



Worship Bulletin
July 26, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand your will for our lives and for the world. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

† HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymnal #664

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in your light we see light. We confess we still prefer to live in darkness and hide from your righteous illumination. We lurk in the shadows when you command us to live in the light. We worship you with our lips but dishonor you with our actions. Taking more than our share, we leave others empty. Forgive our many wrong turns and lead us back into a right relationship with you and others. We continue to pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World. (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 (Children will return to sit with their parents after TWC for the remainder of the service.)

† HYMN

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

Hymnal #192

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON

“A Light Meal”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 30

Q81. Who should come to the Lord's table?

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OFFERTORY

Swingin' With the Saints

Mark Hayes

The Holy Treblemakers – Nina Collier, Lisa Marsh, Amy Shelton

† **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**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

Hymnal #749

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

† **BENEDICTION**

"I Saw The Light"

RESPONSE

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

† In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

26 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

26 Youth Group Pool Party, 4-6 pm

27 – 30 ABC Sale Prep

August

1 ABC Sale

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 Roger and Mickey McKnight in celebration of their grandson, Sammy's first 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:

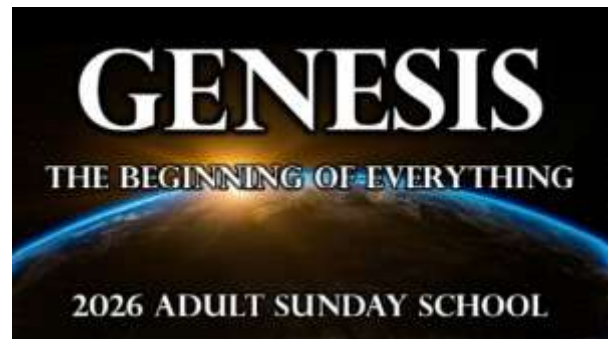
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.

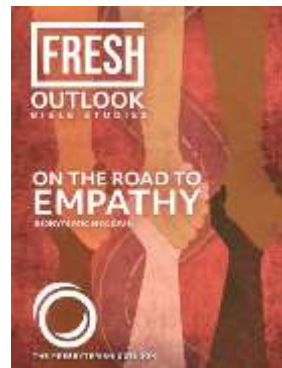


ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. MARK



Sundays at 8:50 am

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY



Every Friday at 9:30am in Room 102 or via Zoom

The current Friday Bible Study is "On the Road to Empathy". 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).

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.



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.

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 PW 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.

St. Mark Adult Mission Trip

U.S. Work Team Site
Little Rock
October 12-16

FERNCCLIFF

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

CWS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mission in Our Midst

Reserve your place on the team by Sunday, July 26

Trip information available at the PW Table in the Narthex or contact Lynne Dauve and Mary Beth Powell





ABC Sale July 31 and August 1

Workdays: July 26-30

100% of Net Proceeds to Local Mission Partners!

YES, PLEASE!

- items typically sold at a thrift store
- donation receipts will be available during drop-off hours
- snacks, cookies, and quick breads to "fuel" our volunteers
- **Drop off donations July 26-July 29**
- Want to volunteer?— Contact ABC Sale Co-Chairs: Joyce Blackwell, Eleni Lieven, John Northrip

SORRY, NO THANK YOU ...

- large furniture, large appliances, TVs (Doesn't fit in a compact SUV...it's a NO)
- encyclopedias or magazines
- car seats, highchairs, or cribs
- Christmas trees
- hazardous waste (even if unopened): such as paint, chemicals, oil, household cleaners

As always, the ABC sale is a great opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community. This is the primary fundraiser to support our local mission partners. Interested in volunteering? Contact ABC Sale Co-Chairs: Joyce Blackwell, Eleni Lieven or John Northrip.

Donation Drop Off Schedule*

Sunday, July 26 - 11AM to 2PM

Monday, July 27 - 8AM to Noon

Tuesday, July 28 - 8AM to Noon

Wednesday, July 29 - 8AM to Noon

Thursday, July 30 -- **NO DONATIONS** will be accepted

Just pull up in your vehicle to the exterior double doors by the kitchen and volunteers will unload the treasures from your vehicle! Donation receipts are available upon request

*NOTE: you are welcome to donate plastic bags as well as newspaper/packing-paper for customers to use to safely transport their purchases home.

LORD'S DAY 30

Q80*. How does the Lord's Supper differ from the Roman Catholic Mass?

A. The Lord's Supper declares to us that all our sins are completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself accomplished on the cross once for all.¹ It also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ,² who with his true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father³ where he wants us to worship him.⁴ But the Mass teaches that the living and the dead do not have their sins forgiven through the suffering of Christ unless Christ is still offered for them daily by the priests. It also teaches that Christ is bodily present under the form of bread and wine where Christ is therefore to be

worshiped. Thus the Mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ and a condemnable idolatry.

1. Heb. 7:27 – "Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself."

Heb. 9:12 – "he entered once for all into the holy place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption."

Heb. 9:26–28 – "for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

Heb. 10:10 – "And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Heb. 10:12–14 – "But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,' and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified."

John 19:30 – "When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Matt. 26:28 – "for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 22:19–20 – "Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'"

2. 1 Cor. 6:17 – "But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him."

1 Cor. 10:16 – "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?"

1 Cor. 12:13 – "For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

3. Heb. 1:3 – "He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

Heb. 8:1 – “Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,”

4. John 4:21–23 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.’”

John 20:17 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Luke 24:52 – “And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,”

Acts 7:55–56 – “But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’”

Col. 3:1 – “So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

Phil. 3:20 – “But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thess. 1:10 – “and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”

*Question and Answer 80 reflects the polemical debates of the Reformation and was added in the second German edition of 1563. The second and fourth sentences of the Answer, as well as the concluding phrase, were added in the third German edition of 1563. After the fourth sentence, the third German and Latin texts have a note to the section on consecration in the Canon of the Mass. As detailed in the preface to The Book of Confessions, these

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1. 1 Cor. 11:20 – “When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper.”

1 Cor. 11:34 – “If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.”

Isa. 1:11 – “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.”

Isa. 66:3 – “Whoever slaughters an ox is like one who kills a human, whoever sacrifices a lamb like one who breaks a dog’s neck, whoever presents a grain offering like one who offers pig’s blood, whoever makes a memorial offering of frankincense like one who blesses an idol. Just as these have chosen their own ways and in their abominations they take delight,”

Jer. 7:21[–26] – “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat the flesh.”

Ps. 50:16 – “But to the wicked God says, ‘What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?’”

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