstmark.org – for the link).

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 Balios. 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.

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.



Sign up to help teach Sunday School just one week during the summer! You will be simply helping another lead teacher, no planning required. Look for the sign up on the Children's Ministry table. Thank you for being a support to this church family!



The registration deadline is July 6!
Go to discoverstmark.org to register today!

The Next VBS Planning Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 31 immediately following worship!

EGG CARTONS 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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet May 27 to discuss the book, *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.

NEWBORNS IN NEED



In March, PW collected newborn clothing, blankets, diapers, and hygiene products to donate to NIN. The collection is valued at \$1,400. Thank you for your generous contributions. Pictured above are crocheted and knitted

hats and blankets plus cotton receiving blankets and quilts. Below are pictures of diapers, hygiene products, and clothing. NIN provides for the needs of premature and newborn babies who are sick or in crisis within the St. Louis area. Contact Shirley Boeker if any questions.

MISSION AT ST. MARK

MAY FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned chicken
- Rice
- Sugar, 11b bags
- Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent, no larger than 50 oz.



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.



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! Over the last 3 years we have packaged 15,000 nutritious meals each year. This year our stretch goal is to package 17,000 meals and we can do it with your help. Donate for meals delivered where they are most needed. Each meal cost about 45 cents each, you can donate \$50 and pay for over 100 meals!



Sign up to volunteer or donate using the QR code. Your support is greatly appreciated.

It's all blue and white!
Here's the scoop on **Mission: PREP!**
Informational Gathering about the Adult Mission Trip Disaster Assistance Center aka The DAC at Ferncliff planned for the Fall 2026 with just desserts
Tuesday, May 19
In Room 102 at St. Mark
Sign up requested at the PW Table
For more information contact Lynne Dauve and Mary Beth Powell

MAY 24: HERITAGE SUNDAY

Remembering Witherspoon

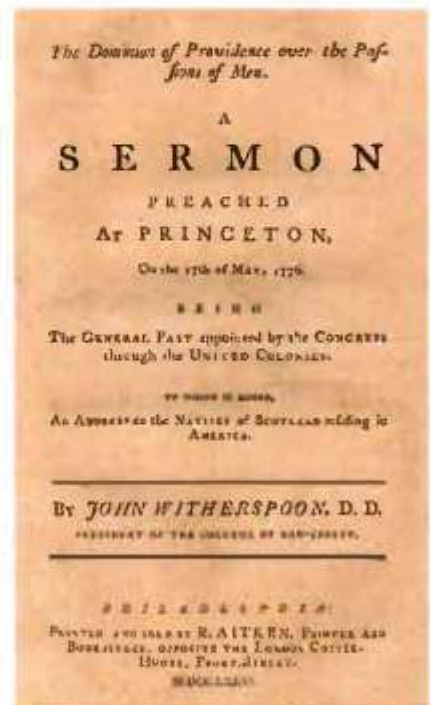
John Witherspoon was many things: the only active clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence, the leading Presbyterian of the Revolutionary era, a Scottish immigrant, president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), an active politician, and a slaveholder.



Born in Scotland in 1723, Witherspoon was 45 years old when two Americans—Benjamin Rush and Richard Stockton—persuaded him to emigrate to America to head the College of New Jersey. By most accounts, he was an excellent choice. Witherspoon built a reputation as a dynamic preacher, an engaged teacher, and a colonial leader—not just in Presbyterian, religious, and educational circles but increasingly in politics as well.

In May 1776, Witherspoon preached a sermon titled “The Dominion of Providence over the Passions of Men,” making a strong case that God sided with the patriots because their cause was just. The sermon became one of the most well-known and influential of the Revolution.

1776 was just the beginning of Witherspoon’s prominence. Over the next 15 years, he continued to lead as a Presbyterian, an educator, and an American patriot. And, like many other Founding Fathers, he was also an enslaver. While some compatriots like Benjamin Rush argued openly for abolishing slavery, Witherspoon did not. Thus, we remember his many accomplishments but also recognize and reflect on how his leadership limited opportunities for enslaved people in America and others who had little access to church structures, educational institutions, or the politics of the new nation.



Heritage Sunday is a day set aside by the General Assembly of the PC(USA). To learn more about John Witherspoon and the history of Presbyterianism in America visit: pcusa.org/phs/hs

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