



Worship Bulletin
August 23, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory! You set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy. May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy that we radiate your glory throughout this day. In the name of the Son of Righteousness who is risen with healing in his wings. Amen.

PRELUDE

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

Patti Drennan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 1:1-3)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
Let us worship our God together.

† HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

Hymnal #37

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery.
Forgive us when we willingly return to our old chains, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your call. Remind us of your steadfast love and return us to your good law. **We pray this in Jesus' name.** (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

"I Will Delight"

Chorus: Blessed is the one who follows the way of the Lord. Blessed is the one.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17

SERMON

"Everyday Idols"

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 34*

Q92. What is God's law?

A. God spoke all these words:

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me."

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT: “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT: “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.”

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT: “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work— you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.”

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT: “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving to you.”

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT: “You shall not murder.”

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT: “You shall not commit adultery.”

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT: “You shall not steal.”

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”¹

Q93. How are these commandments divided?

A. Into two tables.¹ The first has four commandments, teaching us how we ought to live in relation to God. The second has six commandments, teaching us what we owe our neighbor.²

Q94. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

A. That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry,¹ sorcery, superstitious rites,² and prayer to saints or to other creatures.³ That I rightly know the only true God,⁴ trust him alone,⁵ and look to God for every good thing⁶ humbly⁷ and patiently,⁸ and love,⁹ fear,¹⁰ and honor¹¹ God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God’s will in any way.¹²

Q95. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word.¹

† 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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymnal #307

†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

I am Thine, O Lord

W.H. Doane

†In body or spirit, please rise

***Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 34 Q&A** can be found at discoverstmark.org/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

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

- 28** Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

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

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Luke & Bev Stahlberg.

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:

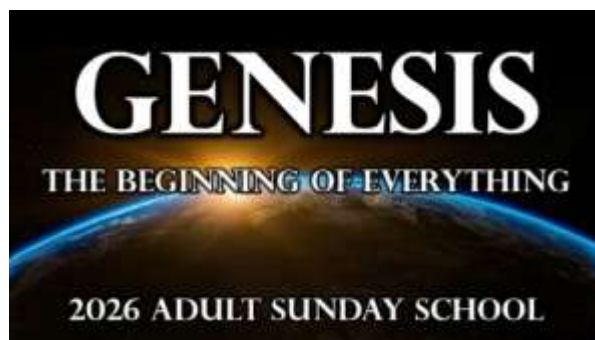
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.



Come help us kick off our children's Wednesday night activities with an outside block party including pizza, movie, popcorn and gym time! September 9, 5-6 pm



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. Contact Shirley Boeker for more information.



AED ACCESS AT ST. MARK

There are two AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) machines here at the church that can be accessed in the event of a cardiac emergency. There is one located in the lower level on the wall across from room 17. The AED on the main level is temporarily located in the office on the bookshelf. It will remain there throughout the construction of the ADA bathroom and coffee bar.



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.



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!



Love to Sing?

Our Choirs Would Love Your Voice!

Practice resumes on Wednesday, August 26 at 7 pm!



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Parish Associate: Donna Schiro
Dir. Of Claymont Preschool: Emily Ulmer



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