



Worship Bulletin
August 16, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

God the creator, God of the cross, you show your power in whirling galaxies and unseen forces. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits and help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

He Cares for Me

Lee Ellis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

God's grace is sufficient for us.

Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength.

God's grace is sufficient for us.

Our power comes through the Holy Spirit.

God's grace is sufficient for us.

Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

"Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

Hymnal #319

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, we confess we do not believe you overcame sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others. Father, forgive us. Son of God, have mercy on us. Holy Spirit, grant us your peace. Send us forward with the good news that nothing can withstand the victory of Jesus' cross and resurrection. (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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Concerto No. 1 in A Minor, Opus 33
Declan Phipps and JeeHye Lee

Camille Saint-Saens

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

SERMON

"97-Pound Weaklings"

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 33

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A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.¹

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A. Only those which are done out of true faith,¹ conform to God's law,² and are done for God's glory;³ and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.⁴

OFFERTORY

Beautiful City
Alan Naylor

Stephen Schwartz

† **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**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Hymnal #835

† **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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Stephen L. Alber

† In body or spirit, please rise

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 16** Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am
- 17** Prayer Circle, 9:30 am
- 20** Chair Exercise, 10 am
- 21** Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 23** Blessing of the Backpacks & Third Grade Bibles, during worship
- 26** Adult Bell & Chancel Choir Practices resume, 6 pm & 7 pm

September

- 9** Block Party Kickoff For Wednesday Children's Activities, 5 pm
- 12** Presbyterian Women Brunch, 10 am
- 13** Discover Sunday
- 20** New Member Exploration Class, 8:50 am
- 20** Pet Blessing, 3 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.

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

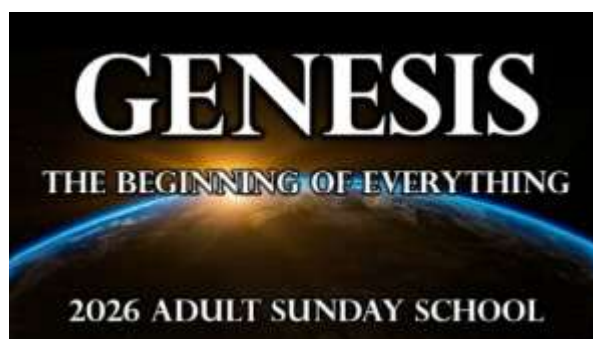
Mail: Please make check out to St. Mark

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, is using a study by David Helm called "Daniel - Staying Strong in a Hostile World". The Bible study will temporarily meet at 9:30 am in rooms 17, 18, 19 in the lower level, or via Zoom. 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.



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 in room 20 downstairs 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.

Start the year with the PW Brunch



Ears to a New Year with P W!



**Saturday
September 12
10 a.m.**

2ND ANNUAL

MOUND RIDGE

TRIVIA?

Night!

SATURDAY 9/26/26

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
601 Claymont Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011

DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM

TRIVIA 4-7 PM

Family-friendly
CHILDREN WELCOME

REGISTER HERE!



Light refreshments PROVIDED
Outside food and drink welcome. (no alcohol)

Bring your KNOWLEDGE, FRIENDS & TEAM SPIRIT!

Discover Sunday



September 13

TROOP 631

FALL MUM SALE

Use the QR Code to order 9.5" potted monster mums for \$15 each.
A variety of colors are available.



Pick up on Saturday, Sept. 12,
10 AM - 1 PM, St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot.

Interested in Discovering More about St. Mark?

Membership Exploration Class Begins Sunday, Sept. 20

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1. Rom. 6:4–6 – “Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin.”

Eph. 4:22–24 – “to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Col. 3:5–10 – “Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.”

1 Cor. 5:7 – “Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch of dough, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.”

Q89. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.¹

1. Rom. 8:13 – “for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

Joel 2:13 – “rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.”

Q90. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ¹ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.²

1. Rom. 5:1 – “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Rom. 14:17 – “For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.”

Isa. 57:15 – “For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

2. Rom. 6:10–11 – “The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Gal. 2:20 – “and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

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A. Only those which are done out of true faith,¹ conform to God's law,² and are done for God's glory;³ and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.⁴

1. Rom. 14:23 – “But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat because they do not act from faith, for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.”

2. 1 Sam. 11

1 Sam. [15]:22 – “And Samuel said, ‘Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obedience to the voice of the Lord? Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice and to heed than the fat of rams.’”

Eph. 2:10 – “For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.”

3. 1 Cor. 10:31 – “So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

4. Deut. 12:32 – “You must diligently observe everything that I command you; do not add to it or take anything from it.”

Ezek. 20:18–19 – “I said to their children in the wilderness, ‘Do not follow the statutes of your parents, nor observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols. I the Lord am your God; follow my statutes, be careful to observe my ordinances.’”

Isa. 29:13 – “The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote,”

Matt. 15:9 – “in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

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