



Worship Bulletin
August 2, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O God, who is our strength, you protect us from those who seek to oppress us. You shield us from those who seek to destroy the good gifts you put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and our stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

PRELUDE

A Lyric Prayer

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

† HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymnal #475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you live for us, but we do not live for you. You forgive us, but we do not forgive others. You love us, but we do not love ourselves or our neighbors. Take pity on us and forgive us, O God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord, in whose name we continue to pray. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

† GLORY TO GOD

“Glory to God”

Hymnal #582

TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Hymnal #523

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:23-35

SERMON

“Lost Keys”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 3 I

Q83. What are the keys of the kingdom?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both of them open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

Q84. How does preaching the holy gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

A. According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and every one, that, as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of Christ’s merit, truly forgives all their sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers

and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them.¹ God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony.

Q85. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ: Those who, though called Christians, profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives, and who after repeated personal and loving admonitions, refuse to abandon their errors and evil ways, and who after being reported to the church, that is, to those ordained by the church for that purpose, fail to respond also to the church's admonitions—such persons the church excludes from the Christian community by withholding the sacraments from them, and God also excludes them from the kingdom of Christ. Such persons, when promising and demonstrating genuine reform, are received again as members of Christ and of his church.¹

OFFERTORY

All Creatures of Our God and King
Ethan Forte – cello, JeeHye Lee - piano

Koln, arr. Peter Hilliard

† 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

“Standing on the Promises”

Hymnal #838

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“I Saw The Light”

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

POSTLUDE

Recessional on “Ein Feste Burg”

Michael Ryan

†In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 2 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 3 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 6 Chair Exercise, 10 am

- 7 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 23 Blessing of the Backpacks & Third Grade Bibles, during 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 Karen and Mike Smith. Celebrating our 54th Wedding Anniversary.

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:

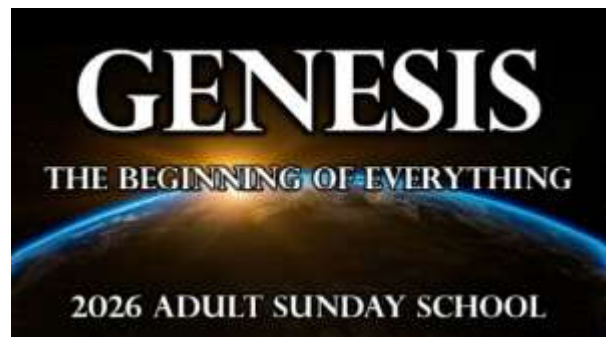
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Sundays at 8:50 am

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Friday Bible Study group led by Donna Schiro, Parish Associate, will begin a new study by David Helm called "Daniel - Staying Strong in a Hostile World". This new study will begin on Friday, August 7, at 9:30 am in Room 102, or via Zoom. This will be a great time to join the group! This seven-week study will teach us that how Daniel lived and what Daniel saw speaks to us still today. How much can we expect from this life? How can we have the courage to remain faithful in our world today? Come hear the answers to these questions and more!

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.



THANK YOU TO OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS

VBS Volunteer "Thank You" - we want to extend our highest praise to God once again for such a successful Vacation Bible School and for providing volunteers before, during and after Snowball Mountain Challenge! We had 122 registrants, 20 youth volunteers (see picture) and 40+ adult volunteers. We ask that you continue to pray that the seeds that were sown during our week together would take root and grow in the hearts of all who participated in this event. Thank you!



MISSION AT ST. MARK AUGUST FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Pasta sauce
- Canned Chicken
- Canned corn & mixed vegetables
- Boxed potatoes & rice
- Baby wipes



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.



EQUAL EXCHANGE IN THE NARTHEX ON AUGUST 9

Cash, Credit, Debit, Mobile Payments Accepted.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOOK CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet August 26 to discuss the book, **Code Name Helene** by **Ariel Lawhon**. There is a virtual option for meeting as well. Please contact Judy Richardson for more information.

SEAMSTRESSES NEEDED!

Fabric school bags and school supplies will be collected and donated to the Ferncliff Conference, Camp, and Disaster Center in October. Volunteers are needed to sew fabric school bags. Kits for the school bags are on the PWV table.



FIRST AID CLASS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 9 AM

This free Stop the Bleed and CPR training is organized by Claymont Preschool at St. Mark and open to members of the congregation. The class will be held in rooms 17, 18, and 19 and will last approximately 45 minutes. Please contact Emily Ulmer @ preschooldirector@discoverstmark.org for more information.



LORD'S DAY 31

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1. John 20:21–23 – “Others were saying, ‘These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?’ At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.”

Matt. 16:19 – “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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1. Matt. 18:15–18 – “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

1 Cor. 5

2 Thess. 3:14–15 – “Take note of those who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they may be ashamed. Do not regard them as enemies, but admonish them as brothers and sisters.”

John 2[:13–22]

2 John 10–11 – “If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive and welcome this person into your house, for to welcome is to participate in the evil deeds of such a person.

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