



Worship Bulletin
August 9, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

O Lord God, we give you thanks that through Jesus Christ you make us branches of your vine. Help us to abide in Christ and be disciples of your Word, that we may live and grow in him and bear good fruit for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

A Summer Meditation

arr. Steven Scott

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent the beloved Son into the world that we might live through him.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

We love because God first loved us.

† HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymnal #15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess we do not bear the fruit of the Spirit. We do not love others as you love us. We deny the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, and help us to abide in your love and live out your mercy. We continue to pray 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

“Abide with Me”

Hymnal #836

SCRIPTURE

I John 4:4-14

SERMON

“Do What You Will”

Rev. Dr. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism LORD'S DAY 32

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OFFERTORY

He Keeps Me Singing
JeeHye Lee - piano

Cindy Berry

† **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**

"Freely, Freely"

See Bulletin

† **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

Anywhere with Jesus

Daniel B. Towner

† In body or spirit, please rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

9 Adult Sunday School, 8:50 am

10 Prayer Circle, 9:30 am

13 Chair Exercise, 10 am

14 Friday Bible Study, 9:30 am

23 Blessing of the Backpacks & Third Grade Bibles,

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:

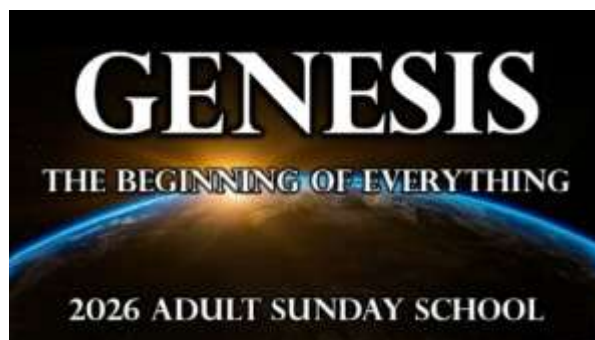
In-person: During Sunday Worship Service

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 Fellowship Hall, 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.





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.



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.

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.

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.



Part III: Gratitude

LORD'S DAY 32

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1. Rom. 6:13 – “No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.”

Rom. 12:1–2 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

1 Pet. 2:5-10

1 Cor. 6:20 – “For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”

2. Matt. 5:16 – “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

1 Pet. 2:12 – “Conduct yourselves honorably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.”

3. 1 Pet. 1:[6–]10 – “Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace intended for you made careful search and inquiry,”

Matt. 7:17 – “In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.”

Gal. 5:6 – “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.”

Gal. 5:22 – “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,”

4. 1 Pet. 3:1–2 – “Wives, in the same way, be subject to your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives’ conduct, 2 when they see the purity and respect of your conduct.

Rom. 14:19 – “Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

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no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.¹

1. 1 Cor. 6:9–10 – “Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived!”

Eph. 5:5–6 – “Be sure of this, that no sexually immoral or impure person or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater) has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient.”

1 John 3:14 – “We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love abides in death.”



Freely, Freely 447

Freely you have received, freely give. Matt. 10:8

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a - gain in
 2. All pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In earth and heav'n in

Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share
 Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share

Refrain
 His love as He told me to: He said, "Free - ly, free - ly
 His pow'r as He told me to: He said, "Free - ly, free - ly

you have re - ceived—Free - ly, free - ly give; Go in My

name and, be-cause you be - lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live."

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