



Worship Bulletin
August 30, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep Jesus' commands, follow the Holy Spirit's promptings, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Matthew McConnell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 40)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

† HYMN

"Here I Am to Worship"

See bulletin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we confess we do not lead lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we are not at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins. Allow us to walk in righteousness to the glory of your 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 (There is no Sunday school today. Children may return to their pew with their family.)

† HYMN

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

Hymnal #43

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:16-34

SERMON

"Worth a Thousand Words"

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 35*

Q96. What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

A. That we in no way make any image of God¹ nor worship him in any other way than has been commanded in God's Word.²

Q97. May we then not make any image at all?

A. God cannot and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.¹

Q98. But may not images be permitted in churches in place of books for the unlearned?

A. No, we should not try to be wiser than God. God wants the Christian community instructed by the living preaching of his Word—¹ not by idols that cannot even talk.²

OFFERTORY

Be Still My Soul

Jean Sibelius, arr. Samantha &

Patty Livesay – vocalist, JeeHye Lee – piano, Ethan Forte - cello

Christopher J. Madsen

† **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**

“O Lord My God”

Hymnal #625

† **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

LLANGLOFFAN

Welsh Hymn Melody

† In body or spirit, please rise

***Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 35 Q&A** can be found at discoverstmark.org/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

30 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

30 No Children's Sunday School

31 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

September

2 Adult Bell & Chancel Choir Practices,
6 pm & 7 pm

3 Chair Exercise, 10 am

4 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Randy and Becky Pierce in memory of Becky Pierce's parents, Boots and Bob Berry.

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:

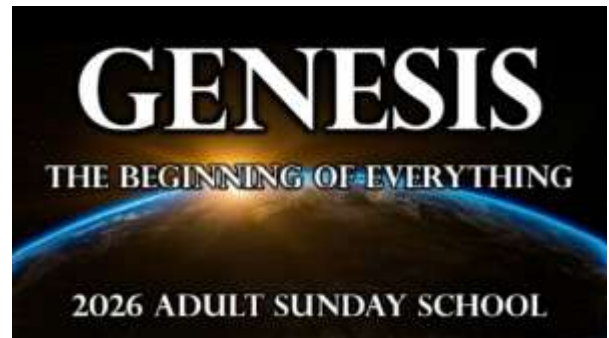
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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.

KID WEDNESDAYS AT ST MARK!



Coming September 9th! You're invited to our Kick-off party for **ALL IN** with DUDE PERFECT! Help kids move from hearing about faith to living it. From Abraham to Timothy, every week combines Bible-centered teaching with Dude Perfect energy—helping kids trust God, follow Jesus, and discover what it means

to go all in for (5 weeks), Wednesday, September 9th through October 14th.

THEN....! (5 weeks)
Beginning on Wednesday, October 28 through December 2nd we will rehearse for our Christmas Program based on the Celeste Clydesdale musical



ANGEL ALERT! This will be a Children/Youth Christmas program with choir, bells, narration, youth orchestra and instrumental music all centered around the manger. Our presentation will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m. followed by a “cookies & punch” reception!

Both of these excellent programs are available for K-5th graders. Friends and neighbors are welcome! We will provide pizza every Weds. at 5pm for a cost of \$5/student – Wednesday activity night runs from 5:30pm – 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (room 211 – Preschool entrance).

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. 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.





PW is collecting for Newborns in Need during the month of September.

Newborns In Need is a charity that specializes in the needs of babies facing health or economic crisis in St. Louis. It is a local and national nonprofit organization.

New and gently used baby items such as bibs, booties, burp cloths, hats, onesies, socks, sweaters, and undershirts, sleepers, blankets, baby wash, wipes and diapers are accepted and may be placed in the playpen by the PW table.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Make checks out to Newborns In Need and ask for a tax receipt. Mail to: **Newborns In Need** c/o Judy Giovanoni, 310 Oxford Ridge Ct., Ellisville, MO 63021. For more information, call Shirley Boeker.

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.

Love to Sing?

Our Choirs Would Love Your Voice!

Practice is on Wednesdays at 7 pm!

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

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

REGISTER HERE!

Bring your **KNOWLEDGE, FRIENDS & TEAM SPIRIT!**

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

$\text{♩} = 75$ D A^{sus} Em D A^{sus}

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me —
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 G²(no3) D A^{sus} Em D A^{sus}

— see. — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You, hope of a life spent with —
— bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

8 G²(no3) A⁷sus D A/C#

— You. — So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
— poor. —

12 D/F# G D

say that You're my God. — And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

15 A/C# D/F#

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. —

17 1. G G²(no3) 2. G

— And I'll nev -

— er know — how much — it cost — to see — my sin — up - on —

23 1. G 2. G A⁷sus D.S. al Coda

— that cross. — And I'll nev - — that cross. — So here I am to

⊕ Coda

26 G G²(no3) D

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Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Parish Associate: Donna Schiro
Dir. Of Claymont Preschool: Emily Ulmer



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Liturgist: Loren Polak